CATE Board of Directors' Meeting
Thursday, February 29. 2024

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024

1. Call to Order
Time: 8:45 AM

2. Introductions/Updates
a. Board Introductions
b. Resolutions Committee

3. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes
Link to December Board Minutes:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/17Ro2VlsykeGUbhU4w-oaRiMWHBksgmm6RzAIKV09nsk/edit?usp=sharing

Moved by Campbell, seconded by Silver. Passed.

4. Consent Docket
a. Approval of agenda
Moved by Campbell, seconded by Surabian. Passed.

5. CATE Board Reports

Link to CATE Board Reports February 2024:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fWVB88eNBkGildwsaBUKq5ZQ_kzpLOf_xQhkP7C1DBw/edit?usp=sharing

a. President: Robb Polski
    i. Convention welcomes and thank yous
        1. Robb thanked the convention coordinators and convention chairs and pointed out the perspective since the last time we were in LA, one month before the pandemic lockdown. Thanks to those leaving the board after the end of this school year (Sommer @ MAL Middle, Ashley @ MAL Secondary). Thanks to the board members for whom working for CATE is a daily interaction.
    ii. Punky's Annual Banquet: Speech

1. Robb would like the speech to be delivered by a different board member each time, so that it becomes CATE's tradition, and not only Robb's tradition. He has asked Bill Younglove to deliver the speech this time.

iii. Appointments: MAL Middle, MAL Secondary
1. Robb is looking at appointing replacements for Sommer's and Ashley's positions.
2. Clarification is needed for when terms end for appointed positions.

Iv. Bakersfield Board Meeting

Robb thanked the people for attending and celebrating at his house, and suggested that other councils may want to host the December board meeting, since using a convention hotel is not required.

b. Vice President: Susan Dillon
i. Advisory Call information
1. We had two calls; one about PreCon, the other about the agenda for this meeting.
ii. Accommodation information
1. She will share the costs for room and parkings.
iii. Next Board Meeting: May 4-5: Hyatt Regency SFO (Burlingame) - CATE 2025 location (this will be our convention hotel for 2025) https://www.hyatt.com/hyatt-regency/en-US/sfobu-hyatt-regency-san-francisco-airport

c. Past President: Liz McAninch
i. As posted.

d. Secretary: Carole LeCren
i. As posted.

e. Treasurer: Denise Mikkonen
i. Year-to-Date Finances - Budget
1. We had around $106,000 at our last meeting. Denise went over the income and expenses. She also shared with us the difficulties of paying large amounts of money. She explained ACH deposits. She also had to work with 1099s.
2. She is still working on the current treasurer's report to be published soon. Current balance: $224,718.34.
ii. Convention Reimbursement Procedures
1. Hotel Cost - check with Denise for prices as they may vary
2. Parking: Discussion ensued.

f. Membership: Lori Campbell
    i. Convention membership clarification: Lori explained the concept of YEARLY membership. For anyone who gets their membership at convention, the expiration date is 1/31 of the next year, no matter when the convention date was.
    ii. The convention registrar sends the membership chair the list of people who are using the membership discount for the convention. Lori had questions about how it works and the timing.
    iii. Process for requesting videos for local council events: Lori likes to make videos. She made one for the CATE Creative Writing Contest. She would like councils to make use of her skills.

g. Convention Coordinators: Jennifer Silver and Annie Gervais
    i. Gratitude, always. Jennifer shared that the arbitration issues with the hotel. Jennifer asked board members to not engage with them as they are not allowed on the property. Annie explained it is a conflict between unions. Frank clarified that we are not addressing the issues from a podium. Annie and Jennifer asked that we deal with any confrontations on a case-by-case basis, and to inform both of them if you hear of any confrontations with our attendees. Robb also stated that we are not in a position to take a position because we are a non-profit organization that by its very definition cannot get involved in politics. In December we had considered a public statement, but not now. Gina asked what we would do if the workers were legitimately on strike. Annie shared that the hotel contract does have a strike clause, but only if services are interrupted. Annie also shared a story about Curtin, our exhibit hall services company, who had a clause in their contract that they would not cross a picket line but we would still owe them the contracted money. Robb also asked that if major speakers are concerned about presenting in the current situation, to talk to them. Annie shared we have also had under five attendees cancel the registrations.
    ii. Board responsibilities: Jennifer asked people to use the program. The hotel map is at the back of the program. Please sign up for two board service shifts.
    iii. Other logistics:
        1. Meals: Board members need to spread out. Only attend the meals if you have paid for a meal.
        2. Feedback about sessions: Help collect quotes that reflect on the situation so that an “ad” can be placed in an upcoming issue of *California English*.
        3. President’s Reception: Board will receive invitations. There are two specialty cocktails (Punky’s Punch (non-alcoholic), and Kim’s Cup. Carole asked for clarification about who needs to receive invitations to the President’s Reception.
    iv. Frank and April
        1. April asked about non-binary/gender neutral restrooms. Discussion ensued.

