



WINTER 2005 NEWSLETTER

As we wrap up from the board meeting and approach the national conference, I want to share the following items before we head to Chicago. Feel free to contact me anytime if you have any questions, comments or suggestions. Thanks!

FATE BOARD Vacancies

I followed up on your directive to contact board members who did not contribute to the January meeting. Confirmation letters were received from each member. Only Gwynne Carpenter announced her intent to resign her position. Therefore, there are currently only three (3) positions open on the FATE board. They are:

Grad Student, CFO and Regional Director, West-Central, PK-12. Everyone is reminded to continue thinking about possible candidates for consideration. Send names and contact information to Fancy at ffunk.cpt.fsu.edu. More on this after the ATE conference. Thanks.

FATE BOARD Email Directory

The attached directory is updated and includes our latest addition, Vicki Giordano, who as an ex-officio member assisting us this year with issues related to communications. She is on deck to edit the E-Journal of FATE and might also assist with website & newsletter updates. Welcome Vicki!

FATE BOARD Duties

Our main focus Jan-March is the completion of the respective MEMBERSHIP CONTACT LISTS. Contact Monica, Membership Committee Chair, if you have any questions or suggestions. Refer to the attached email directory to contact her.

2005 Florida Teacher Education Conference

Doug and I have been in contact with the Sheraton and FACTE reps for the past several weeks. As a result, Doug has requested that the Sheraton reserve **OCTOBER 6-8** for the conference. He will bring a copy of the hotel contract to ATE, Chicago for us to review. The Sheraton will need an answer and signed contract upon our return.

ATE Chicago Delegates

Monica contacted us last week and will not be able to represent Florida. Therefore, Doug will join Alicia for this two-day event in Chicago. I received a message today that Florida is one of only eight (8) states that registered delegates on time. Yea us!

ATE Awards

Although our By-laws and Unit Report are in the hands of the ATE Executive Director (David Ritchey), we did not meet the deadline for applying for the national awards for the 2003-2004 fiscal year. We are however documenting the accomplishments of FATE (2004-2005) and will be submitting for all three awards, including the Outstanding Unit, in October. Fancy will be asking all of us to contribute information to these applications. More on this at the May 14th meeting in Orlando.

FATE Board @ ATE

The conference calendar is now posted on ate1.org. All members of the FATE board are encouraged to become familiar with the conference (layout, terms, etc.) as an orientation to our 'parent company'. FATE officers are required to hold national membership and all board members are encouraged to explore the opportunities afforded members. **THIS YEAR WE ARE CONTRIBUTING TO ATE WITH A PLAN.** The four (4) major events that could benefit our "unit" are listed below, with the persons who I think are participating.

ATE Delegate Assembly: Doug MacIssac & Alicia Mendoza*

Legislative Workshop: Doug MacIsaac & W. Scott Wise

Leadership Academy: Susan Graf & Marliese Hogan

Council of Unit Presidents: Doug MacIsaac & W. Scott Wise

The board decided to compensate Doug & Alicia for their report to FATE having contributed to the Delegate Assembly. I will be recommending in May that we compensate Doug for a report summarizing the findings from the Legislative Workshop. Although Alicia is not an official member of the FATE board, she will also mentor Doug and me in both the Legislative Workshop and CUP meetings. Thanks Alicia!

FATE BOARD MEETING

Last year in Dallas the board members got together informally to discuss the conference as it related to our state unit. (See www.fate1.org/conference/minutes.htm for the minutes of that meeting.) We're planning to meet again this year on **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16th @ 10:00 AM**. Until we are told differently, the meeting room will be the same one that houses the SRATE breakfast.

FATE RECEPTION honoring Alicia Mendoza, ATE Distinguished Member

For the second year in a row, FATE is privileged to sponsor a reception honoring the Distinguished ATE Member. Mark your conference itinerary for **TUESDAY, 7:30-9:00**. Congratulations Alicia!

Other ATE Events of Note

Cyndee Hutchinson, Fancy Funk and other FATE members will be contributing to the ATE conference as presenters again this year. Browse through the program and you'll find many other presentations and events that might lead to us determine the **THEME** and **FORMAT** of the 2005 conference. That's right, we still haven't decided on the conference theme **OR** the number of paper presentations, roundtables, panel discussions, Special Interest Groups (SIGS) etc. for **OUR** conference. Watch for post-ATE email messages soliciting your ideas.

SRATE BREAKFAST (Tuesday, 7AM) and **PLANNING MEETING (following the breakfast)**
Several FATE members will be contributing to the Annual SRATE Breakfast again this year. Cyndee is the reigning president and will be giving the 2004 conference report, including the announcement of over \$5000+ SRATE conference profit share. Following the breakfast we plan to hold the **1st Annual SRATE Planning Meeting**; an informal gathering of the folks putting together the Nashville conference, October 20-22, 2005.

That's all for now. Thanks for taking the time out of your busy life to attend to the business of FATE. Contact Monica at your earliest convenience and we'll be well on our way to a very successful conference in October. We'll see many of you in Chicago!