



**FATE 2012 SPRING BOARD MEETING  
MAY 19, 2012  
University of North Florida, Jacksonville  
Minutes**

Officers:	Position:	Attendance:
Jane Govoni	President	Present
Madalina Tanase	President-elect Conference Chair	Present
Valerie Wright	Secretary	Present
Stephen McPherson	Treasurer	Present
Wanda Lastrapes	Past-President	Present
<b>AT-LARGE DIRECTORS</b>		
Natalia "Naty" DuBois	PK-12, At Large Director	Present
Terrie Sypolt	College & Univ	Absent
Susan Caldwell	State/Comm College	Present
Samuel Bennett	Business	Absent
	Grad Student	Present
<b>REGIONAL DIRECTORS</b>		
Genae Crump	Panhandle PK-12	Absent
Mark Howse	Panhandle C&U	Absent
Sharon Joca	Crown PK-12	Present
Darby Delane	Crown C&U	Present
Renee Bleczinski	East Central PK-12	Absent
	East Central C&U	
Jillian (Jill) Kornick	West Central PK-12	Present
Marie Byrd-Blake	West Central C&U	Present
Lisa Helfrich	South PK-12	Absent
Gloria Pelaez	South C&U	Absent
<b>Ex-Officio Members</b>		
Jeffrey Kaplan	Editor Journal	Absent
Priscilla Boerger	Editor Newsletter	Present
Steve Valiquette	Web Master	Absent

**Welcome and Introductions - Jane Govoni, President**

Larry Daniels, Dean of Education, welcomed everyone to the meeting on the UNF campus and gave out gifts to everyone – coffee mug with UNF logo and treats inside, as well as mini-backpack

## Conference Planning, Madalina Tanase, Chair

- Overview of conference provided
- Conference theme – Removing the restraints: Helping educators overcome burdens to quality instruction
  - 25 paper presentations are in so far
  - 9 round table proposals
  - More proposals coming in – deadline May 21<sup>st</sup>
  - Need help reviewing incoming proposals – Madalina, Wanda, Jane and Jill volunteered to assist
- Pull in campus students at the beginning of fall semester for Student Showcase
  - Special rate for students to attend
  - Student Showcase will be in the same format with a prize or prizes given out in a drawing
- Conference schedule
  - Panel – *Teacher Performance Appraisal Systems*
    - Stephen McPherson and vice president of virtual school will participate on the panel
    - Marie Byrd-Blake will be the moderator for the panel
  - Friday's keynote opening speaker: no confirmation as of yet Diane Ravitch?
    - Plan B: Dr. Alberto Carvalho, Ron Clark, Lisa Delpit, Erin Gruwell (author of Freedom Writers); \$1500 for travel and stipend
    - Madalina and the conference team will have some flexibility in choosing the opening speaker
    - Board is okay with allowing any of the opening speakers to conduct a book signing
  - If Freedom Writer author, add book into UNF curriculum to motivate students to attend
  - Move showcase to after panel right before reception
  - Otilia Salmon will work on getting entertainment for Friday night and Saturday's luncheon
  - Saturday – breakout sessions
    - Concern about too many choices and not enough people attending; can we lower the options; how can we get people to stay all day; possible drawings at the end of the day; gift baskets; local businesses donate and get put into the conference program
  - Change last session time to 3:00
    - Closing session at 3:00 will also be business meeting as well and offer light refreshments and drawing to get members to attend
  - Think about conference bags being sponsored by UNF this year instead of SLU
  - Susan Caldwell working on conference program – will work with Madalina closely once schedule is completed
    - Voted on cover – 5 choices: top choice is one with man on mountaintop if we can change it to a child instead, second choice hand holding globe
  - Stephen will create the nametags; will purchase plastic nametag holders (ask participants to recycle the holders for next year by placing them in the bin at the end of each day:
  - Need to purchase stamp for Non-Profit status (required statement)
  - Hampton Inn and Suites (\$89) is the conference hotel (no charge for any rooms not taken) Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> is reservation deadline
    - 4 rooms for Thursday, 15 rooms for Friday night (Blocks) add link to website for conference websites
    - Ask about natural disaster clause and get reservation link for FATE website
    - Quality Suites is our beach hotel (\$129 per night) no reduced conference rate; will be given as a choice
  - Still working on lunch menus catering through Student Union
  - Classrooms are booked for sessions in Education Building
- Newsletter is up on website – thanks to Priscilla! Viewed spring newsletter, very attractive and professional looking
- Tour of campus/areas for upcoming conference

## Lunch

### OFFICERS & DIRECTORS' BOARD MEETING

#### Secretary's Report - Approval of Winter 2012 Board Meeting

- Revisions to attendance: Valerie Wright was absent
- Motion made to approve the minutes from Priscilla, seconded by Stephen
- APPROVED

