

ACTE Region I
Policy Committee Meeting

Seven Springs Mountain Resort
Champion, PA

June 24, 2004
MINUTES

The Policy Committee Meeting as well as the Business Meeting was officially hosted by the Indiana University of Pennsylvania's Center for Vocational Personnel Preparation and the Pennsylvania Career and Technical Education Conference Planning Committee at Seven Springs Mountain Resort in Champion, PA. Announcements were distributed at the March 2004, ACTE National Policy Seminar and mailed to leaders in Region I member states. Information can be accessed directly at <http://voc.ed.psu.edu/pactec> The meeting was called to order by Region I Vice President, John Lind, at 4:24 p.m. He expressed a note of disappointment over the turn out. Only four Region I members were present. He attributed the sparse participation to bleak conditions, strained finances, diminished membership, and restricted travel reimbursement.

Alan Vaughan urged that we proceed orderly through the Meeting Agenda with mutual agreement from the other three members.

Copies of the Minutes from the December 13, 2003 ACTE Region I Business Meeting were provided to each member present. Specific reference was made to the conflict with timing the awards in Ohio. The resolve to the issue seems to be the comment under New Business by Awards Chair, Ernie Powers, "...all deadlines will be the same throughout the Association." After some discussion over the planned restructuring of the Association and speculation on other Career and Technical Education matters, there was agreement to approve the Minutes. The move included the insertion of the cash value of \$120.00, the amount reported received from the December 13, 2003 silent auction.
Approved....

....moved by Alan Vaughan, second Van Hughes.

Roll Call of States represented:

New York – Robert Dorn*
Massachusetts – John Lind and Alan Vaughan
Ohio – Chuck Flint*
Pennsylvania – Van Hughes and Gerald Reichard

* Region I member registered for conference, but not present at this meeting.

** It was also noted that Federal Offices had requested to be removed from Region I.

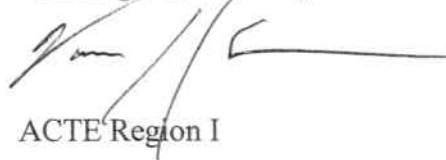
Regarding legislation, Alan Vaughan shared two publications, "President Alludes to Perkins Changes in Campaign Address" and "Strengthen America's Career and Technical Education System Through Reauthorization of the Perkins Act." No definitive action is anticipated on Perkins legislation before the presidential election. He also reported that the Government Pension Offset (GPO) remains a negative financial influence on current and future retirees in Massachusetts.

It was reported that, although not present at this conference, Awards Chair, Ernie Powers wants to maintain his position.

It was agreed that the Region I Business Meeting would follow immediately, the Annual PA-ACTE Business Meeting on Friday, June 25, 2004.

The Policy Committee Meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Van Hughes, Secretary

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ACTE Region I

ACTE Region I
Business Meeting

Seven Springs Mountain Resort
Champion, PA

June 25, 2004
MINUTES

Vice President, John Lind, called the ACTE Region I Business Meeting to order at 4:22 p.m. following the adjournment of the Annual PA-ACTE Business Meeting. He complimented the Pennsylvania group for their commitment and lamented the attendance of the Region I contingent.

The Agenda for the Meeting was presented and approved following a....

....motion by John Polto and second by Alan Vaughan.

The December 13, 2004 Business Meeting Minutes corrected by the Policy Committee were disseminated to the assembly. They were reviewed and summarized by Vice President Lind.

Regional membership was reported as down slightly.

Alan Vaughan reported on Perkins legislation referring to the "President Alludes to Perkins Changes in Campaign Address" and "Strengthen America's Career and Technical Education System Through Reauthorization of the Perkins Act" publications. At best, we can expect action from the House in July, but further action soon appears unlikely. He also explained the Government Pension Offset (GPO) financial problem.

Nominations for Awards were as follows:

Jim Hanneman Memorial Award – Ron Cassidy was nominated...