2. April and Frank thanked everyone, and announced how excited they are for this weekend. They thanked the board members who work on convention with beautiful flowers.

v. CATE 2026 in LA
   1. We are looking for a convention chair or co-chairs.

vi. CATE 2027
   1. We are looking for sites in the north.

h. Reports by Liaisons
   i. CTA (not present)
   ii. CWP (at the preconvention)
   iii. CDE
      1. Jennifer reported that she just got some new information that she just added to her report as an update.
   iv. CETA (sent an e-mail to board members)
   v. CLRP (not present)
   vi. ERWC
      1. Chris reported as posted, but if you are interested in creating curriculum as part of the grant, talk to him.
   vii. CYRM
      1. Joan took on the job of clarifying and repairing the relationship between CYRM and CATE. She reported that she created policies to help clarify the logistics of having representatives to CYRM.

i. Report by Legislative Analyst

Liaison Legislative Analyst Report(er)—Bill Younglove

February 29, 2024

• From Stanford and Harvard Economic Analysts: The $122 billion federal pandemic aid package, which provided for tutoring and summer school, will expire September 2024 (poorest districts got $6,200 per student; most affluent received $1,350 per student. Grades 3-8 test scores will likely be affected the most.

• Post-pandemic "catching up?" Done best via daily home visits (like Delano Union School
District and LAUSD), plus summer school.

• CA legislative bills: As of February 16th deadline, 2,124 bills were introduced (1,505 in the Assembly; 619 in the Senate)—400 after January 1st. Last year, of 2,632 introduced, 1046 were passed; the Governor signed 890, and vetoed the rest. Some are "moonshot bills" –to please donors, upset opposing party legislators, or drum up public discourse. "Diarrhea bills" (former Assembly Speaker Bob Hertzberg's term) speak for themselves.

Each bill that reaches the Governor's desk costs circa $30,000. Assembly persons can introduce a maximum of 40 bills; Senators, 50, in each two-year session.

• CDE's ongoing, Zoomed, Webinar series (monthly, through May 14th), "Recentering California's ELA/ELD FRAMEWORK to Ensure Effective Expression," emphasizes implementing comprehensive and integrated literacy, via reading, writing, speaking, and listening.

• New teaching standards, via California's Commission on Teacher Credentialing, recognize that
all teachers, regardless of subject specific credential area, are teachers of literacy. . (Forthcoming teacher preparation will [re]emphasize the "science of reading" to meet the state's new literacy standards). The Governor has proposed that a teaching credential be earned in sync with an undergraduate degree.

• NCTE reports (to/via Robb and Jennifer S.) that an NCTE member in Lodi believes that she has
been censored, violating AB 1078 (regarding teaching about the history and roles of diverse
groups of Americans).

• PISA latest test results (2022) reveal that U.S. outcomes are more a measure of childhood
poverty than academic achievement—i.e., indicators being associated with the innovative
economy, GDP, adjusted gross income, or purchasing power. (Keep in mind that test score
outcomes are at three levels: 1) State SBAC/PARCC/Other, for Common Core State Standards,
2) National NAEP—"Nation's Report Card," and 3) International—PISA test scores.

j. Report by Editor of *California English*

As posted.

