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Region V Business Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Commerce, Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel and Virtual

3:30 - 5:00 pm CST

Shani Watkins called the meeting to order at 3:35 CST followed by introductions of the Policy Committee.

Roll Call of States: Jennifer Fisk facilitated the Roll Call of States. ACTE will add in those participating virtually.

Approval of the Agenda: Shani Watkins called for a motion to approve. Tim Knue moves, Debbie Nelson, seconds, no discussion or opposition, motion carries.

Approval of the Minutes: Shani Watkins called for a motion to approve. Colorado moves, Arizona seconds, no discussion or opposition, motion carries.

ACTE President-Elect Candidate Speeches: The following candidates addressed attendees: Jon Quatman (Administration), Linda Romano (Health Sciences), Lisa Stange (FCS/WBL) and Chaney Mosley (Agriculture). Shani encouraged all to vote.

Financial Report: Shani Watkins explained that the operating budget comes from ACTE and has a balance of \$7,733. The designated budget balance is \$64,021 and expenses to date are \$7,806.

Recognize First Time Attendees: Ron Umehira asked the first time attendees to stand and be recognized. He encouraged them to ask lots of questions and to network with a lot of people.

Recognize Region V Awards Nominees: Nora Zollweg congratulated the Region V national winners: Shani Watkins, Administrator of the Year and John Mulcahy, Lifetime Achievement Award. She recognized all the Region V award nominees. Information will be going out in January for the 2023 awards.

Review of ACTE Board meeting/Membership: Shani Watkins reported that Region V has the largest region membership in ACTE – 5,620 members. There has been an increase of 454 members since June 2021.

From the ACTE board meeting, Shani reported ACTE receiving guidance from their attorney to have the ACTE board review and approve all policy manuals for the regions and divisions. An additional statement regarding having no conflicts with ACTE in our region policies has been added to our Policy and Procedures Manual. The board approved LeAnn Wilson as Executive Director for another 3 years. ACTE is looking good fiscally. Having last year's virtual conference did not have a negative impact on finances. The ACTE board also approved technology upgrades and needed repairs for the ACTE office building.

Region V Hall of Fame: Dodie Bemis reported that the Region V past vice president will take over Hall of Fame duties. This change was approved by the policy committee during Mark Branger's term. If you know of anyone who has made significant contributions to Region V, please complete the application. The criteria for the award is on the website and applications are due February 1st. Dodie recognized the Hall of Fame recipients in attendance.

Region V Opportunity Fund Grants: Trish Zugg talked about the Opportunity Fund being a great opportunity for states to apply for funds to further efforts within their state. Washington, Arizona, Alaska, Nevada and Utah will report at the Region V conference. Award recipients check in mid-year with the committee chair and then present their work at the Region V conference. The hope is for the work to happen throughout the year. Recipients also send in a written report prior to the Region V conference. Money is awarded after the presentations at the Region V conference. The application is available in January and is due March 15th. Awards are up to \$2,000 per state with 6 states receiving awards (\$12,000 total).

Greetings from ACTE's Executive Director, LeAnn Wilson: LeAnn encouraged everyone to become involved in the organization. They need volunteers and appreciate all you do to support ACTE. Attendees at the VISION conference have access to over 400 session (in person + hybrid).

Dr. Alisha Hyslip, ACTE Senior Director of Public Policy: Alisha oversees legislative issues, advocacy, and media relations. Legislative update: unusual year in Congress (new administration, pandemic) with significant scheduling changes. Many activities and policies were pushed back. Two major pieces of legislation that could impact CTE: (1) \$15M to Perkins Basic State Grant and investment in workforce growth. (2) Build Back Better Act: includes significant \$700M bonus for Perkins, \$600M to Basic State Grant, \$100M Perkins competitive grant innovation fund, \$5B community college & industry partnership grant, Adult Ed programs, grow your own secondary program, and early childhood education.

ACTE is planning an in-person National Policy Seminary this year (Gateway Marriott, March 21-23, 2022). It hasn't been decided yet if a virtual component will be offered. Alisha is uncertain how many Hill offices will be open for meetings; currently all visits require staff escorts.