....motion by Alan Vaughan and second by John Polto.

Scott Westbrook, III Humanitarian Award – Van Hughes was nominated...

....motion by Alan Vaughan and second by Ted Piwowar.

Bill Henry mentioned that as a previous 1999 Westbrook Award recipient there was an error in the award trophy. Move to correct the error carried...

....motion by Alan Vaughan and second by Ed Gear.

There may have been some inconsistencies in awards to previous recipients as well. A motion to correct the differences and bring about a uniform award was carried...

....motion by John Polto and second by Ed Gear.

The Strategic Plan implementation is causing some anxiety for a number of members in the Association including some Board members. A motion was approved granting permission to further investigate the process...

....motion by Bill Henry and second by Ted Piwowar.

Restructuring ACTE was brought to the floor. John Polto discussed the complex and contentious nature of the restructuring plan. Division and Region issues are raising concern among the members. He suggested that dismantling the current structure may cause problems. He advised that the Strategic Plan should be placed under study. It should be scrutinized thoroughly.

A motion to adjourn was accepted at 5:20 p.m...

....motion by Bill Henry and second by Ted Piwowar.

Van Hughes, Secretary

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ACTE Region I

ACTE Region I
Annual Business Meeting

Las Vegas Convention Center

December 11, 2004

MINUTES

The ACTE Region I Annual Business Meeting was called to order at 9:55 a.m. by ACTE Vice President, John Lind.

He introduced the National DECA President from the Central Region state of Ohio, Bob Redd, who expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to address the group. Mr. Redd explained the mission of DECA is to enhance the co-curricular education of students with interest in marketing, management and entrepreneurship. Their curriculum objectives support the development of marketing and management skills in career areas such as hospitality, finance, sales and service, business administration and entrepreneurship. He thanked the assembled members for providing leadership opportunities, employment preparation, and skills for international enterprise. The group applauded his remarks.

Region I President, John Lind welcomed everyone and offered remarks. He characterized his tenure in office as a "real learning experience." He would often see familiar and dedicated leaders in his travels and he hopes that will continue now that he will be entering the business world. He may be returning to act as a partner in Career and Technical Education. He believes Assistant Secretary, Susan Scalfani, is a strong advocate for Career and Technical Education. She has called for ACTE headquarters and members to emphasize the role of Career and Technical Education in the scholastic community. President Lind also spoke of national policy advocacy and development having its roots in strong state associations and conferences.

Ernie Powers moved to adopt the Agenda. A second to the motion was made by Bill Henry...
...motion carried.

Bill Henry moved to accept the ACTE Region I, Policy Committee Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2004 and Business Meeting Minutes of June 25, 2004 both held at Seven Springs Resort, Champion, PA. A second to the motion was made by Don Ayer...
...motion carried.

Subsequent to the motion, a request was made for electronic distribution and posting of the minutes.

The Legislative Support fund collected \$31,973.88 to date in the calendar year 2004. Goals were set at \$50,000 for 2004 and \$10,000 per Region. The Legislative Support Fund was designated as the recipient of proceeds from this meeting's silent auction.

John Lind referred to the "Statement of Revenue and Expense" on the back of the Agenda as a "zero" form of management. Budget allowances for Region I, Annual Expenses were as follows: Travel = \$3000; Convention = \$300; Food & Beverage = \$800; Shipping/Mailing = \$300; Printing/In-house Copying = \$600; Supplies/Software = \$100; Communications = \$200; Awards/Grants/Scholarships = \$1850; Total Expenses = \$7,150.00. He suggested that amounts may be well spent by supporting new attendees to the National Policy Seminar, then distribute remaining funds to others attending.

