

VATE Executive Board Meeting

Saturday, October 31, 2009 3:45pm

Christopher Newport University, Newport News, VA

Members present: Chuck Miller, Lynn Armstrong, Gena Southall, Peggy Gearhart, Sara Zeek, Shelah Novak, Carolyn Mathews, Roark Mulligan, Robert Williams, Deborah Carrington, Hood Frazier, Kaavonia Hinton-Johnson, Mary Beth Cancienne-Acgtblu, Nancy Webb, Jennifer Bartholomew, Mary Davis, Adria Merritt, Janice Suppa-Friedman, Crystal L. Haskins, Chris Woods, Sarah Tanner-Anderson, Silvia Babcock, Linda MacCleave

- I. Call to order, adoption of agenda – The meeting called to order at 4:00pm by Chris Woods.
- II. Welcome and Introductions – Introduction of Jennifer Bartholomew – Jennifer will start in January.
- III. Reports
 - A. Secretary's Report – Minutes adopted via email and posted.
 - B. Webmaster's Report – Linda MacCleave – [See Full Report](#)
 - VATE is now on FACEBOOK; Linda would like a report to measure the success of using the FACEBOOK social network.
 - VATE was runner-up for the Webmaster's Award.
 - The Award Responsibility chart will be posted on the website under the "New" icon and on the Awards page. *(Note: also added to policy manual)*
 - C. Public Relations – Kathryn Geranios – Currently, there is no information regarding the responsibilities of the Public Relations position in the policy manual. Kathryn will write up a description of her vision of the role and will present it to the board in January.
 - D. Multicultural Liaison – Mary Davis – Mary stated that money is not the problem that prevents teachers from coming to the conference. The board discussed creating a "need" to incite membership and conference attendance. VATE will explore ways to spark teachers' interests.
 - E. Excellence in Student Literary Magazines – Frejya Bergthorson – No report
 - F. NCTE Promising Young Writers Award – Roark Mulligan – No report
 - G. NCTE Achievement in Writing Award – Troy Ketch – No report
 - H. SLATE Liaison – Deborah Carrington – All the information for SLATE is listed on the website. If anyone has any questions regarding SLATE, they can view the website.
 - I. VETAC Liaison – Rafe Telsch – no report
 - J. VCEE Liaison – Hood Frazier – VCEE had several sessions at the conference. VELAS members and VCEE members were able to dialogue in a roundtable discussion. VCEE will compose a letter regarding the revised SOL Standards before the VDOE's January meeting. There is a meeting planned for the spring for VCEE.
 - K. VDOE Report – Tracy Robertson – [See Full Report](#) *Note important dates listed in the report.
 - L. VSRA Liaison – Silvia Babcock – A huge "thank you" to Silvia for assisting with the book vendors!
 - M. NCTE Liaison – Jan Suppa-Friedman – [See Full Report](#) * Jan has to write a report detailing which VATE members attend the Affiliate and SCOA sessions at NCTE. Jan also needs copies of the applications for the awards and copies of nominations for NCTE positions. These need to be included in the Affiliate Excellence Award application binder. It was difficult for Jan to get this information in mid-July because many VATE members are on vacation then. Please try to get this information to her when it is occurring. Many will be in May of 2010.
*Jan had to include in the Affiliate Excellence award applications and which VATE members attended the NCTE conference Affiliate and SCOA sessions last year.
 - N. Members-At-Large
 - Elementary – Anita Gill-Anderson/Nancy Webb – No report
 - Middle – Shelah Novak/Arleatrice Winters – No report
 - Secondary – Brent Fleisher/Lynn Armstrong – There is concern over "Novanet," the credit recovery system. Lynn has expressed concerns on the national level.

- College – Mary Beth Cancienne-Acgtblu/Gena Southall – There are about 20 members. The fee discourages membership on the college level.
- O. Student Affiliate Report – No report
- P. District President's Report
VBATE and PATE are hosting their mini-conferences. VBATE's conference date is March 20, 2010.
- Q. Vice President's Report – Sarah Tanner-Anderson
2010 VATE Conference: Wyndam Virginia Beach Oceanfront, October 22-24, 2010
Keepers of the Light: Illuminating 21st Century Literacies
- Friday, October 22, 2010: Open Mic Night
 - Saturday, October 23, 2010: Guest Speaker – Dr. Bill Bosher
 - Saturday, October 23, 2010: Guest Speaker— Dr. Chris Howard, President of Hampden-Sydney College
 - Saturday, October 23, 2010: Keynote Speaker – Dr. Kylene Beers
- R. Past-President's Report – Carrie Perry – No report
- S. President-Elect's Report – Adria Merritt
Adria thanks all for supporting this year's conference!
- T. Executive Secretary's and Conference Coordinator's Report – Chuck Miller --
September's membership was low. Post card reminders will be mailed in the next couple of weeks. Many people renewed membership over the weekend. Chuck will review membership for January's meeting.
- U. Treasurer's Report – Peggy Gearhart –
- Once profits are organized for the conference, a report will be created for the January meeting.
 - In planning for next year's budget, there will need to be a separate budget for conference expenses.
 - After conference expenses have been calculated, a decision regarding the VEB printing will be made. VATE will continue this discussion at January's meeting.
- V. President's Report – Chris Woods
National Gallery of Writing had six VATE members participate. Chris moved that VATE accept new conference roles to be placed in the policy manual. Sarah Tanner-Anderson seconded the motion. The board accepted the motion. "The Big Read of Roanoke Valley" asked Chris to craft a writing contest on VATE's behalf...more information to come on the logistics of this contest.
Standing Committee Reports
- A. Publications – Carolyn Matthews – No report
- B. Needle's Eye – Sara Zeek –
The Needle's Eye is always in need of articles. Sara would like for all board members to provide a quick bio and picture for the *Needle's Eye*. *Needle's Eye* has an affiliate corner; Sara asks that all please share information about your affiliate for the publication.
VEB – Robert Williams – No report
Affiliate Chair – Position open
- C. Policy and Practice Chair – Linda MacCleave – [See Full Report](#)
Note: [Conference Responsibilities](#) were added to Policy Manual as a result of a vote to do so.
- IV. Old Business – Conference Treasurer – A report will be given at the January meeting after conference expenses are tallied.
- V. New Business – Kaavonia Hinton-Johnson handed out information about the Virginia Writing Project. She posed the idea of VATE's adopting a liaison position for the Virginia Writing Project. Sara Zeek moved that VATE create a liaison position for the Virginia Writing Project and that Kaavonia Hinton-Johnson take that role. Deborah seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- VI. Announcements – None
- VII. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 5:36 pm.