

**Association of Teacher Educators
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Call to Order

President Ann Shelly called the 2013 Delegate Assembly to order at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 16, 2013. She welcomed the Delegates and introduced the members of the Board of Directors.

President Shelly asked the members of the Board of Directors to stand and be recognized. She then introduced the Past Presidents and Distinguished Members who were in the room and asked them to stand. She said they were the lifeblood of the association and led a round of applause for them.

President Shelly introduced ATE's Parliamentarian, Don Boileau. Don Boileau said he had served in his position for 40 years. He reminded the Delegates that this meeting would only be one day instead of two. He said the Delegate Assembly is the ultimate policy setting group for ATE. Delegates have two main functions: to attend the Delegate Assembly meeting, and to report back to their state units. This second responsibility is very important, since Delegates become the link back to the unit from ATE national. He noted that he is available to ATE members and the state units if they have questions or need assistance. He said if anyone had questions they should contact him; he'd be willing to respond throughout the year.

Report of the Credentials Committee

Billi Bromer made the Credentials Committee report for Sylvia Martin, Credentials Chair. She reported that her committee had seated a quorum of delegates.

Approval of Agenda

President Shelly brought up the agenda. She said there was a lot to cover and the move to a one-day format would require some flexibility.

Motion by Hertzog, Pennsylvania, seconded by Nicholas, Maryland to approve the agenda with flexibility. Motion passed by voice vote.

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

President Shelly noted that all Delegates had received the draft minutes of the last meeting, held February 11-12, 2012 in San Antonio. She called for a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion by McCarthy, Nevada, seconded by Swales, Indiana, to approve the minutes of the last meeting as written. The motion passed by voice vote.

Report of the President

President Shelly presented her report. She said this has been one of the most challenging years of her career. Caring about ATE makes every task important and every event vital. She owes a debt of gratitude to the Board and to her fellow officers for their enthusiasm and their support. ATE had completed an office move right around the time of the Summer Conference in Boston. She said it had been a wonderful Summer Conference and she offered thanks to Emma Savage-Davis and Judy Beck, co-chairs of the Summer Conference Planning Committee and their entire committee for the work they had done. The 2013 Annual Meeting in Atlanta is well on its way to becoming memorable, and she offered thanks to Linda Houser and Ryan Flessner, co-chairs of the Annual Meeting Planning Committee and their entire committee for the work they have done. She said she had relearned the lesson we all learn as teachers – no one is an island and we all need each other. So she offered congratulations to all members of ATE for a wonderful year.

President Shelly said she was in awe at the work the Planning Committee had done putting together the plans for the 2013 Annual Meeting. She said Linda Houser and Ryan Flessner have been working hard with a super committee to develop the entire program. The program book is truly a collaborative effort with John and Christie McIntyre taking the lead. Linda Fisher is super with the planning for special events. The Preservice Strand and the Leadership Academy are ready to go.

The Strategic Planning Task Force has worked so hard and the Delegate Assembly has deliberated so carefully that President Shelly said she was glad we have a wonderful, working product. The task force has moved ahead to complete this first round of planning with the development of possible activities. She commended the whole task force and noted that Debbie Barnes and Shirley Lefever-Davis have been true collaborative leaders.

The basic theme for her year as President is “Living and Learning Across a Lifetime.” Her focus continues to include: (1) Leadership development (bringing in as many new “middle” members as we can through the planning committees to develop succession leadership, bringing in new “middle” members for governance, especially the standing committees, as possible). The committee appointment process is one that has taken much more time than she had anticipated (even with warnings from Past Presidents). She is hoping that the Committee on Governance will be able to help develop a stronger system. There are so many challenges in the current process. (2) Developing an active advocacy program so that we can speak quickly and with authority (with the assistance of Strategic Planning and standing committees). The memorandum of understanding with AACTE will actively support the development of our own advocacy efforts. (3) Continuing the focus on Strategic Planning and making sure we are prepared for whatever comes. (4) With partnerships so much in our minds, the developing relationship with Kappa Delta Pi is a joy to see. The agreement with KDP will be signed at the Atlanta Annual Meeting.

