

## 2024 CATE Annual Business Meeting/Town Hall

Sunday, March 3, 2024 • 9:30-10:45 AM

Hyatt Regency LAX

Address: 6225 West Century Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90045

Meeting Room: Penthouse 280

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### MINUTES

**Present:** *Liz McAninch, Robb Polski, Susan Dillon, Carole LeCren, Denise Mikkonen, Annie Gervais, Jennifer Silver, Ryne Preheim, Gina Vattuone, Jill Hamilton-Bunch, Vicki Kurtz, Carol Surabian, Julie Young, April Parker, Kylowna Moton, Joan Williams, Frank Mata, Lori Campbell, Bill Younglove, Tim Dewar, Chris Street, Carol Jago*

**Resolutions:** *Ashley Prevo, Shawn McQuilliams, Taylor Bradley, Nicole Brown, Maddie Alpert, Kathleen Giannandrea, Duncan Wanless*

#### **Announcement:**

Lost and found: An Apple watch, a computer cord, and other items were left. We've now submitted all lost and found items to the hotel front desk.

To view the past minutes, the annual board reports, and the proposed resolutions, go to page 6 and click on CATE 2024 Session Materials > Annual Business Meeting. The QR codes are on the chairs.

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1. Robb Polski, CATE President called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM.
2. The CATE Board of Directors was introduced.
3. Adoption of the Agenda and Rules of Conduct (see page 51 of the convention program).
4. Approval of the minutes from the 2023 Annual Board Meeting in Monterey. Moved by Campbell, seconded by McAninch. Passed.
5. Robb Polski shared an overview of his president's report:
  - a. Thanked the convention chairs for CATE 2024.
6. The annual board reports were available to view online.

7. Carole LeCren explained the rules for the CATE Election. Nominations are now closed. The following nominees spoke to their candidacy.

1. **Frank Mata-MAL Secondary**
2. **Joan Williams-MAL Small Council**
3. **Kathleen Giannandrea-MAL**

8. Directions for How to Vote Online were shared by Carole LeCren.

9. Report of the Resolutions Committee. Ashley Prevo explained the process and reported that there are two 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 Academic Integrity: the Only AI that Matters**

Moved by McQuilliams, seconded by Prevo. Discussion.

Enrique Solis (Southland) asked if there is data and how much English teachers are affected by the use of AI in the classroom. Ashley Prevo (Greater San Diego) explained that the resolution was initiated by Kern Council. The Resolutions Committee did look for data on this topic. She also explained how resolutions are initiated, drafted, etc. Lori Campbell (Kern) explained that as their council brought it to CATE's attention, the resolution talks about how AI is changing all the time. She shared about how she first learned about ChatGPT, and how she is concerned that students are losing their voices. She also is concerned that data is not there yet. Courtney Villasenor (Kern) confirmed that data is not available because we aren't yet tracking students who are using AI. Ashley Atkins (Southland) asked about how resolutions are used and promulgated. Ashley Prevo (Greater San Diego) explained that CATE's resolutions are used as statements of CATE's concerns or positions on a topic. Since we are not a governing or legal organization. Daniel Hanna (Kern) shared that he doesn't think that this is going away. He is concerned that this is an equity issue, and will actually increase the equity gap. He shared an example of students majoring in computer science who will graduate, but who do not know how to code because they have used AI to write their code. He also shared that he had a student caught for cheating using AI...there is nothing in California Ed Code or in his own school/district rules about cheating. Kim Flachmann (Kern) complimented the Resolutions Committee on the beautifully written resolution.

Lisa Perry (Central) appreciated the call for admin support in the resolution. She shared that there is no uniformity in how we are dealing with the use of AI by students from classroom to classroom. We need clear, consistent and fair expectations about how to deal with AI. Ashley Prevo (Greater San Diego) shared that as you can see that resolutions are the heartbeat of CATE. Resolution passed.

## **II. Resolution on Access to Relevant Texts**

Moved by Brown, seconded by Prevo. Discussion.

Courtney Villasenor (Kern) shared that she appreciates being able to use this resolution and the CDE Recommended Reading List to support book orders in the classroom. Ryne Prenheim (FACET) objected to how the resolution may imply that pushing out classic texts from the canon. He doesn't think you need to cull the canon to add to it. Lisa Perry (Central) pointed out that the wording "that the majority of the texts" is what is stated and does not feel that the resolution is emphasizing subtracting from the canon. She thinks that the resolution sounds additive. She also appreciates learning about the two bills so she can use them in her future discussions about getting books. Veronica Karr (Kern) finds this resolution timely, and she is in favor of getting 21st century literature. She shared an anecdote about *Of Mice and Men*, both the power of learning literary terms and the negative portrayal of the only black character in the book. Andrea Johnson (Kern) identifies with Veronica's story, and agrees that *Of Mice and Men* was relevant to Kern's history of being settled by Dust Bowl immigrants, but now the demographics in the classroom are different, with Latinx and Punjabi students. Destiny Moore (TUCATE) liked the mention of the recommended book list. Maddie Alpert (Southland) shared how after the resolution was drafted on Thursday the keynote speakers reiterated the same spirit, of desiring to see literature in classrooms when they were in school that represented themselves.

Resolution passed.

## **III. Resolution for Commendation of the CATE 2024 Convention Commendation**

Read by Prevo.

10. New Business.  
Jennifer Silver and Annie Gervais conducted the raffle.
11. Announcement of 2025 CATE Convention in Burlingame  
February 28-March 2, 2025  
Come to the brunch to hear the theme for CATE 2025.

## 12. Town Hall/Public Forum

Lisa Perry (Kern) shared that she wants to thank the board for CATE 2024. It was her first time attending (other than seeing her high school teacher get an award), and she thought it was an amazing experience. Sarah Ben-Zvi (Redwood) thanked the board for receiving her scholarship. She learned a lot and is already using one of the things she learned on Monday. She would love to see more adjuncts invited and contributing. Sarla Sohl-Dawsom (Southland) also thanked the board for her scholarship, and shared her experiences at the convention. Her favorite session was presented by a 4th grade teacher. She also thanked the board for modeling and providing a safe space for discussing all of these tough discussions. Her favorite part of the convention was the camaraderie. Enrique Solis (Southland) also thanked the board for his scholarship. He shared that he loves, loves, loves teaching, and he appreciated being around people who also love teaching. Robb Polski (Kern) shared that this isn't a convention until all of you show up.

Adjournment. Moved by Prevo, seconded by Campbell.

Meeting adjourned at 10:53 AM.

Polls were then opened for CATE Elections.