

CATE Board Reports: Annual Report for the Year 2023

Board Member	Report
<p>Liz McAninch, Past President elmcaninch@comcast.net</p>	<p>2023 ANNUAL REPORT</p> <p>I began 2023 hard at work with Susan Dillon, Russo's Bookstore and CATE 2023 presenters. Russo's Bookstore was willing to accommodate book orders for all of our speakers, but would not order books for session leaders. However, they offered to sell books provided by session leaders. During the CATE Convention, I served as Autograph Chair. In this capacity, I met the writers upon their arrival at the hotel, escorted them to the ballroom, answered their questions and helped them prepare. After the presentation, we also had to walk to another area for the book signing. With the unexpected numbers of attendees at CATE 2023, the bookseller and autograph booth were swamped.</p> <p>I also attended meetings throughout the year with the Curriculum Study Commission as the group developed plans for their conference at Asilomar on September 29-October 1. The title was <i>DECOLONIZING CURRICULUM: Awareness and Inclusion Through Content, Design and Instruction</i>. The 2023 Conference wanted to challenge existing norms, effectively "Decolonizing" the extant curriculums that permeate our schools, departments and classes we teach. The keynote speaker was Jamila Lyiscott. At the conference, I chaired one of the sessions, organized Central Council's reception and sold tickets, along with Susan Dillon, for the basket drawing to raise money for Central Council scholarships.</p> <p>As Central Council's CATE Young Writers' Contest, Coordinator, I started receiving entries in early March. I collected a multitude of entries from Grades 5-12, but none from the lower elementary level. Placing the writing contest page in all the packets at the convention helped with the number of entries this year. Our Central Council readers certainly enjoyed the well-written entries. After selecting our first-place winners to send to CATE, we also looked at the other pieces we had placed highly and notified those students that they would also be invited to read at Central's reception for the young writers.</p> <p>Currently, I serve as Central Council's Treasurer and CATE Writing Contest Coordinator.</p> <p>Submitted by Liz McAninch</p>
<p>Robb Polski, President (2026) Robert_Polski@kernhigh.org</p>	<p>Since March, I have had various virtual meetings and conversations with Denise Mikkonen to discuss CATE finances, worked the "President's Perspective" for the next issues of <i>California English</i>, worked with Greg Johnson (past president) and Sommer lamele (vice president) discussing scheduling, elections, awards, meetings and hotel arrangements and contracts, attended advisory meetings to discuss the upcoming meeting, and attended the CWP advisory board meeting. I also attended monthly KHSTA meeting as our school's site union representative.</p> <p>Since May, I have had various virtual meetings and conversations with Denise Mikkonen and Susan to discuss CATE finances, helping locals, and health of bank and investment accounts and upcoming meetings and events. I worked the "President's Perspective" for the next issues of <i>California English</i> and participated in our September meeting advisory meeting virtually.</p> <p>Locally, I have met with KCTE local members to discuss our local calendar of events and plan our back to school social in September. We also discussed and supported working with the One Book, One Kern contest and events. We also voted to sponsor a Saturday night meeting/book club event after the December CATE board meeting in Bakersfield.</p> <p>Since September, I have had various virtual meetings and conversations with Denise Mikkonen and Susan Dillon to discuss CATE finances, helping locals, and health of bank and investment accounts and upcoming meetings and events. I worked the "President's Perspective" for the next issues of <i>California English</i> and participated in our December advisory meeting virtually, and attended the NCTE's national convention in</p>

	<p>Ohio.</p> <p>Locally, I have met with KCTE local members to discuss our local calendar of events and attended our back to school social in September at The Botanist (a local establishment the is co-owned by a former student. I also attend a meet the author dinner in support of our One Book, One Kern event with Rebekah Taussig (<i>Sitting Pretty: The View from my Ordinary Resilient Disabled Body</i>)</p> <p>Since December, I have had various virtual meetings and conversations with Denise Mikkonen to discuss CATE finances. I worked the "President's Perspective" for the next issues of California English. I have been busy putting together the awards and speeches for the 2024 convention in Los Angeles and have met with the convention chairs, coordinator, and advisory board as well.</p>
