

ACTE Region I

“Policy Committee Meeting”

Resort & Conference Center, Hyannis, MA

Saturday, March 29, 2008

MINUTES

ACTE Region I, Vice President Margaret “Maggie” Hess called the meeting to order shortly after 9:00 a.m. She welcomed all attendees to the meeting and thanked the Massachusetts Vocational Association for arranging the accommodations and hosting the Region I meeting as part of their **78th Annual MVA Convention**. The convention is celebrating **“A Century of Success”**, the 100th anniversary of vocational/technical education in Massachusetts. The Smith-Hughes Act of 1917, the founding of the American Vocational Association (now ACTE) in 1926, and four years later, in 1930, the founding of MVA by Mr. Harold L. Pride, manual arts teacher and director of Waltham Trade School. These are recognized bench marks to give reason for this memorable convention. Yesterday morning featured a tour of Upper Cape Cod Regional Vocational/Technical High School with lunch provided by the teacher and students of the Culinary Arts program. After returning to the Resort, “Building Bridges” was presented by members of Bristol Community College and the Department of Labor on their award winning pre-apprenticeship program. Following the evening dinner, a Regional Sales Manager made a presentation on the Kuder Career Planning System. An MVA Welcome Reception closed the day.

Region I, Secretary Van Hughes circulated “Roll Call of States” sign in sheets to record attendance. In addition, copies of the ***Las Vegas, December 12, 2007, Policy Committee Meeting, Minutes***, and the ***December 15, 2007, Business Meeting, Minutes*** were distributed for review and comment. The underlined words, “***Business Meeting***” and parenthetical “(Draft)” had inadvertently been left on the Policy Committee Meeting heading. This will be addressed at the Charlotte, NC, Policy Meeting.

Motion by Polly Mingyar and second by Mitch Culbert that the Policy Committee recommends approval of the ***December 15, 2007, Business Meeting, Minutes*** at the ACTE-Region I, Charlotte, NC, annual Business Meeting...

...motion carried.

Bob Scarborough explained that ACTE received just one (1) nomination for the President-elect position for the 2008 election. The bylaws require that there be a minimum of two (2) candidates for any Board position up for election. The bylaws state that if there are not two candidates for any Board of Directors position then the position is declared vacant. The bylaws also give the Board the authority to fill any vacancy. After consulting ACTE’s legal counsel and considering and considering what is in the best interests of the organization and its members, the Board met in special session during the Annual Convention to appoint a member to fill the position of President-elect. Ed Melott, current Trade and Industrial Division Vice President and the one nominee for the President-elect position, was unanimously appointed and will begin his term July 1, 2008.

Mary Ann Bittner was elected to the position of ACTE Vice President for Region I, and will take office on July 1, 2008. She is the Associate Principal, Auburn Career Center, Painesville, Ohio. She has pledged to: Promote membership in ACTE; Provide members with exemplary professional development opportunities; Improve communication within the organization; Establish relationships with business and industry competing in the global economy; Create a synergy within the region that makes things happen.

Maggie Hess reviewed the *Funding Year 2008 Standing Committee Representatives* list of current, replacement, and vacant positions. She encouraged interested parties to step forward to fill committee positions and accept a leadership role in shaping policy for ACTE and the profession. Committee representatives are named below and may give report information. Committees are the backbone of ACTE.

Audit Review – Ron Cassidy. The Independent Auditors, DeLeon & Stang report finding the financial statements as of June 30, 2007 and 2006 “...present fairly, in all material respects, present fairly the financial position of the **Association for Career and Technical Education on June 30, 2007 and 2006** and the changes in net assets and cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.” (See pages 49-51, January 2008, *Techniques* for details)

Awards – Carol Olsen. Nomination Forms are for the following ACTE Region I recognizes the following award categories with nomination forms and due dates listed on the ACTE website, under Awards Booklet: Teacher of the Year; Outstanding Career and Technical Education Professional; Outstanding New Technical Educator; Outstanding Teacher in Community Service; Carl Perkins Humanitarian Award; Arch of Fame; Award of Merit; Outstanding Service Award; Legislator of the Year; Innovative Vocational/Technical Program; Outstanding Business/Educational Partnership; Advisory Committee Member of the Year; School Board Recognition Award. ACTE Region I recognizes the following award categories with nomination forms available at the National Convention: Scott Westbrook, III Humanitarian Award; Jim Hanneman Memorial Award.

