



*Mission: To promote the professional aims of the teaching of English and Language Arts.*

**Business Meeting Minutes  
5 November 2022**

- I. **Call to Order** (1:00 p.m.)
- II. **Approval of Agenda:** Motioned by Eileen; Seconded by Jon
- III. **Roll Call of Members**

Present (Onsite)

Kristie Ennis, President & Co-Membership  
Emma Gibbs, Writing Contest Director (New)

Present (Online)

Sarah Webster, Conference Chair & Co-Membership; website  
Aretha Whaley, High School Vice President  
Amy Clancy, Immediate Past President  
Jon Cullick, Secretary  
Eileen Shanahan, College Vice President  
Brandi Borgemenke, Elementary School Vice President (New)  
Patti Slagle, Treasurer  
Winn Wheeler, *KEB* Editor  
Hollye Wright, Newsletter Editor  
Kristen Tinch, KDE Liaison  
Kennita Ballard, Diversity Chair  
Cody McNeely, Awards (New)

Not Present

Sabrina Tackett, Middle School Vice President  
Elizabeth Dinkins, *KEB* Editor  
Caitlin Murphy, *KEB* Editor  
Debbie Bell, Past President & NCTE Liaison  
Kate Barrows, SLATE Representative

#### **IV. Reading and Approval of Minutes from the Last Meeting**

Motion to Approve by Sarah; Seconded by Aretha

#### **V. Officer/Committee Reports**

a. **Section Vice Presidents**

College, Eileen: No update at this time.

High School, Aretha: No update at this time.

Middle, Sabrina: Sabrina announced that she will need to step away from this position.

b. **Treasurer Report: Patti**

Report Submitted 14-May-2022 to 5-November 2022

PNC Checking Balance \$62,218.18 + PayPal Balance \$1,168.81 = \$63,386.99

5-Nov-22 KCTE Closing Balance: \$63,386.99

c. **KEB Report: Winn**

Report Submitted by editorial team Elizabeth Dinkins, Caitlin Murphy, Winn Crenshaw Sheeler. KEB has been published twice this year—January and July. A fall edition was anticipated but they received few submissions. The deadline has been extended into January. All are invited to submit manuscripts and asked to remember that KEB is a great place not only for scholars and graduate students but also for pre-service teachers to publish. The editorial team is planning sessions at upcoming conferences to increase awareness of publication opportunities. Currently there are 7 reviewers: ELA teachers, teacher educators, scholars. All submissions receive double-blind reviews. The intent is to support writers in bringing their pieces up to level so they are publishable. The website is moving to Scholar Works; the demo is available here: <http://demo.bellarmine.bepress.com/keb/>. They are currently working with John Stemmer, library director at Bellarmine, to index KEB in the EBSCO database.

d. **Newsletter: Hollye**

The newsletter was distributed in July. They are now working on the November issue. Readers are communicating that they like items offering instructional ideas, so they are seeking such materials from KWP.

e. **Website: Sarah**

Google Pay is not working yet. Sarah is exploring the problem and trying to figure it out, but Google is not quickly responsive. Everything else on the site is functioning well.

f. **Writing Contest: Kristie**

A writing contest did not take place this year—the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row. We have received a few college entries but no others. This drop in submissions may be due to ongoing effects of the

pandemic. We are planning to get the contest restarted with marketing and soliciting entries from teachers. Patti suggests advertising on the KWP website. Winn suggests a session at the spring LWP mini-conference in Mid-Feb.

g. **Membership: Kristie**

The website is set up and functioning to accept members/dues. Someone is needed to take over this duty. Tasks include checking the forms and sending out notices regularly.

h. **SLATE: Kristie**

Book challenges have been in the news nationally and in the Jefferson County Public Schools. The Board sided with the teachers. NCTE is supportive of teachers in these situations. KCTE can advocate for teachers. We need to communicate that we can assist them and connect with NCTE. Aretha mentions that Hope in a Box will send teachers a box of books that support LGBTQ students (<https://www.hopeinabox.org/>).

i. **Diversity: Kennita**

Updates on several initiatives: an update to the KCTE website with a statement on diversity and CRT; diverse recruitment for KCTE; a land acknowledgement statement for KCTE meetings/events; creation of scaffolded modules for teaching BIPOC authors with resources/booklist on KCTE website (and links to NCTE booklists); and programs for 23-24 Bell Hooks Day and MLK Day. We could work with schools/student groups/KY African American Heritage Commission on support & collaboration. A Virtual Oratorical Contest for MLK Day could connect to the writing contest. Kristie suggests checking NCTE land acknowledgement statements for guidance.

j. **KDE Liaison Report Submitted: Kristen**

KDE is seeking teachers to collaborate on the Assignment Review Protocol re-release; educators are invited to sign up for updates to the KY Reading Academies LETRS Training; new Writing to Learn Across Disciplines resource is now available on [kystandards.org](http://kystandards.org); Advance Kentucky is an interdisciplinary professional development & mentorship program for teachers of AP courses

## VI. **Conference Report**

- Conference: March 4, 2022 @ Murray State University's Curris Center
- Author Kristin Simmons is coming: <https://www.kristinsimmonsbooks.com/>. She will do a 50-minute session and sell her books in exchange for mileage.
  - In this 50 minute session, critically-acclaimed YA author, Kristen Simmons, will discuss the importance of story as a means of building empathy in a divided world, as well as how writing our own stories, both fictional and not, can deepen our relationships between the characters in our writing and our lives. Writing tips will be given, and participants are welcome to bring questions regarding craft and publication.

- Each board member who submitted a proposal can present one session.

#### **VII. Conference Roles/Needs**

- Exhibits - Latonya Rowe has stepped down as chair; Cody?
- Advertising on a regular schedule (email, social) through February - Section Vice Presidents, Sarah, Hollye
- No Friday evening sessions
- We will meet the day before on Friday for a board meeting at the Hampton Inn in Murray.
  - Meeting at 5 PM CST; contacted the hotel to request the rooms and meeting space. KCT-27EE1B
  - Who is planning to come and will need a room for Friday, March 3?
- Remember to register for the conference
- Board members made recommendations for getting books for the exhibit area

#### **VIII. Unfinished Business**

- Writing Contest - can we add the entries to the *KEB*?
- KCTE Teacher & Administrator of the Year Awards – We need more nominations (we only have one high school right now)
- Jon asks everyone: Please check-update-correct your contact information on the [Board contact Google Doc](#).

#### **IX. New Business**

- Affiliate Webinar: Successful! 18 registered; 12 attended.
- NCTE Plans: Several board members are attending/presenting, Affiliate Breakfast, Business Meeting
  - Kristie, Sarah, Kristen
- KCTE Virtual? We could consider a virtual option, but it requires a lot of personnel and planning.

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Jonathan S. Cullick, Secretary  
7-Nov-2022