Carol Jago added (at 4:30 pm) that looking for possible articles to support the upcoming issue topic. She also shared that her husband Michael will be touring the exhibit hall this weekend, encouraging exhibitors to buy ads in *California English*.

k. Report by President of Presidents

i. Jennifer reported that the council presidents met on Zoom and discussed:
    1. Data collection
    2. Cross-pollination between councils
    3. “Gems” of reflection for *California English.* Robb suggested that everyone make it a homework assignment to not leave the convention without a quote to share. Jennifer announced she will start a Google doc for collecting the quotes.

l. Reports by Council Committee Representatives
- i. Upper (not present)
- ii. Redwood (as posted)
- iii. Capitol (a5s posted)
    1. Annie announced that Amber Brown has added a co-chair, Yolanda Jimenez, for the CATE 2025.
    2. Annie also got a first-year teacher, Taylor Bradley, to be on Resolutions.
    3. She had a problem with updating the bank accounts.
    4. She is enjoying the President of Presidents meetings to garner information about how to be a president of a council.
- iv. Central
    1. Susan shared that Jen Johnson was unable to attend on Resolutions, but Susan wants to bring her to the May meeting.
- v. FACET
    1. Ryne shared that he is starting grad school for a masters in English Literature, but he will continue to serve on FACET’s board.
- vi. TULARE (as posted)
- vii. Kern
    1. Julie, reporting for Jill, shared that books have been donated.
    2. Robb reported that Kim is really excited about being DSA. Her family is planning to attend.
- viii. Southland (as posted)
- ix. Greater San Diego (as posted)

6. Standing Committee Meetings (Round One) 11:00-11:45 AM

a. Leadership/Membership

Leadership/Membership **Joan Williams**
Members: Lori Campbell, Sommer Iamale, Jori Krudler, Julie Young, Chris Street, Carol Surabian, Gale Caswell, Kylowna Moton, Gina Vattuone

Agenda:
1. Candidates for office
2. Book giveaway plans
3. CYRM policies
4. Ideas for encouraging business meeting attendance

5. Membership/New Teacher Booth setup/teardown
6. Election bylaws/policies
7. Scholarships

b. Policy/Censorship

Policy/Censorship ***Ashley Prevo***
Members: Bill Younglove, Carol Jago, Jennifer Howerter, Tim Dewar, Ryne Preheim, Gina Grey, Liz McAninch

Agenda:

1. Stop by and say hi to the Resolutions Committee! 😀

c. Convention Coordinating

Convention Coordinating Chair: ***Annie Gervais and Jennifer Silver***
Members: Frank Mata, April Parker, Denise Mikkonen, Robb Polski, Susan Dillon, Carole LeCren, Jill Hamilton-Bunch, Vicki Kurtz

Agenda:

1. Final updates from April and Frank
2. Bag stuffing and centerpieces
3. CATE 2025
4. Other

LUNCH Noon to 1:00 PM

7. Report Out of Standing Committee Meetings (Round One)

Committee: Leadership/Membership **Chair: *Joan Williams*** **Members: *Lori Campbell, Jori Krudler, Julie Young, Chris Street, Carol Surabian, Gale Caswell, Kylowna Moton, Gina Vittuone,***
Members present: Julie Burnett, Lori Campbell, Joan Williams, Carol Surabian, Chris Street, Kylowna Moton, Gina Vittuone, Bill Younglove.
Committee meeting notes submitted by: Lori Campbell 1. Candidates for office: Joan Williams (MAL-Small,) Frank Mata (MAL-High School) Kathleen Giannandrea (MAL- Unspecified). Policies are needed in how to run for office. Robb has asked Joan to handle elections in the future. For this year, since Joan is running, Denise will be handling.

2. Book giveaway plans: CALM strips. Also, I have the spinning wheel with numbers to spin for tickets. One spin per person per hour. Drawing for Carol's books is 2:30 on Saturday. Winners must respond to the text within 5 minutes. BIPOC will not be impacted.

3. CYRM policies (4.8): Joan passed out the proposed Policy revision as to how we get the CYRM representative and their responsibilities.

4.8 California Young Reader Medal

1. As one of four sponsors of the California Young Reader Medal, CATE is entitled to three representatives on the state CYRM committee.

a. CATE CYRM representatives participate in reading, selecting books for nomination, voting for books.
For a full description of CYRM responsibilities, please see https://www.californiayoungreadermedal.org/applications

b. CATE is not responsible for the purchase of books to be read by the representatives. Books should be secured through publishers, public libraries, or other sources.

2. Responsibility for finding CATE members to appoint to the CYRM committee is multi-faceted. CATE will continuously advertise on the CATE website and during convention, and will urge local councils to find CYRM readers. CYRM may also find representatives who are active CATE members. The incoming CATE CYRM representative should be approved by an action item at a CATE Board meeting.