Bylaws – Mitch Culbert was appointed to replace Kristine Waslar. As a result of the Assembly of Delegates passing all of the proposed bylaws changes at the Las Vegas convention, beginning in FY 2010, dues for all classification of members will be set by the Board of Directors.

Communications – Polly Mingyar is committee chair. David Keaton represents Region I. Members should visit the website and participate in different aspects of electronic media: podcasts, webcasts, wikis, and blogs.

CTE Support Fund – Joe DeFranco and Donald Jarvis both represent Region I. Fund raising is fundamental to this committee. Allen Vaughan explained how Marcus Ashley set up the Traveling Bazaar Raffle - \$3 to \$5 brings in considerable funds. He will do it again if the group desires.

Motion by Stewart Spittle and second by Polly Mingyar to operate the Traveling Bazaar again...

...motion carried.

Cultural Awareness – There is a Region I vacancy for this committee. ACTE seeks and values diversity among its members and the students its members serve.

Legislative – Donald Ayer. The President has proposed “zero” funding for Perkins legislation. Continued action on the part of all ACTE members is necessary to be sure their Representative and Senators accept budget proposals that improve funding and reject those that reduce or eliminate funding for CTE programs.

Membership – Gerald Reichard. The Committee is responsible for helping ACTE staff in its ongoing goal to increase membership and to identify avenues for ACTE to embrace a culture of diversity and inclusiveness in the Association.

New Ideas – This committee is in need of an appointee from Region I.

Nominating – Irene M. Ashley. Robert Scarborough is the ACTE Board Liaison.

Professional Development – Polly Mingyar appointed to succeed Barbara Funk.

Public Information – Thomas Harris.

Research Committee – Appointments are Members-at-Large. All members are encouraged to become familiar with the National Research Center for Career and Technical Education located on the website <http://cehd.umn.edu/NRCCTE/Research.html>

Resolutions – Carolyn Reynolds.

A discussion ensued regarding the posture of our mutual concerns. Jan Bray noted that although concerns over funds occupied our thoughts over the past few years, the Association is currently in a period of financial stability. The gist of the conversation centered on that unity as a profession at 29,000 members is our greatest concern. Why not promote our identity as Career and Technical Education professionals? We should be mutually supportive first and active next. We are one profession! Van Hughes stated that our role as academic integrators, that of bringing many parts into a bigger picture of real productivity, results in a matte-of-fact transparent nature of what we do. This condition exists in a book, *Technically Speaking*, published by the National Academy Press. There was no resolve in this mater, but it may stimulate further discussion.

Dave Keaton volunteered to host the 2010 Region I Conference in Portland, Maine. He will need help to make this happen and would need assistance on site. The most likely time for the event would be the first week of August. Dave will further explore the viability of state of Main proposal. Rhonda Hoyman indicated that there was difficulty in realizing the 2009 Washington DC / Maryland site proposal approved by motion at the April 20, 2007 Policy Committee Meeting. It is known that Maine, Maryland, and New Jersey are target states for Region I support.

Along the lines of the two previous topics, Maggie Hess reminded members of the Fellowship Program. The purpose is to identify up and coming CTE Leaders. Jan Bray noted that the purpose is to help develop leaders in the state, then encourage their move to regional leadership, and ultimately prepare them for a role at the national level. States would financially support the development of young leaders. Special programs are currently being developed at the national level. Every state should identify a worthy candidate for the Fellowship Program and access the information on the ACTE website.

Maggie Hess distributed Policy and Procedures Manual compact disk templates made available by ACTE Staffer, Jamie Bennett. They make it possible for each Region to tailor pages specific to their location and easily update changes. Maggie asked that members review revisions in order to that they can be voted on at the December 2008 meeting. This item will be the responsibility of the new Vice President, Mary Ann Bittner.

A discussion was held regarding the location and acceptable date of the 2009 Region 1 Conference. Members from Ohio agreed they would host at a location to be named and reference was made to the week end prior to Mother's Day. Barring unforeseen circumstances, that would make the dates, Thursday, April 30 – Sunday, May 3.

Motion by Tom Harris and second by Stewart Spittle that the Region I Conference always be held on the first weekend in May...

Discussion...Allen Vaughan suggested that we should consult with "non-participating" (unrepresented?) states...

...motion carried.

ACTE is encouraging State Associations to participate in the "Quality Association Standards" recognition award. The guidelines are on the ACTE website www.acteonline.org.

