

**Trade and Industrial Education Business Meeting**  
**Georgia World Congress Center, Room 405**  
**Wednesday, November 28, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Johnson at 1:06 p.m. Jeff welcomed the members in attendance.

Jeff discussed the retirement of Jan Bray, ACTE Executive Director. ACTE staff will be challenged but they are strong and will be helping with the transition. The board has appointed a search committee and has received 70 applications for the position. The board will be seeking a candidate with CTE experience as well as association management experience. Vision 2012 attendance is good and close to goal.

Jeff introduced two SkillsUSA national officers to bring greetings. National officers Craig Swanson and Brian Bradley thanked the group for their commitment to students, SkillsUSA and CTE.

Jeff asked for corrections or additions to the minutes from St. Louis. John Gaal moved to accept. Gary Wees seconded. Minutes were approved as presented. A spelling error was corrected on the agenda.

Gary Wees distributed a report from the nominating committee. There were two candidates approved, Len Bogner and Alex Gromada, who will be making speeches later. ACTE will be sending out election information following the convention. Gary's report covers details regarding four president-elect candidates and the nominating and election process. Gary then gave a Region IV report, discussed candidates' platform and reported that his region currently has the highest ACTE membership.

Jeff reported that our membership is at 2,970, an increase of 173 over last year. We are one of the largest divisions (4<sup>th</sup> largest in ACTE). Jeff recognized the division for the great job of promoting our membership to step up to higher level positions in ACTE. Jeff reported that he was proud to serve on the board of directors of SkillsUSA and cited the ROI for SkillsUSA to its members.

Dr. Len Bogner presented his campaign speech, followed by Alex Gromada.

**Standing committee reports:** Len Bogner reported that there were no new bylaws to consider but the committee proposed that they review each division's policies for conformity. This proposal will be taken to the ACTE board.

Sandy reported that the resolutions committee will meet tonight at 6:00 p.m and Andy Wermes reported that the sustainability committee meeting is in conflict with this meeting and he was thus unable to attend. Jeff reported that the ACTE Task Force is working to get more membership involved and that the committee is also charged to monitor Congress and activity related to CTE in legislation. Jeff reported that the CTE support fund committee will meet later today and will be developing guidelines regarding the fund and where the dollars go in advocacy efforts. Convention committee report not given due to a scheduling conflict with our committee member.

**Regional Reports:** Region I is vacant; Region II Chip Harris is absent due to a family member passing. Region III conference was in Middleton, Wisconsin with approximately 75 attending. There will be a Region III meeting this afternoon. Peoria IL will be the site for the 2013 Region III conference June 20-21. Region IV will be holding their conference April 25-27 in Oklahoma City April 11-13. Jeff announced other regional meeting dates and encouraged members to participate in these conferences.

**Affiliate Reports:** Andrew Wermes gave the ASTS report. Andy stated that the NATEF meeting is happening at the same time as this business meeting and that several of our members are attending that meeting, making this meeting's attendance lower.

Andy provided a report on the ASTS certification program. The certification program is designed to set the standards for what a quality CTE educator should be. The program offers professional development to support the certification process. Andy reviewed the certification concept and process. He reviewed the seven criteria and standards required for the various levels of certification. Andy thanked SkillsUSA for supporting the certification process by distributing information to the SkillsUSA national audience. Andy announced that ASTS will be hosting a reception at the Marriott Marquis at 6:00 p.m. tomorrow evening.

The SkillsUSA report was given by national officers Craig Swanson and Brian Bradley and executive director Tim Lawrence. The national officers reported on activities that they have participated in this academic year, including officer training, WLTI, media relations and the CEO Champion of the Year Dinner, honoring Snap-on CEO Nick Pinchuk. Students also reported on travel to fall conferences and advocacy efforts at the state and federal levels. Kaila O'Ferrell, Region I Vice President also attended and assisted with the report.

Tim Lawrence reported that SkillsUSA membership is currently approximately 20,000 above same time last year. Members of the SkillsUSA World Team just returned from Brazil where they earned seven medals in ten competitions entered, competing against 21 countries in North and South America at "World Skills Americas." SkillsUSA will be celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the organization in 2015 and is kicking off a campaign called "Skills Build America" with a goal of raising \$1 million in the next three years. These funds will be used to support membership development, training for students and teachers and the SkillsUSA Alumni. Tim thanked the group for their support.

Jeff held a drawing for door prizes and adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

13 members present: Jeff Johnson, Alex Gromada, John Gaal, Nashira Butler, Graham Yarborough, Mark Fuchs, Tim Lawrence, Sandy McMahan, Len Bogner, Gary Weese, Ken Holmes, Don Eshelby, Mike Siegrist.

3 National Officers from SkillsUSA: Kaila O'Ferrel, Brian Bradley, Craig Swanson.