<p>Susan Dillon, Vice President (2026) dillon@cchsca.org</p>	<p>I was honored to serve as convention chair for CATE 2023 and appreciate the tremendous support from the convention coordinators, the board, and local CCCTE members who served on the committees. I also volunteered to arrange accommodations and food and beverage for the May meeting. In September, I started my term as vice president, so I made arrangements for two board meeting venues, the accommodations, and the food and beverage menu. A highlight of this work was coordinating the December meeting held in Bakersfield, a first for the CATE board. I also facilitated advisory calls before each board meeting.</p>
<p>Carole LeCren, Secretary carolelecren@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Over the past year, I continued to keep the roster up-to-date, prepare and post board reports, agenda, and minutes. I maintained the board name cards for each meeting. I continued to work on updating the policies.</p>
<p>Denise Mikkonen, Treasurer denisemikkonen18@gmail.com</p>	<p>Attended all CATE board meetings over the last 12 months</p> <p>Participated in Board Advisory Calls</p> <p>*Maintained records of CATE financials using Quicken</p> <p>Created and maintained CATE Budget</p> <p>*Maintained finances, issued checks, paid accounts due, and managed budget</p> <p>*Met with other treasurer throughout the year to work on financial matters related to CATE</p> <p>*Provided credit card and other information to hotels in advance of CATE board meetings</p> <p>*Worked with CPA on tax filings related to CATE</p> <p>*Worked with CPA to file and send IRS 1099 forms</p>
<p>pending, Central Rep Susan Dillon, Interim</p>	<p>Our amazing CCCTE president, Michelle Berry, presented her resignation before the December meeting due to personal reasons, so I was asked to serve as interim. I distributed convention flyers and coordinated the paperwork for the teacher of excellence award for our council.</p>
<p>Ryne Preheim and Cathlyn (Cate) Dossetti, with outgoing president Janina Schulz, FACET Reps Ryne.Preheim@fresnounified.org; Cathlyn.Dossetti@fresnounified.org; Janina.Schulz@fresnounified.org</p>	<p>FACET has had a year with many different changes, that we hope will lead to a more sustained engagement and changing of the guard in the future. Many member of FACET attended the 2023 conference in Monterey and from that conference we built a new round of interest. In the Fall of 2023, Janina announced that she would like to step back to focus on her Ph.D program as well as spend time with her family, from there FACET elected two "Co-Presidents" to serve for the year until a proper election: Ryne Preheim and Cate Dossetti.</p> <p>FACET has since been focusing on getting more county representation from our council, Ryne has focused mostly on out of town affairs (CATE board meetings as well as</p>

	<p>establishing relationships with county schools) while Cate has focused more on the City connections. Through this, we have been able to extend our reach and have focused on trying to sustain active membership locally so that we may continue to grow in the future.</p>
<p>Gina Vattuone, GSDCTE Rep ginavattuone@gmail.com</p>	<p>Local council board activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met in April to select our writing contest winners, begin planning our local fall conference, and set next year's budget. • San Diego Library tour of Central Library on October 14t • Planned & postponed a fall "Promising Practices" workshop • Carole Le Cren and I met to select the CATE 2023 session presenters • Presented to SDSU English Methods crednetia;l candidates about CATE • GSDCTE, just signed on as a collaborator in support of San Diego Poet Laureate, CWP Speaker, and Cal State San Marcos Ethnic Studies Professor Dr. Jason Perez' new project: the San Diego Youth Poetry Initiative <p>September 2023 Newsletter May 2023 Newsletter</p>