Region V Standing/National Committee Reports

- Awards: see report above from Nora Zollweg (WA).
- Marketing/Membership/New Ideas: Ron Umehira (HI)
 - Committee hasn't met yet but Ron is excited to move forward in marketing the Region V conference.
 - Committee members were contacted to see if they want to continue serving on the committee.
- Nominating: Dodie Bemis (SD)
 - Dawn Tornquist had to step down effectively immediately; Trish Zugg has the experience to finish the term. The Policy Committee recommended to appoint Trish to finish Dawn's term ending June 30, 2022. The Policy Committee voted to approve this change.
- Legislative and Resolutions: Tim Knue (WA)
 - Legislative report heard from Alisha is what is being brought forward. Encouraged all to get involved. No resolutions are being brought forward. If you have a resolution you wish to bring forward, please let us know.
- Region V/National Fellows: Coleen Keffler (SD)
 - 2 Fellows – 1st year Frank Mesina (NV); 2nd year Nora Zollweg (WA). Coleen will put an article in the upcoming newsletter and they will be presenting the communication awards at the Region V conference. The deadline for Fellows applications is March 1st.
 - Recognized the great job Jenn Fisk is doing.
 - After being a region Fellow, you can apply for the ACTE Fellows.
 - Dawn Lindsley is the new National ACTE Fellowship co-coordinator with Doug Major (OK). Coleen is a previous National Fellow and will be working with the new Fellows. If anyone ever has any questions, please let Coleen know.

- **Audit:** Victoria Cornover (CO)
 - The ACTE Audit Committee met earlier this fall and reviewed the external audit of ACTE's financials. The audit report included no findings and was approved unanimously by the Audit Committee. It was passed on to ACTE's board for review at their next business meeting. Kudos to the ACTE staff for doing a great job keeping track of the organization's financial records and for their work to support the audit.
 - ACTE is now fully staffed.

- **Bylaws:** Valerie Vuicich (CA)
 - On the advice of ACTE's legal counsel, the Bylaws Committee has not met since September 2019 (Anaheim). Until there is an in-person Assembly of Delegates, no items will be brought forward for the committee's consideration. (Note: normally there is a conference call in June and an in-person meeting at VISION.)

First Timers for Region V Leadership Conference – South Dakota: Dodie Bemis (SD) reported that the application due date has changed to March 1st. The award is \$250 each year for 2 years with the intention to help out financially to attend the Region V conference. The award cannot be used it for registration, only travel and lodging expenses. Anyone who has not attended the Region conference is eligible.

Update on Region V 2022 Conference (April 6 - 9) – South Dakota: Tracy Kern (SD) – The conference will be held in Rapid City, SD. Wednesday will be a travel day, leadership, committee meetings and networking opportunities. The \$450 registration fee includes all ground transportation, meals and tours; there are no additional costs. The schedule was distributed via handout. The information will be posted on the website.

Coleen Keffler reviewed the tour options which are focused on different industries. The tours will be Thursday afternoon/evening. The cost is included in the registration fee and must be selected during the registration process.

Tracy Kern talked about the awards ceremony which will be at the Crazy Horse Monument Friday evening. Participants will be able to tour the museum, learn the history of the monument, listen to Native American music, enjoy a Native American meal (fry bread), and then the awards will be presented with the Crazy Horse Monument as the backdrop.

Mark Branger reviewed the Saturday morning schedule: 8:30-10:00 will be showcasing each state's CTE best practices (roundtables).

Update on Region V 2023 Conference (April 12 - 15) – North Dakota: Shani will send out information in the newsletter.

Update on Region V 2024 Conference (April 9-12) – Hawaii: Ron Umehira (HI) reported that RFPs for hotels are coming in and Hawaii ACTE will be making the selection soon. The conference will run from Tuesday-Friday to enable attendees to bookend their trip to Hawaii (come early/leave later). Ron will send his presentation and Shani will distribute.

Future Region V Conference Proposals: Shani Watkins mentioned that conference proposals from states for upcoming conferences are welcomed.

Additional Items: Shani reminded everyone to vote.

Adjournment: Move to adjourn meeting at 5:06 CST.