The Commission on Transforming Graduate Education is chaired by Shirley Lefever-Davis and Renee Clift. President Shelly said she is looking for “out of the box” thinking from the group. The Task Force on Field Standards is co-chaired by David Byrd and Janice Thompson. That group will bring our already good Standards for Field Experiences in Teacher Education up to date and help us build on our history and expertise. The Task Force on Governance (based on the Strategic Plan) is chaired by Past President Jim Alouf. The Ad Hoc Committee on Nominations and Elections Procedures was headed by Past President Terrell Peace and has presented its report.

The ATE-Europe meeting in Latvia, Riga and the World Federation of Associations for Teacher Education meeting in Nairobi were fascinating and challenging as attendees from around the world found out how much they have in common. The WFATE Directorate is meeting in Atlanta and that should be a crucial meeting as the group finalizes its governance. The next biennial meeting of WFATE in China in two years will be planned by Past President and Distinguished Member Jane McCarthy and Maxine Cooper, and President Shelly said she is sure it will be an interesting event.

On a personal note, President Shelly said her role as Graduate Dean at Ashland University has been challenging (as all of higher education is challenged). During a time of economic difficulties and programmatic challenges, she has had the opportunity to see the best of the possible futures and the worst case scenarios. We are truly facing a time of challenges for us as educators, she said. As always she remains grateful for the wonderful professionals at Ashland University and at ATE. Although her projected retirement date from Ashland is getting closer, she said she will probably never retire from ATE. She is looking forward to serving with Nancy Gallavan as President during the coming year.

Report of the President Elect

President Elect Gallavan then presented her report. In January, she met face-to-face with the co-chairs of the ATE 2014 Annual Meeting. Since the co-chairs, Freddie Bowles and Cathy Pearman, live within a few hours of each other and President Elect Gallavan, Freddie Bowles graciously allowed them to hold their own retreat at her home in Fayetteville, Arkansas. The meeting was productive and rewarding. St. Louis looks like an exciting site for the Annual Meeting.

Also in January, President Elect Gallavan participated in a conference call with the co-chairs of the ATE 2013 Summer Conference. Walt Polka and Noran Moffett attended to the many details with her and are eager to share the wonders of DC, especially the special event to be held at the National Geographic Society. 2013 is the 125th anniversary of the founding of NGS and the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King, Jr.’s “I Have a Dream” speech. Both events will be highlighted this summer.

President Elect Gallavan said she has developed two commissions and one task force. One commission is Classroom Assessments chaired by Lynn Kelting-Gibson from Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana. This commission will examine the roles and responsibilities of classroom assessment principles and practices that contribute to increasing student achieve, enhancing teacher self-efficacy, improving school programs,

and transforming the educational enterprise—four critical elements of advancing teacher education that matters.

The second commission is Classroom Teachers as Associated Teacher Educators (ATE) chaired by Caroline Crawford, University of Houston, Clear Lake, Texas. This commission will consider the research and resources available to classroom teachers and that ATE can promote combined with the technological avenues that ATE can establish to inform and support our vital educational preparation partners in the field. Her quest is for ATE to become the “go to” place for classroom teachers serving as cooperating teachers, mentors, supervisors, school administrators, etc.

President Elect Gallavan has appointed a task force to address organizational and operational policies and procedures, chaired by Ann Shelly. The members of this task force are charged with describing current structures and functions coupled with identifying and recommending improvements for the association. Perhaps a graphic representation can be constructed to guide members, especially new members.

As chair of the ATE Commission on Teacher Self-Efficacy, President Elect Gallavan said that the members of the commission will make two presentations at the 2013 Annual Meeting in Atlanta. One session is an invited featured session where the purposes and progress of the commission will be shared. The other session will provide summaries of research conducted by commission members.