<p>Jill Hamilton Bunch, Kern Rep jhamiltonbunch@gmail.com</p>	<p>The Kern Council had a productive year in 2023. In Spring, many KCTE members attend the CATE 2023 convention in Monterey. The council hosted a KCTE gathering on Friday night of the convention. The event was well attended and gave the council a time to get together with our membership. In September, we held a Back-to-School get together (September 29) at The Botanist in downtown Bakersfield. This was very well attended, and we had representation from the junior high, high school, and college levels. In October, KCTE provided funds for prizes for the writing contest that was part of One Book, One Bakersfield. Our book this year was <i>Sitting Pretty: The View from My Ordinary, Resilient, Disabled Body</i> by Rebecca Taussig. The KCTE board hosted Taussig for dinner on October 26 prior to her presentation to the community. In November, the board nominated Daniel Hanna as our Classroom Excellence award recipient, and we collected the documents to support his nomination for approval by the CATE Board of Directors. We also selected Shawn McQuilliams as our KCTE Resolutions representative to the CATE 2024 Convention. In December, the KCTE board joined the CATE Board of Directors for a holiday gathering and gift exchange at the home of Robb Polski.</p>
<p>Vicki Kurtz, Redwood Rep missvkurtz@gmail.com</p>	<p>In 2023, Redwood had the honor of a local young poet not only winning the local writing contest, but she and another of our local students were chosen as winners in the larger CATE writing contest, and were published in September's <i>California English</i>. Joan Williams and our RWP colleagues, Nicolette Amann and Sarah Ben-Zvi, organized and honored all our local winners at an award celebration last spring. Each of the young writers were presented with an anthology containing all of their writing.</p> <p>In the fall, I began a concerted effort to reach out to all the schools and ELA teachers within Redwood's territory. Redwood Council is made up of six counties that cover 14,353 miles. We are a rural area made up of twisty, mountainous miles. Within that area are 30 high schools; therefore, I do not have any in-person meetings that everyone is capable of attending. Subsequently, I mailed out 79 letters introducing myself and explaining who CATE is and why it is important to our profession. I also reached out to a few junior high and continuation high schools that are located in very isolated areas. In addition, I sent some <i>California English</i> journals that I had on my shelf. For seven schools who have large Indigenous populations, I included the fall <i>CE</i> journals which focused on Indigenous literature. I only received one reply from a teacher located in Potter Valley and one acknowledgement from a current local member whose colleague shared my letter with her.</p> <p>In early October, Joan and I met with our Classroom Excellence nominee, Sarah Ben-Zvi, and had a planning meeting for the 2024 writing contest. In addition, we are pleased that Sarah will be receiving the College Level Classroom Excellence Award at the convention; although she is unable to attend, Joan Williams and I will plan our local celebration to present her award.</p> <p>I created a Google survey and asked members when and where they would like to meet. I offered Zoom, in-person, and volunteered to drive to their distant schools to meet with them. Of the 31 on my roster from May, I had eight responses which were divided between Zoom and in-person; no one wanted me to come to them. In late October, I had a Zoom meeting with three attendees, one of whom was not a member at the time; in November, I had an in-person meeting on the coast and had three attendees.</p> <p>The October meeting opened up the possibility of a book club, so I sent out another</p>

	<p>survey and had three interested respondents. I did not follow up, since two were interested in professional reading and one was not.</p> <p>After returning from the December meeting laden with convention flyers, I wrote another letter to the teachers within Redwood's boundaries. I included the list of "finding the money" supplied by our colleagues on the CATE Board and a flyer. Although I included my personal contact information, Redwood's FaceBook page, and the CATE website, I only heard back from the same teacher who responded to the first letter, with the good news that he is planning to attend.</p> <p>One of our members is presenting a workshop at the convention and I expect to have at least eight Redwood members, including Joan Williams and myself in attendance at the convention. We have been working on recruiting a Resolutions Member from Redwood. One of our retired teachers happily agreed to take on the role; however, because of the ongoing strike, he chose to withdraw this year and hopes to join us at the 2025 convention.</p>