Awards Chairperson, Ernie Powers announced and coordinated the following Region One Awards:

State Associations' Award Recipients –

Innovative Program of the Year

Plumbing Program – Carver Career Center – West Virginia

Women in Technology – Massachusetts Bristol Community College

Advisory Committee Member of the Year

Edwin "Ted" Coughlin – Massachusetts

Joseph C. Statler – West Virginia

Business Education Partnership of the Year

Toyota of Dartmouth – Massachusetts

Al Pharma Corporation / Agriscience – West Virginia

Outstanding Teacher in Community Service

Debbi Popo – Ohio

ACTE Award Recipients –

Legislator of the Year

Karen L. Facemyer – West Virginia

Michael R. Knapik – Massachusetts

ACTE Outstanding Career and Technical Educator

Larry H. Weber – Ohio

ACTE Outstanding New Career and Technical Educator

Donald L. Schultz – Ohio

ACTE Outstanding Teacher of the Year

Nevin L. Taylor – Ohio

Region One Awards –

Scott Westbrook, - Humanitarian Award

Van Hughes – Pennsylvania

Jim Hanneman Memorial Award

Ron Cassidy – Ohio

Ernie Powers was presented with an award and recognition for his service to Region One and ACTE for his service on the respective Awards Committees.

Homer Preece provided an ACTE Audit Committee Report: Initial review took place during a November 10, 2004 conference call; error correction on post-retirement liability should read \$49,853; approximately \$330,000 donated by the membership and others to help with cash flow contributed to a \$65,485 change in net assets. DeLeon & Stang, Certified Public Accountants and Advisors will be retained as auditors. The committee will make recommendations on anti-fraud programs and controls by February 1, 2005 for inclusion in the March Board of Directors meeting. The role and job description of the Treasurer were discussed by the committee.

Van Hughes acknowledged that the By Laws Committee did not arrive at consensus on endorsing the amendments. The work of the committee was published in the October 2004 edition of *Techniques*. Each of the published "rationale" were compiled on a single sheet titled 2004 Proposed Bylaw

Amendments – “Reasons to Accept” and were distributed randomly to members. Presentation for adopting the amendments would take place at the Assembly of Delegates Meeting later this day.

The Communications Committee through Staff Liaison Peter Magnuson reports that design and layout modifications along with content focus will be adapted to meet current needs of the membership.

Allen Vaughan provided Legislative Committee information including: the House and Senate approved an omnibus spending bill containing funding for the nine remaining FY 05 appropriations bills yet to be enacted; a slight increase to the Perkins basic state grant, although with the across the board cut, Perkins will lose approximately \$1.7 million; and Congress passed the new IDEA Law on November 19, 2004 by the House on a vote of 397-3, and unanimous consent by the Senate. Perkins reauthorization remains a constant concern.

Polly Mingyar-Boucher provided a membership report. The committee is weighing teacher educator issues. Communicating the value of ACTE membership to teacher candidates would be helpful. The “First Time” conference attendance was good this year. A donated door prize of \$231.00 was awarded to a First Time winner.

Candidates for the 2005 President of ACTE made their platform statements:

James Comer – Currently serving as President of the Oklahoma ACTE; members need communication and service; streaming video will appear on websites; his first career was in banking; his CTE experience has been in Administration; he pledges to focus on the classroom teacher; well wishes were expressed.

Robert Scarborough – Family and CTE are his passions; we must exercise our brand through partnerships and media; emphasis will be on unity/membership/diversity; the ACTE Board must be reflective of the membership; he has served on the ACTE Board of Directors for 1.5 years; he will seek articulation agreements; ACTE website be location for best practices; track salaries for graduates of our programs; our programs must adapt to the learning styles of our students; he paid compliments to his opponent.

Irene Ashley provided an affirming Nominating Committee report on the candidates.

Professional Development Committee – No report.

Public Relations Committee – No report.

Jane Hines reporting for the Public Information Committee advised that there is a promotional “Tool Kit” on the website.

Discussion:

On Bylaws - Vice President, John Lind opened the floor for a dialog on the Bylaws Amendments. There was no response.