As co-editor of the ATE Yearbook, she coordinated with co-editor Cheryl Craig the Yearbook sessions for the Annual Meeting in Atlanta. These sessions highlight Yearbook XXI that was distributed in January 2013. Chapters for Yearbook XXII are in the editing process; XXII will be distributed in January 2014. The call for chapters for Yearbook XXIII is included in the ATE 2013 Atlanta meeting material.

The 2012 Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas, was successful in attendance, speakers, presentations, trips, and finances. SRATE 2013 will be held in Sarasota, Florida, on October 10-12, 2013. The ATE 2013 fall board meeting will be held in conjunction with SRATE. Proposals will be due May 3, 2013.

President Elect Gallavan said she has accepted invitations to speak at the Midwest ATE 2013 annual meeting to be held in West Lafayette, Indiana, on Mar 13, 2013, and to moderate a panel at the SRATE 2013 annual conference to be held in Sarasota, Florida, on Oct 10-12, 2013.

Report of the Past President

Past President Jim Alouf then presented his report. Since the last Board meeting, he traveled to Nairobi, Kenya for the WFATE conference. Attendance at the conference included approximately 80 to 100 educators from the African continent. Several key Kenyan officials from the Ministry of Education attended and were actively involved in the conversations that followed many of the presentations. The group took a field trip to

two area schools and was invited to visit a teacher training facility for a discussion of teacher education in Kenya. Although the travel was exhausting, the conference was a very rewarding experience. He learned so much about the culture and the educational issues in Kenya. Their issues are just like the problems that we face in the states. They were keenly interested in providing more technology to their schools, despite the lack of electricity in many of the rural areas of the country. They continue to struggle with retention and poverty in their communities and schools. They debated the merits of content and pedagogy.

It was a very lively and interesting conference, and Past President Alouf said he is looking forward to the next occasion in Beijing in 2014. He will continue to serve on the WFATE Board through this conference.

He is happy to report that the final version of the Strategic Plan will be presented to the Delegate Assembly at this meeting. The Strategic Planning Task Force will officially dissolve following the Atlanta Annual Meeting and the plan itself will become the responsibility of the ATE Board of Directors. He is very proud of this Task Force and he hopes its work will guide the decision-making process for ATE in the months and years ahead. The plan sets important goals for the Association that originated with the membership through several Town Hall meetings. He thanked the Task Force for their hard work, especially Debbie Barnes and Shirley Lefever-Davis, the co-chairs. The Task Force also owes a debt of gratitude to President Ann Shelly for her guidance and wise counsel.

Pas President Alouf said he has also been working with the organization of the Task Force on Governance as it begins to examine the structure and function of ATE governance. The task force will hold a hearing for the membership in Atlanta and he hopes many Delegate Assembly members will attend and participate. It is an important opportunity to discuss the shape of the future for the organization.

He said this would be his last report to the ATE Delegate Assembly. He thanked all the Delegate Assembly members for the opportunity to serve the Association as President. He said it has been a very interesting and rewarding experience, one that he will always cherish. He also thanked ATE members and his friends at Sweet Briar and throughout the profession who have supported him throughout his time on the Board and the presidency. As he leaves the Board, he knows that the future of the Association is bright and he wished all of the Board members the very best in the days and years ahead.

He received a round of applause from the Delegate Assembly for his service.

Report of the Executive Director

The Executive Director reported that things seem to be going for the Association. Delegate Assembly members received income and expense reports for the current fiscal year to date along with the auditor's report on review of ATE's finances and financial report from the previous fiscal year. As mentioned at last meeting, the association showed a shortfall for the year but the Executive Director felt it would be narrowed

considerably by the Annual Meeting. Current year-to-date figures show a surplus of almost \$60,000.

