

## VATE Annual Conference Survey

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

VATE Member: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, # of years of membership: \_\_\_\_\_

Attended VATE Conference previously: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, # of conferences attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Rate the following factors regarding their importance to you when choosing whether or not to attend a VATE conference.

- |   | 1             | 2                  | 3         | 4              |
|---|---------------|--------------------|-----------|----------------|
|   | Not Important | Somewhat Important | Important | Very Important |
| _____ Location  |               |                    |           |                |
| _____ Full Service (restaurant, lounge, room service, meeting facilities, etc.) Hotel                             |               |                    |           |                |
| _____ Refreshment Breaks  |               |                    |           |                |
| _____ Quality of Food   |               |                    |           |                |
| _____ Low Registration Fees   |               |                    |           |                |
| _____ Inexpensive Room Rates/Meal Function Prices   |               |                    |           |                |
| _____ Well-known speakers in the field of English/Language Arts education   |               |                    |           |                |
| _____ Sessions featuring authors for adults   |               |                    |           |                |
| _____ Sessions featuring YA authors   |               |                    |           |                |
| _____ Sessions featuring authors for children   |               |                    |           |                |
| _____ Sessions focusing on teaching ideas and practices   |               |                    |           |                |
| _____ Sessions focusing on classroom research   |               |                    |           |                |
| _____ Sessions featuring multicultural authors and/or strategies for teaching multicultural literature            |               |                    |           |                |
| _____ Sessions featuring poetry   |               |                    |           |                |
| _____ Sessions featuring performance groups such as <i>Poetry Alive</i> and <i>Shenandoah Shakespeare Express</i> |               |                    |           |                |
| _____ Vendor exhibits   |               |                    |           |                |

**Currently, the VATE conference location rotates around the state. The conference is usually in the area in which the VATE president resides. Do you like this arrangement?**

**Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_**

**Would you prefer that the conference be held in a “fixed” location?**

**Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_**

**If your answer is yes, what location would you prefer? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Currently, VATE holds its conferences in hotel meeting facilities. Would you be open to the idea of a conference located on a college campus?**

**Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_**

**In the past, VATE has attempted to sponsor a lesson plan exchange modeled after a similar event at the NCTE convention. If VATE were to continue to sponsor a lesson plan exchange, would you participate in it?**

**Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_**

**VATE traditionally has sponsored a conference that begins at mid-day on Friday and continues through Sunday brunch. In recent years, the conference has begun on Friday morning and continued until Sunday brunch. Consider the time frame of the conference. Number the following possibilities in order of your preference with one as your top choice.**

**\_\_\_\_ Thursday evening through mid-day Saturday**

**\_\_\_\_ Friday morning through Sunday brunch**

**\_\_\_\_ Mid-day Friday through Sunday brunch**

**\_\_\_\_ Friday evening and Saturday morning and afternoon**

**\_\_\_\_ Friday evening and Saturday morning**

**\_\_\_\_ Friday evening and Saturday through evening**

**\_\_\_\_ Saturday morning and afternoon**

**\_\_\_\_ Saturday morning through evening**

**If you previously attended a VATE conference, what aspects of the conference did you especially enjoy?**

**Please provide any other comments you might have to help us improve the conference experience for our members.**

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