

VATE Executive Board Meeting  
Saturday, May 2, 2009 10:30 a.m.  
Ivy Creek School, Charlottesville, VA

- I. Call to order, adoption of agenda – Meeting started at 10:37 Adria Merritt, Chuck Miller, Sarah Tanner-Anderson, Jan Suppa-Friedman, Lynn Armstrong, Rafe Telsch, Mary Davis, Chris Woods
- II. Welcome and Introductions – Lynn Armstrong is our new HS member
- III. Reports
  - A. Secretary's Report – minutes adopted via email and posted
  - B. Webmaster's Report – Linda MacCleave – Proposed change from president will appoint a conference treasurer to finance committee will appoint. We will table this discussion until the July meeting due to the need for further discussion. Points – President is no longer the conference chair – president-elect is, one role should streamline the checks – they could say VATE on the conference checks, etc. Be sure to look at a financial plan for VATE – reevaluate the budget and finance committee. (New conference roles developed and approved by conference committee should satisfy this issue)
  - C. Public Relations – Kathryn Geranios - will report July
  - D. Multi-Cultural Liaison – Mary Davis – no multicultural award this year, book list is coming together well.
  - E. Excellence in Student Literary Magazines – Frejya Bergthorson – will report in July
  - F. NCTE Promising Young Writers Award – Roark Mulligan – will report in July
  - G. NCTE Achievement in Writing Award – Troy Ketch - will report in July
  - H. SLATE Liaison – Deborah Carrington – will report in July
  - I. VETAC Liaison – Rafe Telsch – reported that Virginia Society for Tech and Ed is holding conference Thanksgiving weekend, VETAC meets later this month
  - J. VCEE Liaison – Hood Frazier – email report submitted and read aloud – VCEE changes/updates are going well.
  - K. VDOE Report – Tracy Robertson - email report submitted
  - L. VSRA Liaison – Silvia Babcock – will report in July
  - M. NCTE Liaison – Jan Suppa-Friedman – all NCTE awards/nominations, in process, Advocacy Day was a success, National Day on Writing – what does VATE want to do – will discuss more in July
  - N. Members-At-Large
    1. Elementary – Anita Gill-Anderson/Nancy Webb – will attend/report in July
    2. Middle – Shelah Novak/Arleatrice Winters – it was brought up to add 3 tasks to the position: 1) recruit members 2) write and/or solicit articles 3) submit/solicit conference proposals
    3. Secondary – Brent Fleisher/Lynn Armstrong – Lynn attended to introduce herself to the board
    4. College – Mary Beth Cancienne-Acgtblu/Gena Southall – will report in July
  - O. Student Affiliate Report – no report
  - P. District President's Report – PATE mini-conference was a success, made a connection with English Speakers Union
  - Q. Vice President's Report – Advocacy Day – so worthwhile, 2010 ideas, VATE Affiliate Showcase, POETS Program.
  - R. Past-President's Report – Carrie Perry – report submitted via email – need nominations for VP, all 4 member positions, proposed we go to electronic elections – will discuss further in July (Rafe Telsch is working on concept)
  - S. President-Elect's Report – Adria Merritt – reported on conference progress - how many proposal slots/blend of the grade level focus, Teachers for the Dream –

- candidates in progress, speaker contracts are confirmed: Pritchett \$200, Duple \$400 plus travel t.b.d., Erksine – free, Christie - \$1,000 plus expenses t.b.d., Affiliate Showcase, conference progress is good, maybe start a collegiate strand (VELAS do a session on, "What do you want to hire as a coordinator?")
- T. Executive Secretary's and Conference Coordinator's Report – Chuck Miller
  - U. Treasurer's Report – emailed and reported on by Chuck Miller – budget is low, may need to consider cuts and/or using other resources
  - V. President's Report – Chris Woods – Conference 2008 treasury closed and 2009 treasury is set up with \$1,500 from the vendors to date, Leila (will receive Francis Wimer Award), will officially ask/appoint Peggy Gearhart VATE treasurer, need to fill positions: Affiliate Chair, conference treasurer, HS member – all the usual year end positions.
- IV. Standing Committee Reports
- A. Publications – Carolyn Matthews
    - 1. Needle's Eye – Sara Zeek – what do we want in the newsletter? Research? Keep everything the same – Jan has a rubric to help remind you of the goals
    - 2. VEB – Robert Williams – will report in July
  - B. Affiliate Chair – position vacant
  - C. Policy and Practice Revision – Linda MacCleave
- V. Old Business – VATE Conference 2008 closed out
- VI. New Business – Reimbursement for Rafe Telsch (from expenses for snacks, etc. from Saturday night's VATE Board get-together), Gift for Lynn Payne and Rafe Telsch for conference committee
- VII. Announcements – Carrie Perry is VATE's High School Teacher of the Year
- VIII. Adjournment – Adjourned at 2:23