The Executive Director reported on membership saying it has increased slightly in the past year, which is good because he noted the Association has lost a significant number of libraries as members. He said that since the contract with Taylor & Francis was put into place, including printing and distributing *The New Educator* with a higher subscription price, more than 100 libraries have ended their memberships. This represents a loss to the Association of more than \$25,000.

He said he was very concerned about the reduction in the number of library subscriptions. ATE's willingness to take on the journal *The New Educator* was based on increasing library subscription rates and maintaining about the same number of libraries. He said he didn't think ATE lost library subscriptions because of the increased price; rather, he felt it was because libraries are moving to digital content rather than printed journals.

Membership reports are being distributed to the chair of the Association Development and Membership Committee. The Executive Director said he'd be glad to work with the Delegate Assembly, the Board and the committee to grow membership.

He then discussed the ATE office. He said an office move had been completed in August which saved the Association a large amount of money by utilizing a shared office situation. Phone difficulties have been worked out and the office situation seems to be working well.

Report on 2013 Annual Meeting

President Shelly asked Linda Houser and Ryan Flessner to report on the 2013 Annual Meeting in Atlanta. They briefly reviewed the program of planned speakers and entertainment. Ryan Flessner said one of the things the Planning Committee had looked at was policy reactions to immigration. They will be looking at social justice and other aspects of things that should be done.

President Shelly congratulated them for putting together a great program.

Report on 2013 Summer Conference

President Shelly asked Emma Savage-Davis and Judy Beck to present the report on the 2013 Summer Conference which had been held in August in Cambridge, Massachusetts. They said the Summer Conference had been very successful and they were pleased with the results.

Report on Future Meetings

President Shelly asked Past President and Distinguished Member Billy Dixon, who serves as ATE's Meetings Planner, to come forward and talk about future meetings. He said the program books listed the next several meetings. Annual Meeting sites will include St. Louis in 2014, Phoenix in 2015, the Chicago Hilton in 2016, and the Orlando Caribe Royale Hotel in 2017. He then talked about Summer Conference sites. The 2013

Summer Conference will be held in Washington. The 2014 Summer Conference will be held in Niagara Falls, New York. The site for the 2015 Summer Conference is still under discussion.

Report on Final Version of Strategic Plan

President Shelly asked Debbie Barnes and Shirley Lefever-Davis to report on the final version of the Strategic Plan, including a brief synopsis of how it was developed. Debbie Barnes said the Delegate Assembly approved part of it last year. All that has been done in the new version is incorporate new recommendations and assign responsibility for seeing that it is carried out.

Shirley Lefever-Davis said a session on the Strategic Plan would be held during the Annual Meeting in Atlanta.

President Shelly congratulated them, saying they had put together an excellent Strategic Plan to guide the Association in the future.

Report on Fiscal Affairs

President Shelly asked Past President and Distinguished Member Ed Pultorak to provide the report of the Fiscal Affairs Committee in place of Jon Engelhardt, Chair, who was unable to attend the Delegate Assembly meeting. Past President Pultorak said the Fiscal Affairs Committee is charged with reporting annually on the fiscal affairs of the association, and the committee had met and concluded that the fiscal affairs of the association are being handled well.

In 2012 the committee conducted its third mid-year review of the association's finances, and it reported that all seemed to be in good order. A member of the committee, Jim Gaines, had met with the Executive Director and had gone over all the Association's finances and financial procedures. He had selected several payments, checks and deposits at random to make sure the money was received and spent as it was supposed to be and there was a proper "paper trail" for all transactions.

The Fiscal Affairs Committee also reviewed the journals publishing contract with Taylor & Francis and made some recommendations.

As a result of this work, the Fiscal Affairs Committee said it felt the finances of the Association are being handled well and with transparency.

Report from the Legislative and Governmental Relations Committee and Council of Unit Presidents

President Shelly asked Denise Staudt to present the report of the Legislative and Governmental Relations Committee. She said committee members had attended the Advocacy Workshop presented by Jon Gentile of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education and then held a meeting of its own. She said the committee made some additions to the ATE Position Framework.