<p>Jennifer Silver, Southland Rep/Convention Co-Coordinator jennifersilver@vistamarschool.org</p>	<p>In addition to our local committee work in the service of CATE 2024, Southland (SCTE) had another busy year full of partnerships and premieres.</p> <p>We facilitated the nominations of all convention scholarships as well as Southland's teaching award recipients, in large part due to the diligence of SCTE Vice President Kylowna Moton.</p> <p>Among our favorite events: Write Night 2023 (honoring our student writing contest winners), an Art Deco walking tour, publishing discussion guides and book club activities for the "People and Places Booklist," and hearing from Dean Koontz at the University of California - Irvine.</p> <p>We invite all interested Southlanders to our next event at the L.A. Festival of Books this April.</p>
<p>Carol Surabian, TUCATE Rep surabianc8@gmail.com</p>	<p>TUCATE got off to a good start this year. We welcomed new board members and set up a schedule for the year. We sponsored Derek Arenas as our Classroom Excellence Award (elementary) winner. We are still looking for the right message to encourage more membership.</p> <p>I continue to work as a university coach for initial student teachers. I appreciate the hard work these young people put towards the profession.</p>
<p>Jori Krulder, Upper Rep jkrulder@pusdk12.org</p>	
<p>Julie (Burnett) Young, MAL Elementary (2025) Julie_Burnett@kernhigh.org</p>	<p>2024 Board Report</p> <p>I have continued this year to teach primarily for the Kern High School District in a blended learning program that serves all 17 high schools and vocational campuses. I am currently serving as English Department Chair.</p> <p>I am in my 16th year teaching freshman composition at CSUB. I am also RIAP (Reading Institute for Academic Preparadiness) leader where I work with a wonderful group of colleagues to provide a year long professional development program for high school and college students.</p> <p>I have attended KCTE and CATE board meetings and offered support to the committees I am on. I help this year with RIAP to provide quality professional development to teachers, and I've been the leader of a team of teachers at KHSD Literacy Council. I am grateful to be a part of CATE as the Elementary Member At Large; thank you for allowing me to serve you.</p>
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<p>Ashley Prevo, MAL Secondary (2025) aprevo10@gmail.com</p>	<p>In my role as MAL Secondary, a majority of my work for CATE this year has been done in relation to the Resolutions Committee. I have sent out the resolutions with guidance from other board members. I noted and documented what my role as Resolutions Chair entails for future use. I have also worked to get at least one committee member from each council. This year we had all except for one listed, but unfortunately, more than that were unable to attend the conference.</p>
<p>April Parker, MAL Unspecified (2023) / CATE 2024 Co-Chair aparkerteacher@aol.com</p>	<p>Annual Board Report 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Attended CATE board meetings. · Sent eblasts for SCTE regarding writing contest winners, CATE 2024 and other SCTE events. Sent an eblast in April for SCTE Events · Worked with Frank Mata for 2024 Convention planning. <p>Professionally</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Attended CETA conference for the first time. · Produced the winter play, The Miscreants' Christmas · Started the process of getting my Theatre credential as a CTE teacher · Completed major production of Grease, student ran · Was recognized as Educator of the Year for the City of Huntington Park · Invited to facilitate a round table discussion at ERWC this June · Added a theatre credential to my resume
<p>Kylowna Moton, MAL College (2023) kylowna@gmail.com</p>	<p>Over the past year, I have facilitated the Southland's part of the CATE Creative Writing Contest with much appreciated help from Jennifer Silver.</p> <p>I participated in the second annual collaboration between SCTE and The Los Angeles Conservancy in which we help create study guides for their LA book list; these guides will be shared on the LAC website for teachers to use in their classrooms.</p> <p>I joined the CWP Advisory Board as a college rep.</p> <p>I attended the Curriculum Study Commission's conference at Asilomar for the first (but definitely not the last) time, and I participated in SCTE's Write Night in celebration of the four CATE Writing Contest winners from Southland. I also attended SCTE's annual LA Conservancy walking tour of DTLA.</p> <p>I nominated a candidate for (and subsequent winner of) the CATE Henke Scholarship—a new colleague at LA City College. I found people to apply for and receive the Fristrom and Reid Scholarships. All three scholarships will be awarded this year. As a result of this outreach, Birmingham Charter High School in Lake Balboa will be paying for three teachers to CATE Conference this year. I hope to continue to recruit from this school as well as the school of the Reid Scholarship winner.</p> <p>I continue to work on the NCTE book project on Decolonizing the English Classroom.</p>