Rhonda Hoyman, Supervisor presented a folder of pages on the Baltimore County Maryland, Office of Career & Technology Education, Technical Programs. Members were encouraged to visit the website at: <http://www.bcps.org/offices/cte/techprog>.

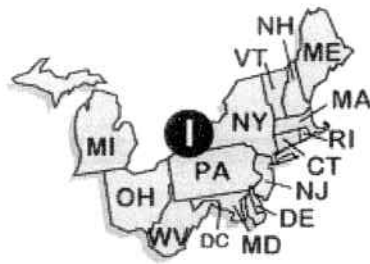
Lynn Ryan, Chairman and Berlin Representative to the Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School said this is the type of information for which she comes to a conference. She is also a Verizon Operating Systems Support, Specialist in Network Engineering. Her colleague, Joseph A. Valarioti, Marlborough Representative on the same School Committee agreed with her statement on the intrinsic value of the conference.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Van Hughes



Secretary,
Region I



Region I

Roll Call of States

Hyannis, MA – *March 29, 2008*

ACTE – Janet Bray and Tom Applegate

Connecticut –

Delaware –

District of Columbia –

Federal Offices –

Maine – Dave Keaton

Maryland – Rhonda Hoyman

Massachusetts – Marcus Ashley, Steve Lacroix, George Luoto, Carol Olsen, Lynn Ryan, Joseph Valarioti, and Allen Vaughan

Michigan –

New Jersey –

New York –

Ohio – Mitch Culbert, Tom Harris, Margaret Hess, Polly Mingyar, Robert Scarborough, and Stewart Spittle

Pennsylvania – Van Hughes

Vermont –

West Virginia –

ACTE Region I
“Policy Committee Meeting”

Charlotte Convention Center, NC
Wednesday, December 3, 2008

MINUTES

ACTE Region I, Vice President, Mary Ann Bittner called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m. She extended a cordial welcome to those present and reported that representatives of the ACTE leadership team would be around later to extend greetings.

Region I, Secretary, Van Hughes circulated “Roll Call of States” sheets for members to sign in by name, state, and e-mail address. He also made available for review and comment, copies of the Minutes from the following meetings: Policy Committee, Hyannis, MA, March 29, 2008; Annual Business, Las Vegas, NV, December 15, 2007; Policy Committee, Las Vegas, NV, December 12, 2007; and remaining archived Minutes back through at least December 14, 2002.

A motion was made by Mitch Culbert and second by Polly Mingyar to approve the Policy Committee Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2007...

...motion carried.

In accordance with the November 16, 2008 - ***Region I, Report to the Board***, Vice President Bittner shared the following details: **Accomplishments**: (1) The Region I Conference is scheduled to April 30 – May 2, 2009 at the Quail Hollow Resort in Concord Township, (near Cleveland) Ohio. The Region I Policy Committee meeting will be held in conjunction with the Ohio ACTE Board meeting on Thursday, April 30, 2009 starting at 1:00 p.m. Friday’s, Keynote Speaker: Dr. Willard R. Daggett, President of the International Center for Leadership in Education will present the topic, “CTE at a Crossroads.” A visit to the Auburn Career Center and tour of the Technology Learning Center as well as other social events are scheduled; (2) The state of Maine will be hosting the 2010 Region I conference and has invited ACTE to their summer conference; (3) The Washington, DC – ACTE is sending five representatives to this Charlotte conference to build leadership; (4) Marcus Ashley from Massachusetts has volunteered to coordinate sales of tickets for a “Traveling Bazaar” to raise funds for Region I at this conference; (5) A list of state leaders is being established by Region I, VP Bittner with follow up contacts; (6) VP Bittner in October attended the ACTE Region II Conference at Daytona Beach, FL; and (7) To provide a smooth transition, Region I, Vice President, Bittner has been and will continue to be in contact with former Vice President, Hess. **Goals**: (1) Members and leaders from all Region I states represented and participating in both ACTE Annual Convention & Expo and ACTE Region I Conferences; (2) Increased membership; (3) Sharing of “Best Practices” within the Region; and (4) Improve communications. **Emerging Critical Issues/Concerns for ACTE**: Maintaining membership (in spite of baby boomer retirements); and (2) Economy, “Whoa’s – Freezes” on travel reimbursement. **Emerging Critical Issues/Concerns for the field of Career and Technical Education**: (1) Lack of adequate funding; and (2) Preparing students for the global marketplace.