President Shelly then asked Mary Selke to present the report on the work of the Council of Unit Presidents. She said two more points were being added to ATE's Position Framework. They had to do with program development and assessment of candidates.

Motion by the Legislative and Governmental Relations Committee, seconded by Kathy Walsh, Michigan, to approve the revised ATE Position Framework. In discussion it was pointed out that the complete Position Framework will be posted on the web. Motion passed

Motion by Brown, Tennessee, seconded by Nicholas, Maryland, that responsibility for the Position Framework be moved to the Legislative and Governmental Relations Committee with congratulations to Mary Selke and the Council of Unit Presidents for their work and that the Position Framework be developed with Strategic Plan in mind. Motion passed.

Report from Nominations and Elections Committee

President Shelly asked Laurie Curtis to make the report for the Nominations and Elections Committee in place of Linda Austin, Chair, who was unable to attend the Delegate Assembly meeting.

Laurie Curtis said the Nominations and Elections Committee had reviewed applications and had interviewed two candidates for President Elect: Linda Houser and Robert McLaughlin.

Motion by Brown, Tennessee, seconded by Nicholas, Maryland, to accept Linda Houser and Robert McLaughlin as candidates for President Elect. The motion passed.

Laurie Curtis said the Nominations and Elections Committee had reviewed applications and had interviewed three candidates for At Large seats on the Board of Directors, Walter Polka, Karen Embry Jenlink, and Winona Taylor.

Motion by Jacobs, Ohio, seconded by Nicholas, Maryland, to accept Walter Polka, Karen Embry Jenlink, and Winona Taylor as candidates for At Large seats on the Board of Directors. Motion passed.

Motion by Auton, Virginia, seconded by Whiteman, Ohio, to nominate Ryan Flessner as a candidate for an At Large seat on the Board of Directors from the floor. Motion passed.

Laurie Curtis said the nomination slate for the two At Large seats on the Board would include Walter Polka, Karen Embry Jenlink, Winona Taylor and .

Motion by Whiteman, Ohio, seconded by Nicholas, Maryland, to accept the nomination slates for President Elect and the two At Large seats on the Board of Directors and close nominations. Motion passed.

Laurie Curtis pointed out that any nominations from the floor would need to provide information by March 4. President Shelly thanked her for her report and the committee's work.

Report from the Resolutions Committee

President Shelly asked Past President and Distinguished Member Charlotte Mendoza to present the report of the Resolutions Committee.

Past President Mendoza said the Resolutions Committee had several items of business for the Delegate Assembly to consider. She said a resolution passed in 2008 should be considered again and updated with a change to remove the name of President Bush.

Resolution 2008-1 currently reads as follows:

Resolution 2008-I: Reauthorization of No Child Left Behind (NCLB)

Whereas, No Child Left Behind (NCLB) is present awaiting reauthorization by the US Congress;

Whereas, Numerous education organizations and associations have expressed deep concerns as to the provisions of the law and/or the negative effects of its implementation;

Whereas, Action to reauthorize the law was not taken by the US Congress and has not been signed by the US President; and

Whereas, The Bush Administration has expressed interest in reauthorization of the law for a period of three years;

Action Statement:

Be it resolved that the Association of Teacher Educators supports external, scholarly, impartial, and non-partisan review of the provisions and the positive, negative, and tertiary effects of No Child Left Behind prior to or in conjunction with reauthorization of the law.

Be it further resolved that the Delegate Assembly charge the Board of Directors to communicate the ATE's support for a timely and comprehensive analysis and review of NCLB and that this review be undertaken prior to a lengthy term of reauthorization.

The Resolutions Committee proposes that "the Bush Administration" be amended to "the Obama Administration" and the first Action statement be amended as follows:

Be it resolved that the Association of Teacher Educators supports continued external, scholarly, impartial, and non-partisan review of the provisions and the positive, negative, and tertiary effects of No Child Left Behind prior to or in conjunction with reauthorization of the law.