<p>Mindy Montanio, MAL Unspecified (2024) mindy_montanio@kernhigh.org</p>	<p>Not applicable, appointed to position December 2023</p>
<p>Joan Williams, MAL Small Council (2024) joanwilliams@gmail.com</p>	<p>MEMBER AT LARGE, SMALL COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2023 Joan Williams</p> <p>I coordinated the CATE Professional Writing Contest.</p> <p>I gathered materials for the New Teacher Booth at the CATE convention and provided coverage there and also assisted with the Membership Booth. I will be working with both of these booths again in 2024.</p> <p>I have assisted President Polski with elections. I updated the document that is needed for candidates of office to run for office through their councils. I am also working to update the CATE policies for election procedures.</p> <p>I collected letters in support of the 2023 DSA award and passed them on to the president.</p> <p>Most recently, I have been working with the CATE CYRM representatives to clarify their role with CATE and to assist in developing updated policy.</p> <p>In addition to my work on the CATE board, I have been serving as a board member of Redwood Council, assisting with the local writing contest and other activities. I am also co-coordinator of our local Humboldt County Children's Author Festival, an event that brings 25 authors from around the country to Humboldt County for four days to visit students in their classrooms.</p>

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<p>Lori Campbell, Membership Chair (2024) Lori_Campbell@kernhigh.org</p>	<p>We were thrilled to have been awarded the NCTE Kent D. Williamson Award for Affiliate Membership at the 2023 NCTE Convention in Ohio.</p> <p>To capitalize on our recent partnership with CSU and ERWC, we were delighted to have the opportunity to set up a table at the two summer leadership conferences ERWC held in Sacramento and Pomona June 2023. We purchased the books Carole Jago recommended in her “Build Your Stack” post with NCTE. These were used as prizes in drawings held at the end of each conference. Our presence resulted in 13 renewals and new memberships.</p> <p>This partnership also resulted in our ability to purchase the “professional” version of the animation program “PowToon”. We are able to create videos for both CATE and ERWC advertising upcoming events. ERWC has the ability to post these videos on multiple social media platforms through HootSuite. We in turn also share their events on our social media accounts with Instagram and Facebook. ERWC’s presence through a booth purchased for the exhibitor’s hall provided a larger audience for CATE attendees. With 17,000 teachers who teach ERWC statewide, and the recent grant to provide modules now at middle schools will provide us more access to teachers statewide.</p>
<p>Annie Gervais, Capitol Rep/Convention Co-Coordinator agervais451@gmail.com</p>	
<p>Bill Younglove, Legislative Analyst wyoungl@aol.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CATE Board Report for 2023/24 Year Legislative Analyst Liaison Bill Younglove</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zoomed with/Met (hosted) SCTE Board/L.A. Conservancy. • Attended Asilomar Fall Conference. • Continued corresponding with Assembly Emeritus Speaker Anthony Rendon. • Facilitated a CATE Convention speaker, Maritza Roño Refuerzo. • Continued Holocaust Studies in Fresno, Dallas, St Louis, and L.A/ area Museums. • Encouraged CATE’s continuing influence in Sacramento (\$), via government contacts—letters, phone calls, in-person, and via legislative staff, as well as by resolutions. • Zoomed (ongoing) CDE ELA/ELD Framework “Recentering” Webinars. • Pursued the potential impact of Artificial Intelligence; published an article on, in November 2023 <i>California English</i>
<p>Gale Caswell, CETA Liaison gale.caswell@gmail.com</p>	