On the NPS - Massachusetts Vocational Association President, Michael Grasseschi, asked for criteria on the selection of members who will receive reimbursement for the National Policy Seminar. How will new member recipients be selected?

Bill Henry advised that early contact of local state and national legislators be practiced by members.

Bill Ransom suggests a position paper should be part of a packet developed for engaging legislators.

Candidate Nomination Forms for the 2005 ACTE Vice President, Region I, included the following platform statements presented by readers in their absence:

Margaret A. Hess (read by Polly Mingyar-Boucher) – I am proud to be a member of the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) and believe that our professional organization is vital to the future of career/technical education in our nation. ACTE must continue to actively involve and support all of our members. I would consider it a privilege to serve you as the Region I Vice President and to be involved in setting and planning direction for our Association.

As career/technical educators we need to recognize that we have many challenges facing our organization and profession. We have an obligation to be seated at the table with policymakers and our business and educational partners as improvements in the career/technical education system are debated and decided. ACTE is the vehicle for ensuring we are actively involved at the national level.

However, ACTE will not be strong unless we work together to increase membership. ACTE membership from Region I has been declining yet we are comprised of many states that have a history of supporting and valuing career/technical education. I believe that if we work together we will not only increase our membership but also actively engage our members.

If elected, I will work closely with our ACTE Board of Directors, Region I State Associations and the Region I Board to increase communications; improve professional development opportunities; and increase membership.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Kevin J. O'Donnell (read by Bill Henry) – In alignment with the goals and objectives set forth by ACTE, it is my hope that I will be able to promote and advance the common hopes and visions that I share with ACTE. The views will be tempered with a global awareness of those strategies and alliances that will help foster development of ACTE.

Furthermore, it will be my goal to draw on my strengths to increase strategic awareness of ACTE through bipartisan political support at the state and federal level which will involve but not limited to; lobbying efforts, bolstering CTE perception through promotion, and most importantly the effort to further develop positive perception of what Career and Technical Education contributes to the community as a whole.

I believe that my background in workforce development, civic duties, and community involvement will be a strong asset in my ability to help lead our fine organization to reach new heights.

Past Vice Presidents of Region I, Jane Greenwood, Ron Cassidy, and John Lind, present at this meeting, were acknowledged and applauded for their leadership.

Ron Cassidy moved that criteria for an award be developed in order to recognize one member from each Region I, State Association for Career and Technical Education, Board. A second was provided by Jon Quatman...

...motion carried.

Ron Cassidy reported "close to" **\$140.00** was collected from the silent auction.

Roll Call of States recorded the following members present:

Region I



Roll Call of States

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Connecticut –

Delaware –

District of Columbia –

Federal Offices –

Maine –

Maryland –

Massachusetts - Irene Ashley, Marcus Ashley, III, Don Ayer, John Lind, John Sbrega,
and Allen Vaughan

Michigan –

New Jersey –

New York – Tom Donahue, and Bill Ransom

New Hampshire –

Ohio – Becky Beckstedt, Ron Cassidy, Chuck Cornwell, Mike Cowles, Stephanie Davis, Karen Dunn,
Debi Gay, Lark Higginbotham, Jane Hines, Erna Holland, Bryan Jackson, Steve Jackson,
Polly Mingyar-Boucher, Claire Patterson, Debbi Popo, Jon Quatman, Donna Schultz,
Harry Snyder, Bill Souder, Micki Spears, Stewart Spittle, Sue Steele, Cory Thompson,
Kelly Wallace, Larry Weber, Robin White, and Tim Young

Pennsylvania – Bill Henry, and Van Hughes

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Vermont –

West Virginia – Frances Bivens, Debbie Chapman, Francine Kirby, Judith Kreutzer, and Ernie Powers

The ACTE Region I, Annual Business Meeting, Las Vegas Convention Center was adjourned at 11:37 a.m., Saturday, December 11, 2004.

Van Hughes

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Secretary
ACTE Region I