Motion to approve amending Resolution 2008-1 on Reauthorization of No Child Left Behind with changes proposed by the Resolutions Committee. This is a motion from the Committee and needs no second. The motion passed.

Past President Mendoza said the Resolutions Committee had also considered a proposed Resolution on Self-Efficacy. The Resolutions Committee appreciates the submission of the proposed resolution by the Commission on Teacher Self Efficacy and has decided to refer the proposed resolution to the Board of Directors so that its suggestions may be afforded appropriate action that considers the following:

- The need to update references in support of the concepts offered.
- To reflect recent trends towards increased standardized testing that diminishes opportunities for teacher efficacy concerning their roles and the outcomes of their efforts.

The Resolutions Committee suggests that the Board integrate their results into a revised resolution for action by the Resolutions Committee.

Motion to approve the recommendation to refer the Resolution on Self-Efficacy to the Board of Directors. This is a motion from the Committee and needs no second. The motion passed.

Past President Mendoza said the Resolutions Committee would like to present four new resolutions for the Delegate Assembly to consider. The first is Resolution 2013-1, Call for More Effective Response to Violence.

Resolution 2013-1: Call for More Effective Response to Violence

The Resolutions Committee, at the request of PACTE to address the statement of the 180+ organizations that have endorsed the Statement on Effective Violence Prevention proposes the following resolution:

Whereas, many of our national organizations, along with our whole nation, offer condolences to the families of the lost and wounded of Sandy Hook Elementary, and have endorsed the statement on Effective Violence Prevention;

Be it resolved that the President and Board of Directors of ATE join the 180+ organizations that have endorsed the Statement on Effective Violence Prevention.

Motion to approve Resolution 2013-1, Call for More Effective Response to Violence. This is a motion from the Committee and needs no second. The motion passed.

The next proposed resolution is Resolution 2013-2, Call for Input to Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) Draft Standards.

Resolution 2013-2, Call for Input to Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) Draft Standards

Whereas, the Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) has released draft standards;

Whereas, CAEP is soliciting public comment until March 29th;

Whereas, ATE is invested in quality teacher preparation and the future of accreditation;

Be it resolved, ATE encourages and supports members to offer comments during the public comment period for the CAEP draft standards;

And be it also resolved that the Executive Director immediately solicit input from the membership on the draft standards.

Motion to approve Resolution 2013-2, Call for Input to Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) Draft Standards. This is a motion from the Committee and needs no second. The motion passed.

The third proposed resolution relates to President Obama's recent State of the Union message, in which he proposed supporting universal preschool education. The Resolutions Committee asked the Delegate Assembly to consider supporting Resolution 2013-3, Universal Preschool Education.

Resolution 2013-3, Universal Preschool Education

Preschool education has been shown to be a significant contributor to the subsequent success of children both in school and in life. While there is nearly universal agreement of this connection, and substantial research evidence that 90% of a child's intellectual capacity is developed prior to age five, a large percentage of young children are not afforded the opportunity to derive these benefits, due to a lack of funding and access. On the other hand, the retention of children in primary and secondary grades costs over 14 billion annually, has been shown to have extremely negative effects on those children who are retained, and correlates with a 40 to 50% increase in the likelihood that these retained students will drop out, over those who were never retained.

Whereas we believe providing preschool education for all children who fall into the appropriate age group, is essential for their futures;

And whereas the Association of Teacher Educators is a collective voice to promote best practices in American education;

And whereas we believe this to be an opportune time to lend support to the need for universal preschool education as well as for the preparation of effective early childhood educators;

Now therefore be it resolved that ATE support universal preschool education in the following ways:

- Support the institution of alternate education paths proven successful for those children in lieu of current retention policies.
- Support the use of the 14 plus billion annually spent on retention, to the expansion of high quality preschool programs.
- Increase publications on the nature of and vital importance of preschool education.
- Disseminate knowledge that would support universal preschool education and advocate the elimination of retention on a national level.
- Pursue opportunities for joint ventures between ATE and other organizations in the field of early childhood education.