3. Pending CATE Board approval, CATE will budget for travel expenses as well as ½ of a hotel room if needed for the three representatives to attend CYRM meetings. The CYRM liaison will submit a reimbursement request for these expenses.
CATE CYRM member terms will begin with

a. CATE September board meeting: Approve the incoming Year 1 CYRM representative for CATE.
b. One of the three reps will be the CYRM liaison to the CATE Board, preferably the Year 2 rep.
c. Year 2 rep is responsible for Convention CYRM luncheon books, medal winner and medal, and speaker + family meals.
d. Year 3 rep assists year 1 and 2 reps, and retires in October of the third year.

4. The CATE Secretary will inform the CYRM liaison of the dates and locations of CATE Board meetings in order to facilitate communication.

5. The senior CATE CYRM representative will send an electronic report to the CATE Board secretary AND designate a liaison to attend the September CATE Board meeting (travel expenses paid by CATE).

6. The CYRM liaison will inform the CATE Board of the rotation for the medal winners and coordinate related CYRM activities with the Convention Coordinator and Chair.

a. CYRM will provide complementary books and the medal and help to secure the medal-winning author, and will facilitate getting the publisher to cover expenses for the author who will be speaking at the convention.

b. CATE will cover expenses for the meals of the author and person/s introducing the author.

7. The CATE President or designee will attend the January CYRM meeting. A decision about the CATE Board attendee will be made at the December meeting and communicated to the CYRM liaison.

4. Ideas for encouraging business meeting attendance: More giveaways. Talk up as we attend meals.

5. Membership/New Teacher Booth setup/teardown: PLEASE think about helping Friday morning at 7:30am for set up and/or tear-down at 2:30 pm on Saturday.

6. Election bylaws/policies 6.18 Please review how we need to clarify who can run, how do they run, etc. (Tabled for May.)

7. Scholarships: We think that this committee should be the ones who took charge of Scholarships. We would advertise for the councils as to who would be eligible and to make sure they are awarded.

Proposed Action Items: Approve the following revision for policy 4.8:

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e. CATE September board meeting: 3- year term begins. Must attend the September board meeting.

f. Senior rep retires in October of third year..

g. *Year 2 rep is responsible for Convention CYRM luncheon books, medal winner and medal, and speaker + family meals.*
h. *Year 3 rep assists year 1 and 2 reps.*
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ACTION ITEM (to be typed in during the report by the CATE Secretary):
To revise policy 4.8 for the CYRM Committee to the changes stated above. Moved by Williams, seconded by McAninch. After revision, passed.

Committee: Policy/Resolutions
Chair: *Ashley Prevo*

Members: *Bill Younglove, Carol Jago, Jennifer Howerter, Tim Dewar, Ryne Preheim. Gina Vattuone, Gina Grey, Liz McAninch,*

Members present: Liz McAninch, Bill Younglove, Ryne Preheim

The Policy/Resolutions committee met with the Resolutions Committee, and got a preview of some of the issues that they are looking at for crafting resolutions.

1) Discussion of books:important because many schools/teachers find it hard to replace older books with new books with more diversity.
2) Rigor and grading: need for scaffolding,grade inflation; grade should truly reflect student understanding and knowledge of material. In process of writing resolutions on these topics.

Kylowna mentioned that the word “diversity” has lost all significant meeting, the

concept/expression that we may want to use is “read books that reflect and engage the various experiences of our students.”

Annie mentioned that using the CDE’s recommended reading list can be an advantage. Jennifer pointed out that the CDE’s list is simply recommended, not mandated. Some school boards are trying to remove from their policies the recommendation to use the California Department of Education’s recommended reading list.

submitted by: Liz McAninch, Bill Younglove, Ryne Preheim

Proposed Action Items:

ACTION ITEM (to be typed in during the report by the CATE Secretary):

Committee: Convention Coordinating
Chair: ***Annie Gervais and Jennifer Silver***

Members: ***Frank Mata, April Parker, Denise Mikkonen, Robb Polski, Susan Dillon, Carole LeCren, Jill Hamilton-Bunch***

Members present: Frank Mata, April Parker, Denise Mikkonen, Robb Polski, Susan Dillon, Carole LeCren, Annie Gervais and Jennifer Silver

Because this is the board meeting immediately before the convention, we spent our committee time doing work related to the launching of the convention today.

