

**VATE Executive Board Meeting**  
**Friday, October 24, 2008**  
**Roanoke Plaza Hotel, Roanoke, VA**

- I. Call to order, adoption of the agenda
  - A. The meeting was called at 3:00.
  - B. A motion to adopt the agenda was made and the motion passed.
- II. Welcome and Introductions
  - Present: Chris Woods, Sarah Tanner-Anderson, Peggy Gearhart, Shelah Novak, Linda MacCleave, Lynn Payne, Kathryn Geranios, Chuck Miller, Sandra Whitaker, Adria Merritt, Carrie Perry, Leila Christenbury, Christina Frierman, Mary Beth Cancienne-Acgtblu, Rafe Telsch, Tracy Robertson, Silvia Babcock, Carolyn Mathews, Deborah Carrington, Jan Suppa-Friedman, Crystal Haskins
- III. Executive Officer's Reports
  - A. Treasurer's Report – Leila Christenbury
    - 1. VATE is 1/3 from the fiscal year's budget. After the all fees for the 2008 VATE Conference are paid, there will be a clearer forecast of the budget.
  - B. Executive Secretary's Report – Chuck Miller
    - 1. Good News! There are 417 paid members for VATE. Due to budget restraints across the state, there are no corporate memberships to date.
    - 2. VBATE and PATE have recruited a number of new members.
  - C. President Elect – Sandra Whitaker
    - 1. There are 43 break-out sessions. Michael Salinger was unable to attend. The co-author of his book is able to present in his absence.
  - D. Past President's Report – Carry Perry
    - 1. The election results for the 2009 officers are as follows:
      - Vice President: Sarah Tanner-Anderson
      - College Member: Mary Beth Cancienne-Acgtblu
      - High School Member: Kathryn Geranios
      - Middle School Member: Arleatrice Winters
      - Elementary Member: Nancy Webb
      - VETAC Liaison: Rafe Telsch
    - 2. Carrie will approach Shelah Novak to continue as member at-large.
  - E. Vice President's Report – Adria Merritt
    - 1. There were 24 vendor tables sold for the conference. The conference next year will be in Williamsburg, Virginia. Members of VATE that are in close proximity will assist with conference.
  - F. VBATE– Christina Frierman
    - 1. Mini Conference will take place at Green Run High School. There are around 60 members signed on for VBATE.
  - G. PATE: Rafe Telsch
    - 1. Ricky Fox is the keynote speaker for the PATE Mini Conference.
  - H. Student Affiliate Reports:
  - I. Members-At-Large:
    - 1. Elementary – Peggy Gearhart/Anita Gill-Anderson
    - 2. Middle – Shelah Novak/ Sarah Tanner-Anderson: No Report
    - 3. High School – Kathryn Geranios/Brent Fleisher: A recent push to get high school students interested in VATE. As a result of budget crisis, memberships may stay frozen.
    - 4. College— KaaVonia Hinton-Johnson/ Gena Southall: No report
  - J. NCTE Liaison – VATE won the Affiliate of Excellence award from NCTE.
  - K. VSRA Liaison- Silvia Babcock
    - 1. VSRA is taking a look at the responsibilities of the liaisons. Silvia suggested creating DVD that will communicate to a wider, more technologically advanced audience.
    - 2. Silvia is looking into connecting the VATE Conference to college credit. She will bring more information to the next executive meeting.

- L. VDOE Liaison— Tracy Robertson
    - 1. See report
  - M. VCEE Liaison— Hood Frazier: No Report
  - N. VETAC Liaison— Rafe Telsch: [www.ck12.org](http://www.ck12.org)
    - 1. Due to budget restraints, there may be an increase of text books online.
    - 2. NECC Conference will take place in Virginia this year. There is a specific target for technology reluctant instructors.
  - O. SLATE Liaison – Deborah Carrington is interested in teacher concerns across the state.
  - P. NCTE *Achievement in Writing Award*: Troy Ketch
  - Q. NCTE *Promising Young Writers Award*: Roark Mulligan. No Report
  - R. Multicultural Liaison – Mary Davis: VATE needs to have a discussion about how to house information concerning the Talent Bank.
  - S. Webmaster’s Report – Linda MacCleave: [See Report](#)
- IV. Standing Committees
- A. Publications: Carolyn Mathews:
    - 1. Additional submissions are needed for the *Virginia English Bulletin*. VATE needs to have a discussion about the format of the *Virginia English Bulletin*.
  - B. *Needle’s Eye*: Christina Frierman – There is a call for articles.
  - C. *Virginia English Bulletin* – Robert Williams
  - D. Special: Chris wants to start an Affiliate Corner. Also to be discussed at the next board meeting, changing the *Needle’s Eye* to electronic copy.
- V. Old Business
- A. Linda would like revisions of the policy manual finished by the end of the year. The Board can vote online.
  - B. Non-Profit Tax Status: VATE submitted all paperwork August 25, 2008. VATE has to file electronically by November 15, 2008.
  - C. Brent is interested in taking the affiliate chair.
  - D. VATE will hold static positions until the end of the conference to sustain continuity.
- VI. New Business:
- A. Review of VATE/ NCTE Conference reimbursements will be discussed at the next board meeting.
- VII. Announcements:
- A. The next meeting will take place January 10, 2009, at JMU.
- VIII. Adjournment:
- A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.