Be it further resolved that the Board of Directors take appropriate action to achieve these goals and report these actions directly to the Resolutions Committee.

Motion to approve Resolution 2013-3, Universal Preschool Education. This is a motion from the Committee and needs no second. The motion passed.

The fourth resolution concerns value-added modeling.

Resolution 2013-4, Proliferation of Value Added Modeling (VAM) In Teacher Evaluation

Value added modeling (VAM) is a type of statistical analysis that measures students' achievement progress by comparing their most recent standardized test scores to their results from earlier tests. Recently initiated policies in several states employ VAM data as a means of identifying individual teachers' effectiveness. In some states, VAM data accounts for as much as fifty percent of teachers' performance evaluations (Baker et al., 2010). Administrators use data gathered using VAM to make personnel decisions including offering pay incentives to teachers, offering or denying tenure, and teacher dismissal based on their students' performance. The prevalence of policies that employ VAM as a measure of teacher effectiveness has direct implications for teacher education in the United States.

Whereas we are influenced by the evidence that indicates that many current uses of VAM are either statistically invalid, unreliable, or both (Baker et al., 2010);

Whereas we are concerned by the proliferation of VAM in new forums, such as evaluation of pre-service teachers and teacher education programs;

Whereas we believe both pre- and in-service teachers should be evaluated using a range of measures and should avoid over-emphasizing any one evaluation technique (Baker et al., 2010);

Whereas we believe that VAM-based teacher evaluation policies will drive away capable people from pursuing careers in education (Baker et al., 2010) ;

Whereas we believe that VAM-based teacher evaluation policies could cause effective educators currently working in schools to avoid teaching at-risk students (Baker et al., 2010);

Whereas we believe that VAM-based policies may negatively affect the quality of clinical and field experiences of pre-service teachers;

Action Statement

Be it therefore resolved that

- ATE supports ongoing external, scholarly, impartial, and non-partisan research into the validity and reliability of the VAM-based teacher evaluation systems currently being used in the United States.
- ATE encourages its members to present the evidence indicating the inaccuracies and ambiguities inherent in VAM-based teacher evaluation systems, where they exist, and alternate models of effective teacher evaluation systems with state and national policy makers.
- ATE will include a conference strand and this issue.
- The ATE Board of Directors will take appropriate action, including collecting data on the effects of VAM on the clinical experiences of teacher education programs, to respond to the components of this resolution.

Baker, E. L., Barton, P. E., Darling-Hammond, L., Haertel, E., Ladd, H. F., Linn, R. L., ... & Shepard, L. A. (2010). *Problems with the use of student test scores to evaluate teachers*. Washington, DC: Economic Policy Institute.

Motion to approve Resolution 2013-4, Proliferation of Value-Added Modeling. This is a motion from the Committee and needs no second. The motion passed.

The fifth proposed resolution was on publicizing resolutions in ATE's journal, *Action in Teacher Education*.

Resolution 2013-5: Publication of Yearly Resolutions of the Association of Teacher Educators

Whereas the Association of Teacher Educators adopts resolutions each year through the Delegate Assembly;

And whereas these resolutions can be seen to be the current thinking and/or positions of the Association;

And whereas it is vital for the Association to widely distribute these resolutions so that the educational community at large knows the positions of the Association;

Action Statement:

Be it therefore resolved that the editors of *Action in Teacher Education* be directed to publish, on an annual basis, the resolutions adopted by the Association in the previous year, and the actions taken in response to those resolutions.

Motion to approve Resolution 2013-5, Publication of Yearly Resolutions of the Association of Teacher Educators. This is a motion from the Committee and needs no second. The motion passed.

