

2023 CATE Annual Business Meeting/Town Hall

Sunday, March 5, 2023 • 9:30-10:45 AM

Hyatt Regency Monterey

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MINUTES

Present: *Greg Johnson, Robb Polski, Sommer Iamele, Denise Mikkonen, Julie Burnett, Joan Williams, Vicki Kurtz, Tim Dewar, Carol Jago, Gale Caswell, Kylowna Mota, Frank Mata, Gina Vattuone, April Parker, Carol Surabian, Carole LeCren, Bill Younglove, Ashley Prevo, Rebecca Detrick, Kim Flachmann, Susan Dillon, Liz McAninch, Jennifer Silver, Annie Gervais*

Resolutions: *Kari Mann, Ashley Prevo, Shawn McQuilliams, Jen Johnson, Rebecca Detrick*

Announcement: To view the past minutes, the annual board reports, and the proposed resolutions, go to page 5 and click on CATE 2023 Session Materials > *Annual Business Meeting.

1. Robb Polski, CATE President called the meeting to order at 9:37 AM.
2. The CATE Board of Directors was introduced.
3. Adoption of the Agenda (see page 47 of the convention program): Moved by Johnson, seconded by Williams to approve. Passed.
4. Approval of the minutes from the 2022 Annual Board Meeting in Long Beach. Moved by Johnson, seconded by Iamele. Passed.
5. Robb Polski shared an overview of his president's report: At last count, our convention had 959 attendees. Thank you to the entire board, the volunteers, the hotel staff, our families and colleagues for helping us have a successful convention. He also explained the idea of making our mission statement a live document. He introduced Frank Mata to give an overview of the process and reevaluation of our mission statement and of who/what we are as CATE. Frank shared the request to give us any feedback about what you would like the mission to be, using this e-mail: cate.la.2024@gmail.com.
6. The annual board reports were available to view online.

7. Greg Johnson, Past President, explained the rules for the CATE Election. Nominations are now closed. The following nominees spoke to their candidacy.
 1. **President (Robb Polski)**
 2. **Vice President (Susan Dillon)**
 3. **Secretary (Carole LeCren)**
 4. **MAL Middle (Sommer lamele)**
 5. **MAL College (Kylowna Moton)**
 6. **MAL Unspecified (April Parker)**
8. Directions for How to Vote Online were shared by Greg Johnson.
9. Report of the Resolutions Committee. Ashley Prevo explained the process and reported that there are five resolutions for debate, and one that commends the convention committee. She explained that if these resolutions pass, they will be published, and can be used in support of English teachers.

Resolutions for approval of CATE Board

- I. [Resolution on Book Bans](#)

Moved by Detrick, seconded by Prevo. Discussion.
Beau Larimer (Kern) told a story about his experience with book banning, and complimented the wording of the resolution. He pointed out that our empathy with students is not perhaps extended to parents and suggested adding a “resolve” to remind us about how to interact with parents.
Rebecca accepted Beau’s idea as a friendly amendment and added a resolve to the resolution, which she read out loud. Friendly amendments/suggestions were accepted by the resolutions committee members.
Resolution passed as revised.
- II. [Resolution to Embrace Ever-changing AI as it Relates to Education](#)
 - A. [ChatGPT-Created Resolution on its Integration into High School English Curriculum](#)

Moved by Mann, seconded by Johnson. Discussion.
Jill Hamilton-Bunch (Kern) shared an edit. Tim Dewar (Southland) thanked the board for this resolution.
Resolution passed.
- III. [Resolution on the Science of Reading](#)

Moved by Prevo, seconded by lamele. Discussion.

Beau Larimer (Kern) really appreciated the multiple explanations in the background and “whereas’s” and he also recommended that the references/sources be cited in their entirety beyond a simple internet link. Jill Hamilton-Bunch (Kern) appreciated the positive tone rather than blame. Camille DeSpain (Southland) was nervous about including Amplify, which also sells curriculum, in case people who see/use the resolution may feel they need to subscribe to that source; Annie Gervais (Capitol) offered that she has a similar non-curricular source that can be used. Friendly amendments/suggestions were accepted by the resolutions committee members. Resolution passed as revised.

IV. [Resolution on English Matters to Everything](#)

Moved by Johnson, seconded by Prevo. Discussion. April Parker (Southland) suggested moving the two “resolves” directed to “universities and state administrators” next to each other, and she also asked about punctuation. Kim Flachmann (Kern) questioned the general statement about CSUs and its accuracy—she worried the background needs to be accurate. Friendly amendment (revision) accepted. She also complimented the passionate reading of the resolution. Jill Hamilton-Bunch (Kern) was concerned about the spelling “Tufts” and “liberal” and “arts.” Beau Larimer (Kern) likes the longer background, but wanted to offer a friendly revision that make sure all the sources in the text are presented as full citations. Tim Dewar (Southland) suggested an ordering of the resolves. Kylowna Moton (Southland) shared that she actively encourages her college students to be English majors; she feels that we the teachers have a role in encouraging students. Discussion ensued about adding a resolve or whereas about how English teachers themselves can encourage students to major English. April Parker (Southland) clarified the text of an earlier draft. Technical alignment ensued. Beau Larimer (Kern) shared that the “death” of the English major and the importance of a human voice is a current topic and suggested adding a new “whereas.” Rebecca Detrick (Capitol) asked if the “voice” topic and the “AI” topic may cover the same idea. Kari Mann (XX) suggested that the background may be sufficient. Resolution passed as revised.

V. [Resolution on Co-teaching in English Classrooms at the Secondary Level](#)

Moved by McQuilliams, seconded by Johnson. Tim Dewar (Southland) recommended to add “substantial and sufficient” to the first resolve. Resolution passed as revised.

VI. [Resolution for Commendation](#)

Read by Prevo.

10. New Business.

April Parker shared that she is appreciative of the CATE dedication of people like Anne Fristrom, Carol Jago, and Michelle Berry.

Annie and Jennifer conducted a raffle for books donated by NCTE.

Raffle for a one-night stay at this Hyatt Regency Monterey: Beau Larimer.

Raffle for a basic registration for CATE 2024: Annie Brown.

11. Announcement of 2024 CATE Convention in Los Angeles

April Parker and Frank Mata announced the theme: Uncovering Hidden Gems: Exploring Perspectives and Voice

Adjournment. Moved by Dillon, seconded by Johnson.

Meeting adjourned at 11:02 AM.

Polls were then opened for CATE Elections.