

FATE UPDATE : Summer 2004

from the Desk of Susan Graf, President

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Call for Nominations for FATE Officers and Board Members

The FATE Board of Directors invites nominations for FATE officers and several new members for 2004-2005 FATE Board. Elections will be held prior to the annual conference. Newly elected officers and board members will be installed at the annual conference in October. Candidates for the offices of President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer may be nominated by a colleague, or self-nominated. Several Regional Director (both K-12 and college/university) and At-Large board positions are open as well. Open board member positions, candidate criteria, and procedures for nomination will be posted on the FATE web site at www.fate1.org. Once you are on the FATE website, go to the *Committee Room* inside of the schoolhouse, next go to *Nominations and Elections*. There you will find a link that will take you to a page that outlines the criteria and procedures for nominating candidates. Please email your nominations to info@fate1.org by **September 1, 2004**.

Call for Nominations – Mary Collins Award

The Mary L. Collins Award for Excellence in Teacher Education is given each year by the Florida Association of Teacher Educators to a Florida teacher educator/colleague who has made a significant and substantial contribution to the profession in Florida. The award is named for Dr. Mary Collins, Professor of Teacher Education in the Fischler Graduate School of Education at Nova Southeastern University. Dr. Collins is responsible for the “revitalization” of the Florida Association of Teacher Educators and

has made many contributions to teacher education in Florida. Nominees and award recipients **may be either university-based teacher educators or school/district-based teacher educators**. Procedures for nomination and award criteria will be posted on the FATE web site soon at www.fate1.org. Once you are on the FATE website, go to the *Committee Room* inside of the schoolhouse, next go to *Nominations and Elections*. There you will find a link that will take you to the page that outlines the criteria and procedures for submitting nominations for this award. Nominations for the Mary L. Collins Award may be submitted to info@fate1.org by **September 1, 2004**.

2004 FATE/SRATE -- Teacher Education Conference Planning

A Meeting is Scheduled to Plan for the Fall Teacher Education Conference on August 6th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM in Orlando at the Sheraton Safari. If you would like to be more actively involved with FATE, please join one of the conference planning committees by contacting President-Elect Scott Wise at wwise@mail.ucf.edu.

2004 FATE/SRATE Teacher Education Conference – October 13-16

Don't Forget to Mark Your Calendar so that you reserve time in your busy schedules to attend this year's conference. This year one of FATE's own, Cynthia Hutchinson, is President-Elect of the Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators (SRATE). Consequently, FATE is proud to plan and host the SRATE conference, which will be held in conjunction with FATE's annual conference. This presents FATE members with quite a professional opportunity! First of all, it will be like getting two conferences for the price of one! Secondly, colleagues from 15 other states are participating, which means that attendees will have a wide variety of opportunities for networking and learning from others—without having to travel far from home. Conference registration and hotel information will be up on the FATE website in the near future.

*The official **Call for proposals*** has been issued for the 2004 FATE/SRATE Teacher Education Conference in October. You don't have much time left to get your proposal in! **The deadline for submission is Wednesday, August 4th**. You will find the protocol for submitting your proposal on the FATE website at www.fate1.org. Click on "State Conference" in the menu header.

I Am Pleased to Announce that The Florida Association of Colleges of Teacher Education (FACTE) Plans to Contribute to the 2004 Teacher Education Conference in October. FATE looks forward to working more closely with this organization to create a single, strong voice for teacher education. If you would like to learn more about FACTE, visit the FACTE website at <http://www.facte.info/>

FATE Board News

The FATE Board met on May 15th, in Orlando at the Sheraton Safari—the more time board members spend at our future SRATE/FATE conference site (October 2004), the more pleased we are with the selection! The Sheraton's staff is friendly and

accommodating and the hotel's new beds are especially comfy! Don't miss the breakfast buffet when you attend the conference this fall—it offers just about anything that you would want for breakfast (unless you are a cold pizza fan).

Four New Board Members Were Nominated, and Their Appointments Approved by the Board. The following people have agreed to serve FATE as board members for the next one to two years. Congratulations to:

Monica Schlosser, Regional Director—South, K-12 Representative

Patty Plourde—At-Large K-12 Representative

E Faye Wisner—At-Large Community College Representative

Rebekah Bliss—At-Large Graduate student Representative

Until Next Time

Farewell for now. We look forward to seeing you at the conference planning meeting (August 6th), or, at our fall conference scheduled for October 13-16. In the meantime, don't forget to:

- Visit the FATE website at www.fate1.org and go to the *Committee Room* to find the *Nominations & Elections* link and obtain information about nominating yourself, or a colleague to run for a position on the FATE Board—or nominating someone deserving for an award.
- Submit a proposal for the FATE/SRATE conference (deadline August 4th--the procedure and forms are on the fate website at www.fate1.org).
- Consider becoming more actively involved in FATE by serving on the Conference Planning Committee. Contact Scott Wise at wwise@mail.ucf.edu
- Continue to spread the word about FATE and enlist new members (membership forms are on the FATE website). The board would especially like to encourage the recruitment of teacher educators from the K-12 sector (cooperating teachers, mentor teachers, principals, people who provide staff development, etc.). With an eye on FATE's goal of becoming the voice for teacher education in Florida, let's make this a banner year for engaging **all of those who play a role** in the education of our teachers!