The Resolutions Committee then presented two suggestions for the future. First, they are asking the Planning Committee for the 2014 Annual Meeting in St. Louis to dedicate time in the Delegate Assembly meeting for Delegates to share topics of concern that may be possible topics for resolutions.

The second suggestion was to provide immediate response in consideration of issues that could result in resolutions from the ATE meetings. The Resolutions Committee could provide a list of hot topics they think the membership wants to consider. The instant response would allow attendees to vote and the committee could immediately see whether the issue was one that should result in a resolution.

Report on Honors and Awards Committee

President Shelly asked Debbie Barnes to present the report of the Honors and Awards Committee. She said the committee would like to bring two names forward for consideration as Distinguished Members of the Association of Teacher Educators: Karen McClusky and Shirley DeLucia.

Motion to name Karen McClusky a Distinguished Member of the Association of Teacher Educators. This is a motion from the Committee and needs no second. The motion passed.

Motion to name Shirley DeLucia a Distinguished Member of the Association of Teacher Educators. This is a motion from the Committee and needs no second. The motion passed.

Debbie Barnes asked them both to stand and they received a round of applause. She noted that they will receive their Distinguished Member awards at next year's Awards Dinner. Jane McCarthy, who was voted a Distinguished Member at last year's Delegate Assembly meeting in San Antonio, will receive the award this year.

President Shelly asked President Elect Gallavan to talk about the meetings that would be held in the coming year.

President Elect Gallavan said her theme for the year will be Advancing Teacher Education that Matters in Teaching, Learning, and Schooling. She then asked the two co-chairs of the Washington, D.C. 2013 Summer Conference Planning Committee, Noran Moffett and Walter Polka, to present a report on planning for the 2013 Summer Conference. They presented the report and talked about the program.

President Elect Gallavan then asked Freddie Bowles and Cathy Pearman, co-chairs of the Annual Meeting Planning Committee to report on the 2014 Annual Meeting, ATE's 94th Annual Meeting, which will be in St. Louis at the renovated Hyatt Regency St. Louis Riverfront.

Report on Corporate Bylaws Committee

President Shelly asked Joseph Barnes to present the report on the Corporate Bylaws Committee. He said the committee has been asked to review the bylaws of affiliated units. ATE's Bylaws require each of the state and regional units to submit their own bylaws. The Committee developed a process to review these bylaws. They have received some bylaws and have approved two state and one regional set of bylaws at this point. They concluded they needed to circulate information on the process of approving bylaws. They also need to pursue creating a database of constitutions to see how some of the states handle certain things.

The Bylaws Committee had one recommended motion.

Motion to amend ATE's Bylaws to insert "electronic or mail ballot" for "mail ballot" in Section 3, Article 3, and to insert "electronic or mail ballot" for "ballot" in Section 4, Article 5. This is a motion from the Committee and needs no second.

In discussion it was pointed out that this is a first reading and the Bylaws wouldn't be changed until after the second reading if the motion passed. It was asked from the floor whether the language should be "electronic and/or mail ballot". The language was left as originally proposed. The motion passed.

Concluding Remarks

President Shelly urged all Delegates to attend the exhibitor reception and bingo game later that afternoon. She said the idea for the reception and bingo game had come from Past President and Distinguished Member Ed Pultorak, and it had proved to be very successful.

Jim Whiteman, Ohio, stood and asked the Delegate Assembly to give thanks to Ann Shelly for her leadership as President of the Association of Teacher Educators for the past year. He led a standing ovation for her.

The Executive Director then asked to recognize one of ATE's most valuable Association Development Specialists, Don Boileau, who has served as Parliamentarian for many years. He said Don Boileau normally isn't able to attend the Awards Dinner when the other Association Development Specialists are recognized. The Delegate Assembly gave him a round of applause.

President Shelly thanked the Delegates for attending and asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Nicholas, Maryland, seconded by Walsh, Michigan, to adjourn. The motion passed.