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**Annual General Meeting - DRAFT Minutes  
June 3, 2025 | 4:30 EST - Hybrid Meeting**

Link to [Drive](#) that contains all reports

Attended by 41 members: 34 in person and 7 online

**Opening remarks and Welcome – Chair, CATE Past President – Leyton Schnellert**

Leyton welcomed everyone and started the AGM at 4:33 PM (EST). Adam started with a land acknowledgement en français, and Mandeep acknowledged the land in English.

**Awards: Graduate Student Awards** were presented by Leyton Schnellert, Past President. Supervisors and recipients in attendance spoke briefly about the researchers and their work. Members are invited to read more about the CATE Award Recipients on the CATE website: <https://cate-acfe.ca/awards/>.

**1. Approve the agenda (motion)**

*Motion:* Michael Holden moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Cathryn Smith. Motion carried.

**2. Approve [minutes](#) from 2024 AGM (motion)**

*Motion:* Cathryn Smith moved to approve the 2024 AGM minutes, seconded by Katarin MacLeod. Motion carried.

**3. Approve President's [report](#) – Sheryl MacMath**

As submitted. Sheryl thanked Executive members for their work throughout the year. She highlighted the CSSE grant that was awarded to CATE and CASJE for an EDID initiative.

**4. Approve Financial and Membership [report](#) (motion) – Julia Rheaume**

Julia presented the membership and financial report.

*Motion:* Julia moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Michele Jacobsen. Motion carried.

**5. Vice-President [report](#) – Philippa Parks**

As submitted. Leyton shared appreciation for Philippa's work on the program this year.

**6. Past-President [report](#) – Leyton Schnellert**

Leyton thanked all contributors to the working conference publication on teacher leadership. He announced this fall's working conference on land and place-based learning in Vancouver at UBC. Proposals are due July 1. See CATE website for call for proposals.



7. **Member-at-Large francophone [report](#)** – Mimi Masson

As submitted.

8. **Members-at-Large [report](#)**- Mandeep Kaur Gabhi, Adam Kaszuba

Mandeep shared that successful pre-conference and panel discussion. She thanked Adam and Philippa as collaborators. Adam acknowledged Mandeep's work.

9. **Communications [report](#)** – Alexandre Alves Mesquita, Heather Birch

Alexandre explained that CATE publishes 4 newsletters. This year, we have launched a new website and logo. To celebrate, we are distributing CATE pins and stickers. Heather has been actively promoting CATE on social media. Alexandre encouraged the membership to post on socials and tag CATE. If anyone wants pictures of today, they are asked to contact Alexandre.

10. **Graduate Students' [report](#)** - Sasha Nandlal, Dima Zaid-Kilani

Dima described the session held in the fall about publishing for graduate students. There will be a graduate panel session on June 10th online from 3 - 4:30. See CSSE website for link. Topic is AI and inclusive Education. CATE members were also sent the link to the Graduate Student panel.

11. **SIG reports:**

- **CAARE [report](#)** – Lincoln Smith is now President of CAARE. He shared that Dr. Shelley Stagg won the Distinguished Contribution to Action Research award. The SIG is putting energy into building a national network of action researchers.
- **TATE [report](#)** – Mohammed Estaiteyeh
- **PHETE report** – LeAnne Petherick
- **SSTEP [report](#)** – Kevin O'Connor. Candy Jones will be the program chair next year.

12. **CJE report** – Michael Fairbrother

Michael shared that there is a call for CJE editors and invited people to contact him if they have questions. There are two special editions that are coming out soon.

13. **New Business (*motions*):**

- a. **New SIG - Environmental and Sustainability in Teacher Education (ESE-TE)** - Doug Karrow introduced everyone to the ESE-TE SIG. The group has been active since 2017 and the paperwork requirements to become a SIG have been completed.

*Motion:* Leyton moved that ESE-TE become a SIG in CATE. Seconded by Doug Karrow. Motion carried.

- b. **Proposed CATE Mission [Statement](#)** - Leyton explained that when the new website was launched, we realized that we didn't have a mission statement. The proposed mission statement was shared with members in attendance.

*Motion:* Leslie Shayer moved that CATE adopt the proposed mission statement. Seconded by Michele Jacobsen. Motion Carried.

- c. **Elections – Open Positions on CATE Executive (Term: 2025 - 2027)**

Information about candidates ([link](#)).



Elections were conducted on paper and through Mentimeter with results as follows:

- Member at Large -Joanie Crandall
- Membre Francophone - Alexandre Alves Mesquita
- Communications Co-Director - Michael Fairbrother
- Graduate Student Representative - Bonnie Mitchell

**d. Non-Executive Positions filled at AGM (2 year term 2025-2027)**

- CATE program committee - Mandeep Gabhi (acclaimed)
- CATE Rep on CSSE New Scholar committee - (tabled)
- Teacher Education Award - Christie Fraser and Steven Van Zoost
- CJE - Michael Fairbrother (acclaimed)

**14. Final Remarks – Leyton Schnellert**

Leyton thanked everyone for attending and the work they are doing in their institutions. He also thanked them for the contributions to CATE program sessions.

Michael Holden moved to adjourn at 18:03.