<p>Tim Dewar, CWP Liaison dewar@education.ucsb.edu</p>	<p>CWP Liaison Annual Report 2023</p> <p>The California Writing Project (CWP) sponsored and produced the James Gray Memorial Preconvention at CATE’s Annual Convention on March 2, 2023. The morning keynote speaker was Brynn Saito. There were additionally three rounds of breakout sessions, each with six different presentations each round. This year, one strand of breakouts consisted of opportunities for teachers to write and receive feedback within the session. The conference was very well attended. The high number of registrants did cause some anxiety in the hours before the conference began, as we were unsure if the hotel would be able to supply lunches for everyone. Fortunately, the catering staff came through. A post-conference analysis found the source of the confusion over the number of lunches needed. The registration process for the preconvention was revised to prevent this from happening in the future.</p> <p>Over the summer, CWP commenced planning for the Preconvention in 2024 in Los Angeles. Our theme is A Look Back and A Leap Forward, acknowledging that the</p>

	<p>preconvention will occur on Leap Day and that 2024 is fifty years since the founding of the Writing Project. We have assembled a dynamic line-up of break-out sessions, offering four different presentations in three different rounds, including strands on Ethnic Studies and Environmental Justice and Literacy.</p> <p>CWP appreciates the award-winning <i>California English</i> as a venue for teacher writers to publish. Authors affiliated with CWP sites continue to appear in every issue of <i>California English</i>.</p>
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<p>Jennifer Howerter, Liaison CDE JHowerter@cde.ca.gov</p>	
<p>Chris Street, Liaison ERWC cstreet@fullerton.edu</p>	<p>Over the past year I have been working to strengthen the partnership between CATE and ERWC. In addition to attending CATE board meetings, I have been updating the CATE board on significant events connected with ERWC such as our recent 15 million grant award. I have also been working to organize various ERWC related items for the CATE conference. Some of these are noted below:</p> <p>ERWC Reception <i>Saturday, March 2nd</i> 530-630 (Jetway)</p> <p>ERWC strand–Chris S. will reach out to presenters to include ERWC update slides in their sessions, publicize the ERWC reception on Saturday night, hand out ERWC Literacy Conference fliers, etc.</p> <p>ERWC Booth</p> <p>2024 ERWC Literacy Conference and Leader Certification, June 2024 Marketing Timeline–</p> <p>First <i>California English</i> advertisement needed by 12/1–done (will appear in February issue of <i>CE</i>)</p> <p>Message about ERWC reception in CATE program</p> <p>Second <i>California English</i> advertisement needed by 4/1– (will appear in May issue of <i>CE</i>)</p>
<p>Shraddha Kapadia, CATE’s representative to CYRM sikapadia89@gmail.com</p>	<p>Not applicable; position did not require an annual report until this year (2024)</p>
<p>Carol Jago, <i>California English</i> Editor, Liaison California Reading and Literature Project cjago@caroljago.com</p>	<p>Annual Report, 2023</p> <p><i>California English</i> editor, Carol Jago</p> <p><i>California English</i> is the quarterly journal of the California Association of Teachers of English. In 2023 the magazine published four issues focusing on issues of importance to California English Language Arts teachers. Manuscripts for the journal are garnered through calls for manuscripts focusing on a theme and sent out for online peer review. The calls are circulated through social media and shared across NCTE and California Writing Project communities.</p> <p>Along with articles on teaching and learning, the journal includes news of CATE work in the field: conferences, resolutions, the CATE ballot, local council events, and CATE writing contest winners, for both student and professional writing.</p> <p>All reviews are conducted via email, forwarding reviewers manuscripts that have been</p>

submitted online. The quality of the manuscripts received has been consistently excellent. The editor has attempted to make the most of the magazine pages by asking writers to keep their articles under 2,000 words.

California English includes advertising from publishers and education-related businesses. This revenue assists in covering the costs of publication and mailing. In 2023 we were particularly successful garnering ads for new professional books published by Heinemann, Corwin, and Teachers College Press.

The CATE Board consistently provides the editor with suggestions for topics to present as calls for manuscripts.