For the Four Months Ending October 31, 2008, the status of the “zero based” Region I - Budget revealed a \$6,384.00 account for the total combined line items: Travel Expense; Meeting Expense; Food & Beverage; Shipping/Mailing Expense; Printing Expense; Office/Mailroom Supplies; Communications; and Awards & Grants. The current overall economic conditions in the United States have caused ACTE to take a close look at its expenditures and they are attempting to enact cost cutting measures to save \$21,000. They are also looking for sponsorships.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Review: Ron Cassidy sent in a report noting one action item requirement - In a conference call it was noted that ACTE is in compliance with all new IRS 990 Tax Return Requirement Changes, but the Board of Directors will safeguard ACTE’s exempt status with respect to its transactions and arrangements with other organizations and this will be done by Board of Directors review of the Form 990 tax return prior to filing. These two policies must be adopted prior to December 31, 2008.

Awards: Ann Jordan reported the following Region I Award recipients and 2009 ACTE Award nominees:

**Teacher of the Year
James Scott**

**Outstanding Career and Technical Educator
Sandra Royer**

**Outstanding New Career and Technical Teacher
(vacant)**

**Outstanding Teacher in Community Service
Kellie Warner**

**Scott Westbrook, III Humanitarian Award
(to be announced at Annual Business Meeting)**

**Jim Hanneman Memorial Award
(to be announced at Annual Business Meeting)**

Bylaws: Mitch Culbert summarized that amendments to Article III, Sections C:2 and G:1a would enable any CTE educator who is retired to support the goals of the Association. No history or rationale behind the current five year requirement could be found. This change will also make it easier for the state associations and ACTE to be in alignment with the membership requirements. Both the ACTE Membership Committee and the National Executive Directors Association (NEDA) endorsed this change and believe it will help ACTE to grow. Members who wish to hear or express opinions should attend the 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Town Hall Meeting. Delegates will vote on the amendments at Saturday Assembly.

CTE Support Fund: Allen Vaughan reported that he will set up a booth tomorrow to sell 2008 ACTE Region I Fundraiser Tickets. Region I was announced at the 2007 Las Vegas Convention as the number one CTE Support Fund contributor with a total of \$5,588.00.

Communications: David Keaton urged the members to provide feedback to ACTE and the Committee regarding the numerous topics already published in, and what should be published in, *Techniques* magazine. He said that Senior Director, Programs and Communications, Peter Magnuson reported that his department is constantly working to integrate/coordinate all the different information technologies – website, e-mails, Career Tech, twitter, blogging, Facebook, Myspace, iTunes, Whyville, and *Techniques* with the goal being, “Getting people to know who we are.” Dave Keaton gave the last issue which featured “Integrating CTE and Academics” to state of Maine education decision makers to get on the state education radar. Step-by-step article submission guidelines are needed. Members need to get acquainted with podcasting.

Cultural Awareness: Dwayne Jones / Juli Gilyard from published committee Action Steps: (1) Identify information, resources, and tools to enhance cultural sensitivity and assist ACTE members in addressing the issues. (2) Submit recommendations to the Board of Directors as to the advocacy role ACTE should assume relevant to cultural awareness and diversity. (3) Provide ideas and recommendations regarding specific programs and activities ACTE should consider to enhance cultural sensitivity. (4) Pose a survey to the membership for distribution by February 2009.

Legislative: Donald Ayer / Judith Petersen from published Minutes: Steve DeWitt discussed the new congress. ACTE has sent letters and has contacted the Obama campaign and transition team, as well as new members of Congress to promote CTE, especially related to economic issues. ACTE is considering establishing a network of members with personal relationships and close connections to Members of Congress. ACTE staff is recommending Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL) to receive a Policymaker of the Year Award in March at the NPS. The significance of the 100 Year Celebration of Career Guidance and Education was discussed by Judy Petersen and the book that Frank Parsons wrote on the career guidance issues was noted as well. His work helped form the foundation for the CTE that we know today. Lou Hargrave requested that ACTE work on TANF issues. Don Ayer brought up the importance of Social Security GPO and WEP issues which have not yet been resolved in Congress.

Membership: Stewart Spittle reported that there was a consensus to combine/reflect both the mission and objectives of the Membership Committee and the Diversity Action Subcommittee. There is a new emerging Career Academy Division. ACTE launched a new membership campaign/drive called “Spotlight on Washington” to focus on the new government put in place. There is a new system to contact new/renewing members. As of October 31, ACTE has gained 1,300 new members and the membership retention rate is 92%. The new website is designed to give Region/State members the resources they want and need. There are 541 Convention & Expo first-time attendees. They are sponsored by the Home Builders Association. The Special Populations Division has been reinstated with over 1,000 members. The Definition of a high quality teacher will be announced at the General Session.