We organized the material for bag stuffing, received reports needed from EventPower, checked in on Preconvention, arranged for allergy signage for the meals, began to stuff bags, and tracked down whether an exhibitor had paid their required bag stuffing sponsorship fee.

Jennifer asked that everyone make sure to sign up on the Convention Board Responsibilities clipboard.

Committee meeting notes submitted by: Annie Gervais

Proposed Action Items: None

ACTION ITEM (to be typed in during the report by the CATE Secretary):

8. Report out of the Resolutions Committee
2024 Resolutions

9. Standing Committee Meetings (Round Two)

a. Executive Finance

Executive Finance ***Susan Dillon***
Members: Denise Mikkonen, Robb Polski, April Parker, Jennifer Silver, Annie Gervais, Tim Dewar

Agenda:

1. Registration numbers
2. Convention budget
3. 2023-2024 budget
4. Planning for 2024-2025 budget
    a. Storage for convention materials

b. Publications/Social Media

Publications/Social Media ***Carole LeCren***
Members: Carol Jago, Carole LeCren, Kylona Moton, Joan Williams, Carol Surabian, Lori Campbell, Gale Caswell, Bill Younglove

Agenda:

1. Review upcoming writing contests.
2. Review website issues.
3. Drill down on the look and "calendar" for posting ideas on CATEweb.org.
4. Continue discussion of the 60th anniversary of *California English*.

c. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion ***Gina Vattuone*** (sub)
Members: Frank Mata, Ashley Prevo, Liz McAninch, Julie Young, Vicki Kurtz, Jill Hamilton-Bunch, Chris Street, Gina Gray, Jennifer Howerter, Ryne Preheim

Agenda:

1. TBA

10. Report Out of Standing Committees (Round Two)

Committee: Executive Finance **Chair: *Susan Dillon*** **Members: *Denise Mikkonen, Robb Polski, April Parker, Jennifer Silver, Annie Gervias, Tim Dewar, Sommer Iamale***
Members present: Denise Mikkonen, Robb Polski, April Parker, Jennifer Silver, and Annie Gervais
Committee meeting notes submitted by: Susan Dillon

1. As of 3/1: 856 attendees! Based on our fluid financial numbers we can enthusiastically state that CATE 2024 is a very successful convention, which reflects the hard work and tremendous program by our CATE 2024 co-chairs as well as the expertise and ongoing efforts of our convention coordinators
   Total: Revenue in: $381,000. Approximate OUT $210,000 (some bills still need to be submitted).
2. 2023/24 Budget Review will take place during the May meeting.
3. Planning for 2024/25 Budget to be discussed during the May meeting. In May we will revisit equipment updates.
   a. Replacement of Low-Lumens projectors purchased in 2022 for $581.74.
      i. Current Recommendation: Replace current LCD projectors that require a replacement bulb for approximately $400 with Laser Projectors that do not require replacement bulbs.

Proposed Action Items: Give Annie Gervais, convention coordinator, permission to rent a storage facility unit in Citrus Heights for storage of convention items at up to $100 per month.

ACTION ITEM (to be typed in during the report by the CATE Secretary):
To rent a storage facility unit to store convention materials for up to $100 a month. Moved by Dillon, seconded by Campbell.

Committee: Publications/Social Media
Chair: *Carole LeCren*

Members: *Carol Jago, Carole LeCren, Kylowna Moton, Joan Williams, Carol Surabian, Lori Campbell, Gale Caswell, Bill Younglove*

Members present: Lori Campbell, Bill Younglove, Kylowna Moton, Carol Surabian, Carole LeCren

Committee meeting notes submitted by: Carole LeCren

1. The CATE Creative Writing Contest entries are due to council on April 1. A flyer will be in the convention bags. Councils submit 1st place winners to us by May 1.
2. Lori shared her link:
   Here's the writing contest video for Publications.
   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BJHlr89cLSs&t=5s
3. The CATE Professional Writing Contest is due in August. It will be advertised in the next issue of *California English*.
4. CATEweb.org: Materials that need to be posted in the Members Only section include Nomination for Board Office (through the local council), Award of Merit form, the Classroom Excellence form. They need to be on there and updated. The Scholarships (the ability for someone to apply for a scholarship) needs to be revamped and available on CATEweb. The history of the organization needs an organized section on the website.
5. The secretary needs to follow policy that the agendas, minutes, and board reports need to be posted on CATEweb.