#### Treasurer's Report

- Handout of conference budget was provided, as well as FATE budget
- State and tax business has been completed and filed, as well as paperwork for tax status
- 1 check returned from conference; not a debt that is collectable because we are a charitable corporation; letter sent asking for payment – no payment received as of yet
- YTD \$6000 in deposits; expenses of \$15,000+ mostly due to fall 2011 conference; individual line items were reviewed; balance of \$18,916.15
- What we predicted for the conference and what happened was different; projected revenues are going to be \$2000-3000 short
- Keep projected budget numbers low so we stay in the black
- Need to get with SRATE and see what their projected numbers are; everything should be split 50/50 so we need to get it in writing
- Shoot for numbers on current budget sheet and not on the conference budget sheet
- Give Duval County (and any others) an opportunity to allow professional development points to participants – have 5 regional directors take on this task
- One way budget was tweaked – one single payment now to the Website Editor (\$1000) to work from conference-to-conference
- Each Region have a basket and do drawings to raise money at annual conference and take out money allotted in the budget for the Regional meetings
- Raffles for scholarships
  - Several board members will create and donate gift baskets for the fall conference; donations to Funk Scholarship (Priscilla, Valerie, Darby, Jill, Jane, Marie); Priscilla will bring raffle tickets; Jane will contact regional directors about this opportunity: Wanda will contact Fancy about asking her organization for a basket to raffle
- Need FATE letter to solicit donations from businesses
- Once more information from SRATE arrives, the budget can be more finalized

#### Committee Reports:

##### Communications & Publications

- Viewed spring newsletter on website
- Journal – Current editor informed President that he would be sending journal articles; still have not received anything
  - Should we drop the journal or keep it and find another person/entity to run it?
  - UF and UNF will explore taking over the journal
- Facebook/Twitter - Susan Wegman has resigned from the Board and her position (Membership)
  - Jill has volunteered to be in charge of FATE's Facebook and Twitter accounts
  - Motion to approve Jill as our Facebook/Twitter person was made and APPROVED
  - Website was cleaned up - Steve Valiquette has done a great job; please email him if you would to give any suggestions or have regional information posted; possibly post regional members' names/bios/pictures

- Each regional director needs to update their information on the website – Jane will email directors to let them know
- Motion to approve Rebecca Ogletree Ingrid Cumming to the Board to fill in the East Central C & U position immediately was moved and APPROVED

### **Legislative & Policy**

- Current problem with transitioning new Treasurer: Treasurer is to hand over the position to the new person at the end of the conference, while bills come in after the conference – not a tenable situation
- Article 7 Section D6 of the bylaws needs to change to “assist in transferring all records to the incoming Treasurer.” instead of at the “by the close of the “Annual Meeting.”
- Motion was made and APPROVED to bring to October Business Meeting for membership approval
- Wanda will present this motion at the Business Meeting in October
- Add a new item #7 under Treasurer’s position to read “serve the position of key Executive for banking purposes.”
- Motion was made and APPROVED
- Executive Director position – delete position from the bylaws? Need this position? Board decided it can stay in the bylaws, no need to take out right now; will discuss more in the fall

### **Membership**

- Currently we don’t have anyone in the membership position
- Stephen will update membership email lists right now based on conference participants
- Priscilla Boerger appointed as Membership chair; will develop welcoming letter and share with Board
- Memberships are updated at annual conference; lists will be provided to individual regional directors

### **Nominations & Elections**

- Complete – thanks to Terrie Sypolt

### **Awards**

- Scholarship winners have been identified (only 4 applied; but all were highly qualified and worthy of winning)
- Still need nominations for Mary L. Collins award
- Deadline will be extended
- Board members will seek colleagues to nominate and send to Marie Byrd-Blake by June 15<sup>th</sup>

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- ATE is asking for \$200 for a quarter page in the Boston ATE Summer Conference program
- Should this be made a line item into the annual budget?
- Budget is already tight
- Will pass on this request since we have already given money this past year (February Conference and LFTE)

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **SRATE 2013 Conference**

- Will take place in Sarasota, Florida at USF
- Marie Byrd-Blake shared a handout with pertinent information on Sarasota and conference accommodations
- October 10-12, 2013 date proposed
- Motion to approve Sarasota as the destination and the date for the 2013 SRATE conference – APPROVED

- Motion to approve theme and strands with flexibility allowed for SRATE recommendations; motion was never moved to a vote, members will email Marie thoughts/suggestions on the theme to highlight the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary (and possible Diamond concept)
- Terrie Sypolt is assistant chair for conference committee
- Bob Wise, former governor of West Virginia suggested as a speaker submitted by Stephen (Digital Learning Now!)
- Clear expectations need to be provided by SRATE Board/Executive Director over the sharing of funds and tasks
- Review SRATE bylaws for information related to conference – send comments to Jane
- Play up 60<sup>th</sup> year of SRATE for conference – this could be a big draw for participants
- Email suggestions for conference theme to Marie

**NEXT MEETING:**

- October 5, 2012 FATE Board Meeting

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