ACTE President-Elect, Ed Melott stopped by to welcome and greet the assembled Region I members. He has interest in membership issues and pointed out the variety of funding systems in different states. Everyone was given a hearty thank you for all they are doing to promote the Association and CTE.

New Ideas: From the Committee's Meeting Minutes: ACTE has divisions and career clusters that do not necessarily align; many divisions have multiple clusters. Members should be encouraged to join multiple divisions. Objective #3 was revised by vote to now state, "To provide recommendations and feedback on ways in which ACTE can provide value to younger members." Ideas for achieving objectives, increasing state conference attendance, increasing Convention & Expo attendance, and increasing Legislative Advocacy were discussed and documented.

Nominating Committee: Maggie Hess reported that all three candidates for the Office of President-Elect had met all qualifications of the ACTE nomination process. The timekeeper held each candidate to a 60 minute time limit with questioning following a set format of committee member questioning. After the interviews, committee members voted by ballot. It was determined, after review of the bylaws that all three candidates could be recommended to the membership as a slate of nominees for 2009 ACTE President-Elect. The Committee approved a motion to recommend all three candidates. Candidates for Region/Division slates will be authorized by the Committee Chair when all requirements have been met for: Region II, Region V, Administration, Adult Workforce Development, Agricultural Education, Guidance and Career Development, Health Science Technology Education, and Special Populations.

Professional Development: Polly Mingyar reported that the Committee will be distributing/collecting Concurrent Session Feedback evaluation forms. "Zoomerang" style on-line evaluation forms were approved for the 2009 conference. "Awareness Campaign" monthly alerts for ACTE on-line training opportunities were approved. Electronic town hall meetings with podcast and webcast availability were agreeable to the committee. The Committee will recommend that the Board provide more than one past secondary institution provide college credit for the 2009 ACTE annual conference.

Public Information: Tom Harris reported that Participant Media will be screening the movie *Pressure Cooker* on Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. in room 217 of the Charlotte Convention Center. Tickets are free for the 500 seats. They can be picked up at the Support Fund table. A screening is planned to start next year for Capitol Hill and surrounding states to increase public awareness of Career and Technical Education. Visit the new website and the forums for committee members. Focus on the left column navigation bar.

Resolutions: From the Committee's Minutes: The Committee considered two Resolutions. # 1 – The "CTE Teacher Quality Resolution" was presented by Alisha Hyslop and it was requested that the committee amend the policy content of the resolution in committee, but that the general membership be able to vote on the resolution as it was written of propose changes during the AOD. # 2 – Was submitted by Region 5. The purpose of this resolution is to provide the platform to secure additional federal resources for career and technical education. Some of the original wording was changed to make the language clear, concise, and grammatically correct. Newly approved changes by the Board will take effect January 1, 2009 that moves the *Resolution Submission Deadline* to June 1. The Committee will review and submit the approved changes to the Board by July 1 where they will be reviewed by members at the Convention and submitted for action by the Assembly of Delegates. AOD approved resolutions will be posted on the ACTE website and available for application by July 30.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Auburn Career Center, Superintendent, and Region I Conference host, Thomas Schultz invited all members to attend the Thursday, April 30 through Saturday, May 2, 2009 event. The goal is to have the largest possible registered participants attend this Conference. The Bill and Malinda Gates Foundation has listed the school as one of 75 most promising high schools in the country. The Quail Hollow Resort has offered a special \$99.00 rate and is an accommodating facility. Mary Ann Bittner reiterated the invitation, emphasizing the important keynote session message will be delivered by Willard Daggett. PA-ACTE President and Steel Center AVTS Administrative Director, John Sandrene volunteered to present a session on his NSF Grant to develop management software.

Dave Keaton is acting on a plan to host the 2010 Region I Conference in Bangor, Maine. He appealed for help in making this proposal a reality. Polly Mingyar suggested that more will be learned at the April/May 2009 Ohio Conference. The decision making process can begin at that time.

Allen Vaughan reminded members that the Travelling Bazaar Fundraiser is underway now and will in progress until the drawing at the Saturday, Annual Business Meeting.

Past ACTE Region I, Vice President, Margaret "Maggie" Hess was recognized for her Leadership ability and guidance over her tenure with a standing round of applause.