6. What do we want to do for the 60th anniversary of *California English*? Bill shared that he thinks that it is Carol Jago's 25th or 26th year as editor. Ideas included getting the titles of some articles from way back when. What would it cost to put out an anniversary edition?
7. Discussion ensued about encouraging writers for *California English*. The peer review process is helpful, along with mentoring or at least stating to people that what they are doing would be a great article.

Proposed Action Items:

ACTION ITEM (to be typed in during the report by the CATE Secretary):

Committee: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Chair: *Gina Vattuone*

Members: *Frank Mata, Ashley Prevo, Liz McAninch, Julie Young, Vicki Kurtz, Jill Hamilton-Bunch, Chris Street, Gina Gray, Jennifer Howerter, Ryne Preheim*

Members present: Liz McAninch, Vicki Kurtz, Gina Vattuone, Jennifer Howerter, Ryne Preheim

Committee meeting notes submitted by: Gina Vattuone

- Please reach out to people to encourage them to submit a DEI column in CA English. (Next Deadline April 1) You can use this letter as an example: https://docs.google.com/document/d/13a_MycrFSbjFN0gEKdzSE9ZicVaeuTLwJ36yuc0k4UM/edit?usp=sharing

- LGBTQIA+ Affinity Group Presentation: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1DU02D8go4PieIs_ruGiKxv6M9_wUTXwCz28H-yxFLww/edit?usp=sharing

- LGBTQIA+ Affinity Group Google Form https://docs.google.com/forms/u/1/d/1cUJvInti720kyPfbjDDuwuSPl0X3lwBsS7nitrYMDrE/edit?usp=drive_web

- Introducing the revised mission statement at the Sunday Town Hall Meeting: *With a firm commitment to equity, CATE (California Association of Teachers of English), a non-profit organization and NCTE affiliate, amplifies voices of literacy teachers across the state, promoting communication, collaboration, and ongoing professional learning; and advocates for educational justice and agency for all California students.* (revised 9/10/23)

Proposed Action Items:

- Line item for Affinity Groups - $200 each, for snacks or swag-ribbons, etc.?

ACTION ITEM (to be typed in during the report by the CATE Secretary):
To budget $200 for each affinity group to help with items that they can distribute at their affinity

meeting (total $400). Moved by Vattuone, seconded by Campbell. Passed.

11. Resolutions Committee Report Out, Round Two

2024 Resolutions

The resolutions committee presented the three resolutions to the board, which suggested edits, and then for each resolution, the resolution committee moved that the resolution be accepted for presentation at the Annual Business Meeting.

1. Resolution on Academic Integrity
   Moved by McQuilliams, seconded by Campbell. Passed.
2. Resolution on Access to Relevant Texts
   Moved by Prevo, seconded by Williams. Passed 7 to 5.
3. Resolution on Student Autonomy through Rigor and Inquiry
   Moved by Brown, seconded by Silver. Discussion ensued about tabling this resolution and to work on it so Ashley can present it in May. Carol Jago suggested making it a topic for the December issue of *California English*. Defeated.

12. Old Business

Bill Younglove shared two things:

1. He is amazed that in his 60 years of teaching he didn't run into censorship that much. His district had a questionnaire for people raising a book banning issue that asked, "Did you read the entire book?" before they proceeded with the process. Another set of questions need to be asked: Which edition? Which revision? Which translation? He gave *The Diary of Anne Frank* as an example. He concluded by saying that knowing exactly what is on the page that people find objectionable.
2. Holocaust education is a requirement in the state of California, but Bill points out that the requirement also states "age-appropriate."

Robb pointed out that another key censorship question is asking the person who wants to ban a book: Do you want to prevent your child from reading this book? Or do you want to keep this book from ALL students?

13. New Business

Robb revisited the appointments listed on the agenda. He will appoint Shawn McQuilliams to MAL Secondary (the position being vacated by Ashley Prevo's resignation). For the second position, he is leaving it open while councils invite potential candidates to board meetings.

14. Adjournment

Moved by Prevo, seconded by several people.
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