

VATE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Saturday, December 1, 2007, 10:30 a.m.
Harrisonburg, VA

I. Call to order, adoption of the agenda

II. Welcome and Introductions

Present: Chris Woods, Carrie Perry, Yvonne Maisel, Leila Christenbury, Chuck Miller, Hood Frazier, Sandra Whitaker, Jan Suppa-Friedman, Adria Merritt, Robert Williams, Mary Davis, Linda MacCleave

III. Executive Officers' Reports

- a. Yvonne Maisel will record this meeting
- b. Looking for Secretary for meeting minutes – Chris Woods knows volunteers
 - i. Leila Christenbury moves that we commend Jewel for excellent work and send a card.
Motion passed
 - ii. Amending meeting minutes – spelling of names, add into minutes Tracy has expectations regarding VELAS. Motion to amend minutes approved.
- c. Treasurer's Report: Leila Christenbury – no major changes. The report was filed and accepted.
- d. Executive Secretary's Report and Conference Coordinator's Report: Chuck Miller
 - i. Sent out postcards to those members who owe dues
 - ii. Hearing back from affiliates regarding VATE membership push
 - iii. Passed around award example
 - iv. Two schools' entire English staff joined
 - v. 2008 conference contract signed
 - vi. 2009 conference – Hospitality House in Williamsburg
 - vii. Would like to increase affiliate representation in publications
 - viii. Discussed change in Policy Manual regarding dues/rebates/ grants. Would like brief written report at the fall conference Executive Board meeting from affiliates. Made motion to pass these changes. Motion passed and will take effect January 1, 2008
 - ix. Affiliate seed money; we will hold local affiliate designations until Dorothy is present
 - x. Motion to raise student dues from \$10 to \$15 for VATE. Motion was passed; Chris mentioned Dorothy would be looking to service students joining individually
- e. President-Elect's Report: Chris Woods
 - i. Chris has met with Tara regarding any changes to 2008 conference location
- f. Past President's Report: Hood Frazier
 - i. Introduction of newly elected members for 2008
- g. Vice-President's Report: Sandra Whitaker
 - i. Presented report regarding authors as speakers for 2008 conference
 - ii. Question posed about Bartoletti: Is this keynote speaker a large enough draw for conference? Yes. Entire line up looks nice.
 - iii. Considered costs of speakers in relation to this year's conference, as well as changes to conference schedule in terms of finances
 - iv. Motion to accept the line-up passed.
 - v. Sandra will collaborate with Chuck to form conference contracts.
- h. District President's Reports: No report
- i. Student Affiliates' Reports: No report
- j. Members-at-Large:
 - i. Elementary: Nancy Webb/Peggy Gearhart -- absent
 - ii. Middle: Adria Merritt/Shelah Novak – would be great if VATE could offer a database of writers, poets at middle school level – will work on it along with Sarah
 - iii. Secondary: Liz Simons/Kathryn Geranos
 - iv. College: Jeannine Perry/ KaaVonnia Hinton-Johnson/ Gena Soathall – wants to offer Foster B Gresham award
- k. NCTE Liaison: Jan Suppa-Friedman
 - i. Notebook from NCTE Affiliate of Excellence Award is coming
 - ii. Carrie and Jan submitting for next year as well; working to resolve due date disconnect
 - iii. Reviewed Jan's report
- l. VSRA Liaison: Silvia Babcock – No report
- m. VDOE Liaison: Tracy Robertson – No report
- n. VCEE Liaison: Robert Williams –
 - i. Approved Hood as in-coming chair at meeting in NYC;
 - ii. Looking to increase visibility in SOL progress – CEE visibility in terms of policy advocacy
 - iii. Increase membership fees from \$4 to \$10
- o. VETEC Liaison: Chad Sansing - No report
- p. SLATE Liaison: Deborah Carrington

- i. We will have a table at next conference; perhaps workshop
 - ii. Censorship, district policies, and teacher challenges in TX, WV; *Golden Compass* issue
 - iii. Draft a response to contemporary literature, such *Golden Compass*
 - iv. Possible roundtable regarding controversial book teaching
- q. NCTE *Achievement in Writing Award*: Erica Jacobs
 - i. Erica is stepping down after 2008. We will need to advertise the position.
- r. NCTE *Promising Young Writers Award*: Roark Mulligan – No report
- s. *Excellence in Student Literary Magazine Award* – open position
- t. Multicultural Liaison: Mary Davis – No report
- u. Public Relations Report: Jodi Denny – No report not present
- v. Webmaster's Report: Linda MacCleave
 - i. VATE website receives second NCTE award
 - ii. Website report submitted

IV. Standing Committees

- a. Publications: Carolyn Mathews
 - i. *The Needle's Eye*: Yvonne Maisel – due date Jan10
 - ii. *The Virginia English Bulletin*: Robert Williams – *VEB* is using totally electronic manuscripts. *VEB* is now in the EBSCO database, and we need to note this on the VATE website
 - iii. Special: Vacant
- b. Affiliate Chair: Dorothy Suskind – No report
- c. Policy and Practice Manual Revisions: Linda MacCleave – No report

V. Old Business

- a. Tapping Teachers of Color project for 2008 conference – focus on Roanoke area
- b. Conference 2007 financial report
 - i. No treasurer report yet
 - ii. Bill from Holiday Inn was reviewed by Chuck and Carrie mistakes; still some outstanding checks
 - iii. Review conference expenditures from treasurer's report
 - iv. We should consider keeping conference in the same location yearly
 - v. Olympics for English brought up by Carrie

VI. New Business

- a. Changes re affiliate dues: Chuck Miller
 - i. Clarification of points regarding membership benefits; motion to make change for Policy Manual approved
 - ii. Suggest adding more copies of publication per membership type – consider distributing per individual teacher rather than building level memberships.
 - iii. Questions: mailing costs, number of teachers, how many extras or how many less do we need to run, building level memberships
 - iv. Wider distribution of the *Needle's Eye* could increase membership

VII. Announcements

- a. Copenhagen in Richmond
- b. Literary Map of Tidewater area
- c. The next VATE Executive Board Meeting will be held: March 1st in Charlottesville, VA – location TBA, 10-2
- d. Chris noted that we have five meetings per year
- e. Proposed meeting dates: June 7th in Roanoke, August 2nd in Richmond, Oct 24th at VATE Fall conference, and Dec 6th location TBA

VIII. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.