Mary Ann Bittner stated that the Fellowship Program needs candidates. The deadline has been extended until December 15th.

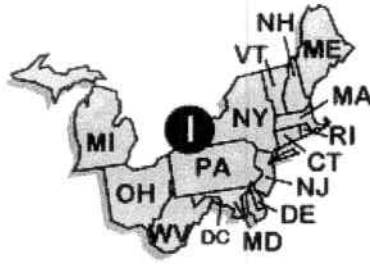
A motion to adjourn by Harry Snyder and second by Mitch Culbert...

...approved at 3:27 p.m.

Van Hughes



Secretary,
ACTE Region I



Region I

Roll Call of States

Charlotte, NC Convention Center - *December 3, 2008*

Connecticut –

Delaware –

District of Columbia –

Maine – Dave Keaton

Maryland –

Massachusetts – Allen Vaughan

Michigan –

New Hampshire – Lisa Danley

New Jersey –

New York –

Ohio – Mary Ann Bittner, Mitch Culbert, Christine Gardner, Bobie Grice, Tom Harris, Margaret Hess, Polly Mingyar, Jerry Pavlik, Mark Perna, Matthew Perna, Tom Schultz, Harry Snyder, and Stewart Spittle

Pennsylvania – Van Hughes, and John Sandrene

Vermont –

West Virginia –

ACTE Region I
“Business Meeting”

Charlotte Westin Hotel, NC
Saturday, December 6, 2008

MINUTES

ACTE Region I Vice President, Mary Ann Bittner called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. by leading the assembly in the *Pledge of Allegiance* to the United States of America flag.

Uzo N. Ogu, President of the DECA High School Division, extended greetings to and appreciation for the Region I Meeting attendees. She knows the value of participation at meetings. As a member of the John Foster Dulles High School DECA Chapter in Sugar Land, Texas, she showed her dedication to the association’s purpose and goals by never missing a monthly meeting even while keeping a full schedule of activities and work. She has been a reporter for the school newspaper, a National Honor Society officer, and student body President. During the past year, she held the office of Texas DECA State President. Her additional activities include: maintaining a part time job; tutoring elementary students; and actively participating with Habitat for Humanity. Through DECA she has learned determination will yield success. Entering the family business, being a crime scene investigator, and becoming a teacher are careers that have influenced her future interest. She wished the group continued best wishes.

Vice President, Bittner led the Roll Call of States asking members to rise for recognition when their home state was called. In addition, sign in sheets were circulated to record meeting attendance.

Secretary, Van Hughes distributed the Minutes from the December 15, 2007, Las Vegas, NV, Business Meeting for review, and comment. Copies of the Minutes from the Policy Committee Meeting at Hyannis, MA, March 29, 2008; and archived Minutes from earlier dates were also available for those interested.

Polly Mingyar moved to accept the December 15, 2007, Las Vegas, NV, Business Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Harry Snyder...

...motion carried.

Mary Ann Bittner shared a statement showing the Four Months Ending October 31, 2008, the status of the “zero based” Region I – Budget. It revealed a \$6,384.00 account balance for the total combined line items: Travel Expense; Meeting Expense; Food & Beverage; Shipping/Mailing Expense; Printing Expense; Office/Mailroom Supplies; Communications; and Awards & Grants.

...no action of acceptance, but filed for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Review: Ron Cassidy mailed the December, 2008 Committee's report to Mary Ann Bittner. Other than maintaining new IRS 990 Tax Return Requirements, as is current practice, there are no issues or concerns to report.

Awards: Ann Jordan reported that Region I had three award recipients and one recipient, James Scott, forwarded to the of the 2009 ACTE Awards Program won the *ACTE Teacher of the Year* award.

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Scott Westbrook, III - Humanitarian Award

Jim Hanneman - Memorial Award

The Region I Awards Committee appeals that members identify worthy colleagues, complete the appropriate forms, and forward the information to Ann Jordan at the Great Oaks Career Campus or by e-mail to: JordanA@GreatOaks.com. The time frame for submission is August 1 through the September 15, 2009 deadline. The objective is to increase participation at the national level.

Bylaws: Mitch Culbert summarized that there is only one area to be acted upon. Amendments to Article III, Sections C:2 and G:1a would enable any CTE educator who is retired to support the goals of the Association. No history or rationale behind the current five year requirement could be found. This change will also make it easier for the state associations and ACTE to be in alignment with the membership requirements. Both the ACTE Membership Committee and the National Executive Directors Association (NEDA) endorsed this change and believe it will help ACTE to grow. Delegates will vote on the amendments later today at the Assembly of Delegates.

