

**ACTE Region II Policy Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**November 19, 2014**  
**Gaylord Opryland Hotel, Nashville, TN**

**Call to Order/Welcome/Roll Call**

Juli Gilyard, Region II Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 10:25 AM in the Canal Room E of the Gaylord Opryland Hotel, Nashville, TN, and welcomed those present to the Career Tech Vision 2014. The following members were present: VP Juli Gilyard; Marcia Day, Alabama; Serena Peeler, Florida; Dr. Larry Murkerson, Georgia; Elizabeth Bullock, Kentucky; Ruth Huff, North Carolina; Tammy Haile, South Carolina; Jon Frye, Tennessee; and Irvin Hall, Virginia.

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**Agenda Approval/Minutes Approval/Officer Appointments**

Jon Frye moved to approve the agenda and Elizabeth Bullock seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Elizabeth Bullock and seconded by Ruth Huff. The motion carried.

**Financial and Membership Reports**

Juli Gilyard explained the financial report to the Committee. The report covered four months ending October 31, 2014. Total actual expenses of \$2,987 whereas \$6,647 has been budgeted for annual expenses leaving a balance of \$3,660. The Designated Funds balance was shown as \$19,683. Ms. Gilyard stated that the report would be filed. Regarding membership, Ms. Gilyard stated that current Region II membership is 5,003 and with a 10% increase membership would be 5,497. It was noted under the heading of 2015 National Committee Representatives, Brooks Smith represents South Carolina, not North Carolina. Brooks has been appointed to the Nominating Committee.

Numbers for registration at Vision 2014 were unavailable as were the figures for registration for National Policy Seminar. Ms. Gilyard stated that the website has been updated to reflect award winners from the September Region II Awards Program.

**ACTE Board Update**

Due to a flight delay, Ms. Gilyard missed a portion of the November 17th ACTE Board Meeting, but summarized the highlights as follows:

Ms. Gilyard stated that everyone has to do our job to help raise membership in the region.

Mrs. Leanne Wilson reported that 3100 people were pre-registered for Vision. The number of non-members has risen. That number included 700 new attendees for a non-Vegas conference, which is positive.

OCTAE has been asked to give an opinion about use of Perkins funds for membership and conference registration. Membership dues cannot be used for lobbying or PAC groups.

The Fellowship Program is important and interest is increasing. We need to utilize those participants are the end of the leadership program.

In observance of Career/Tech Month, events should be planned to publicize CTE and the activities of our students in the classroom and the community.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

Dr. Karen Curtis, Region II Awards Chairperson, stated that there were 18 nominees in seven categories recognized at the Region II Conference with seven finalists advancing to the national level of competition. The national winners were to be announced at an Awards Banquet on the night of November 19th in Nashville.

Rick Kalk reported on discussions of the Bylaws Committee.

Dexter Knight emailed a report to Ms. Gilyard. The Audit Committee met on September 29th via webinar. ACTE net assets were stated as \$3,897,000.00 while net profit was stated as \$381,372.00. Debt from balloon notes was refinanced at a lower fixed rate for a 10-year term which will be discharged in 2023.

There were no other standing committee reports.

Brian Law, from Georgia will represent Region II on the ACTE Resolutions Committee beginning January 1, 2015.

### **Region II Conference Update**

Mrs. Ann Gilmore, Alabama ACTE, presented an overview of the planned Region II Conference to be held September 24 - 27, 2015, in Montgomery, Alabama. Mrs. Gilmore distributed information concerning available hotel, dining and entertainment venues in that city.

### **Old Business**

Extensive discussion of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that was presented at Region II Conference in Virginia occurred. Most of the state directors expressed serious concerns about the document and asked numerous questions. It was established through the discussion that the Designated Funds in the Region II Financial Report were indeed to help states who experienced financial difficulty arising from hosting the Region II Conference.

Mrs. Leanne Wilson stated that ACTE wants to do a better job of supporting the regional host. That support would include help with marketing, communications, and materials. In Virginia, there were 150 registered participants with 42 of those residing in Virginia. ACTE will become more active in securing sponsors/exhibitors for the regional conferences.

Ms. Gilyard requested a motion from the floor to table the vote on the MOU for further review and revision. Dr. Larry Murkerson from Georgia moved to table and the motion was seconded by Ruth Huff. The motion carried.

Ms. Gilyard reminded the group that the ACTE election opens on Friday and will remain open for about two weeks. She urged everyone to vote.

Ms. Gilyard said there was only one candidate for Region II President-Elect and that the Region II Fellow would be selected via email vote. There was only one application.

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### **State-of-the-State Reports**

Following is a summary of the written reports submitted:

**Alabama**--The bylaws and policies and procedures of Alabama ACTE were reviewed and amended as necessary. National membership was encouraged via email and contact data was shared with the national organization enabling further contact with prospective members.

**Florida**--No data available.

**Georgia**--No data available.

**Kentucky**--Social media videos were developed by KACTE and a media blitz is planned to highlight and increase awareness of CTE and KACTE. Kentucky CTSO's were involved in a "Unite to Read" program and stressed awareness of anti-bullying resources.

**North Carolina**--Plans are being formulated to address membership recruitment and promote summer conference activities. A committee is seeking applications for a new director of NCACTE following the impending retirement of Tom Jones.

**South Carolina**--The Work Ready initiative provides an opportunity for all senior completers to take the WorkKeys assessments free of charge. Legislative action has mandated that all eleventh graders will be given the WorkKeys assessment. Recent elections have returned the sitting Governor to his office and a new Superintendent of Education has been elected.

**Tennessee**--A new Commissioner of Education will be appointed following the re-election of the sitting Governor. The state legislature is involved in reviewing state standards to alter/adjust/adapt CCSS to state expectations.

**Virginia**--VACTE is aligning its awards with the ACTE awards portal so that nominees will only need to complete one application. The VACTE website is being updated to include: 2013-14 Fact Sheet, CTE: Learning that works for America, and a General Assembly Bill Tracking Report.

The meeting was adjourned by Juli Gilyard, Region II Vice-President at 12:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Marcia Day*

Secretary

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