CTE Support Fund: Allen Vaughan reported that donations are down. Concerns have been expressed that the CTE Foundation and the CTE Support Fund cards are too similar and may lead to confusion and possibly decrease donations to the CTE Support Fund. Allen announced that the next CTE Support Fund Committee meeting will be Sunday evening before the National Policy Seminar, March 9-11,

2009. He encouraged everyone to attend the NPS. The following prizes were won at the drawing: Regional Conference Registration – Marcus Ashley; NPS Registration – Tom Desoul; ACTE 2009 Convention Registration – Michael Vigiano; and \$100 Cash – Mike Paris.

Communications: David Keaton reported that the headquarters Communications Department is constantly working to integrate and coordinate all the information technologies: website, e-mails, Career Tech, twitter, blogging, Facebook, Myspace, iTunes, Whyville, and *Techniques* with the goal being, “Getting people to know who we are.” Dave also reported that *Techniques* agenda includes: high stakes testing; mass retirements issues; CTE graduation rates; Skype, Moodle, Wiki, Illuminate, twitter stream, iTunes, etc; career clusters and academic counseling; “green” initiatives; alternative energies; and more. Member, Bill Ransom volunteered comments on the work being done by ACTE’s Communications professionals and stated that it is having a favorable influence in New York.

Cultural Awareness: No report.

Legislative: Don Ayer reported that the committee discussed the new congress. ACTE has sent letters and has contacted the Obama campaign and transition team, as well as new members of Congress to promote CTE, especially related to economic issues. ACTE is considering establishing a network of members with personal relationships and close connections to Members of Congress. ACTE staff is recommending Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL) to receive a Policymaker of the Year Award in March at the NPS. Don was pleased to report that in regard to high stakes testing in his state, Massachusetts, the 26 Career & Technical Center Schools raised MCAST scores better than any other schools. He also announced that he needs a replacement to serve on the Committee.

PAUSE FOR CANDIDATES’ STATEMENTS

President – Elect Candidate: *Judy Whitaker* spoke metaphorically about a “briar patch ride.” These are exciting times! Career and Technical programs are fundamental to the education of all students. These are extraordinary times that require extraordinary leadership. Our unique talents are strengthened by the connectedness offered by the Association; *Gary Moore* said, “I’m writing a short story. Students don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care for them.” His goal is, “to build relationships.” The advancement of Career and Technical Education will require the cooperation of those outside the profession – legislators, business and industry leaders, and other educators.

Greg Pierce said we have opportunities as an association. He proposes embracing the four C’s: Connectivity to connect teachers, administrators, and teacher educators with the national presence of the profession; Communication to listen carefully to membership, ensuring their voices are heard; Change Agent to be a catalyst for change by creating more career and technical education opportunities for students; and Collaboration to develop stronger relationships with other partners. He has experience and asked for each member’s vote.

Membership: Incoming Committee member Charles Cornwell reported for Stewart Spittle. There was a consensus to combine/reflect both the mission and objectives of the Membership Committee and the Diversity Action Subcommittee. There is a new emerging Career Academy Division. ACTE launched a new membership campaign/drive called “Spotlight on Washington” to focus on the new government put

in place. There is a new system to contact new/renewing members. As of October 31, ACTE has gained 1,300 new members and the membership retention rate is 92%. The new website is designed to give Region/State members the resources they want and need. There were 541 Convention & Expo first-time attendees. They were sponsored by the Home Builders Association. The Special Populations Division has been reinstated with over 1,000 members.

New Ideas: No report.

Nominating Committee: From the presentations made just moments ago by the three candidates for President – Elect, it is obvious that each can bring a lot of strength to the office as well as ACTE. In addition, two Region I candidates are running for the following Division Offices: (1) ACTE Vice President for Administration – *Jonathan Quatman*; and (2) ACTE Vice President for Adult Workforce Development – *Harry Snyder*.

Professional Development: Polly Mingyar expressed hope that everyone completed their Concurrent Session Feedback evaluation forms. The days of “session facilitators” are gone. “Zoomerang” style on-line evaluation forms were approved for the 2009 conference. “Awareness Campaign” monthly alerts for ACTE on-line training opportunities were approved. Electronic town hall meetings with podcast and webcast availability were agreeable to the committee. The Committee will recommend that the Board provide more than one post secondary institution provide college credit for the 2009 ACTE annual conference.

Public Information: Tom Harris encouraged members to make their way to the DC – NPS in March to ensure that the new Congress and Administration understand the importance of CTE. He also reported that the Participant Media screening last evening of the movie *Pressure Cooker* was a great success. A screening is planned to start next year for Capitol Hill and surrounding states to increase public awareness of Career and Technical Education. A data base on CTE spokespersons and Best Practices is being developed. Visit the new website and the forums for committee members Focus on the left column navigation bar. Investigate the Ambassador Program.

Resolutions: Mitch Culbert provided the Committee’s report. The Committee considered two Resolutions. # 1 – The “CTE Teacher Quality Resolution” was presented by Alisha Hyslop and it was requested that the committee not amend the policy content of the resolution in committee, but that the general membership be able to vote on the resolution as it was written of propose changes during the Assembly of Delegates. # 2 – Was submitted by Region 5. The purpose of this resolution is to provide the platform to secure additional federal resources for career and technical education. Some of the original wording was changed to make the language clear, concise, and grammatically correct. Newly approved changes by the Board will take effect January 1, 2009 that moves the ***Resolution Submission Deadline*** to June 1. The Committee will review and submit the approved changes to the Board by July 1 where they will be reviewed by members at the Convention and submitted for action by the Assembly of Delegates. AOD approved resolutions will be posted on the ACTE website and available for application by July 30.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Ann Bittner asked members to look closely at the ACTE Region I Conference invitation card and Quail Hollow Resort brochure, and then make a sincere attempt to attend in the spring. Bill Daggett will deliver a one-half day session on aspects of leadership.

Dave Keaton asked members to begin planning to spend several days in Bangor, Maine during the last part of April, 2010. He called for ideas on professional development needs. He is looking for help in developing a successful conference.

Maggie Hess was recognized for her leadership of ACTE Region I over the past three years as Vice President. All rose to give a round of applause.

Three states received the ACTE Quality Association Award: Massachusetts; Ohio; and West Virginia.

Fellowship Program application deadlines have been extended to September 15th.

A discussion was held regarding the participation in Conferences of all states in Region I. There was a call for shared involvement and responsibility.

There are several committee openings available. Mary Ann Bittner, along with Maggie Hess, called for volunteers to accept placement.

Allen Vaughan called for signing the Participant Media Petitions to Support Career and Technical Education Programs.

Marcus Ashley reported that the Traveling Bazaar Fundraiser Tickets brought in \$640. The winners were:

1. Items of Massachusetts items donated by MVA - John Hughes
2. Gift Basket from Ohio ACTE - Lark Higginbotham
3. \$100 from a Supporter of ACTE Region 1 - Charles Cornwell
4. iPod nano from a Supporter of ACTE Region 1 - Maggie Lynch
5. \$100 donated by Marcus Ashley - Jim Comer
6. Registration for the 2009 ACTE Convention in Nashville, Tennessee donated by ACTE - Jon Quatman
7. Registration for the 2009 ACTE Region 1 Conference in Ohio donated by ACTE Region 1 - Bryan Larcot
8. Other items (Cincinnati basket) - Greg Pierce

ACTE President-Elect, Ed Melott stopped by with greetings. He said, "I want to be your President; I want to hear from you."

Mitch Culbert moved and Polly Magyar seconded for adjournment at 2:42 p.m. ...motion carried.

Van Hughes, Secretary
ACTE Region I



Region I

Roll Call of States

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Connecticut –

Delaware –

District of Columbia – Deanna Lewis

Maine – Dave Keaton

Maryland – Annie Foster, and Rhonda Hoyman

Massachusetts – Marcus Ashley, Donald Ayer, Lyn Ryan, and Allen Vaughan

Michigan – Brian Pyles

New Hampshire –

New Jersey –

New York – Tom Donahue, and William Ransom

Ohio – Brian Bachtel, Mary Ann Bittner, Joyce Brouman, Charles Cornwell, Mitch Culbert, Karen Dunn, Christine Gardner, Bobbie Grice, Tom Harris, Maggie Hess, Lark Higginbotham, Ann Jordan, Jodey Koenigseker, Polly Mingyar, Sandra Royer, Tom Schultz, Jim Scott, Harry Snyder, Stewart Spittle, Kit Tyler, Robert Walls, Kellie Warner, and Tim Young

Pennsylvania – Van Hughes, Pat Moyer, and John Sandrene

Rhode Island –

Vermont –

West Virginia –