

VISION Region IV Business Meeting  
December 3, 2024

Meeting called to order at 2:01 p.m. by Michael Culwell.

Roll Call

- Oklahoma
  - Report by Kristal McCathern
  - Update on state membership
  
- New Mexico
  - Report by Jeff Waugh
  
- Texas
  - Report by Brandon Grace
  
- Mississippi
  - Report by Blaise King
  
- Louisiana
  - Report by Tony McCardle
  
- Arkansas
  - Report by Katy Roberson

Blaise King moved, and Brooke Kushe seconded to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

Brandon Grace moved, and Raymond Banner seconded to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

Video presented with words from Executive Director, LeAnn Curry.

President-Elect Candidate Presentations:

- Katy Blatnick-Gagne
- Brandon Russell

Michael asked for introductions of Policy Committee members.

Recognition of Region IV Board of Directors

Recognition of ACTE Fellows Class of 2024 & 2025.

Recognition of Region IV Fellows Cohort III. New applications will be available Friday, December 12, 2024 and they are due by January 30th.

Recognition of 1st Time Attendees. Remember provided of 1st Time Attendee Breakfast.

Announcement of Excellence Award Gaga to be held Wednesday, December 4th.

Announcement of Region IV Reception: December 5th at 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in room 217B. There was a short presentation by Jeff Howards of SAVVAS (previously Pearson Learning). He asked attendees to stop by booth 906.

Assembly of delegates announcement as well as Leadership Breakfast announcement.

Membership Report:

- ACTE Membership - 27,194
- Region IV Membership - 8,175

Financial Report:

- Operating Budget - \$6,667.95
- Designated Budget - \$137,961.00

ACTE Board Meeting:

- Michael shared that consideration is being made to approve amendments to the Region IV Policy Manual. Michael had shared the updated policy via email with Region IV members prior to the conference.
- Jennifer Turner moved, and Darren Lackey seconded that changes to the policy manual based on the updates be approved. The motion passed.

Committee Reports:

- Awards committee update provided by Michael Culwell. Chairperson, Teresa Pinkston attending awards practice.
- Audit Committee - Jeff Waugh - No Report
- Bylaws Committee - Brandon Grace - Committee met in September 2024 and reviewed charter and objectives. Rob Lowe moved to approve objectives during the meeting and Jill Cauchy seconded.
- Nomination Committee: Blaise King provided an extensive report based on the nominating committee and provided an update on the candidates and current vacancies.

Michael provided Region IV Vice Presidents and opportunity to speak for 1 minute:

- Jennifer Snyder - Arkansas
- Mike Ogas - New Mexico

Alicia Hysop provided the Legislative Update:

- Congress Update

- Only a few weeks left for decisions to be made before the presidential transition.
- Paying attention to the National Defense Authorization Act and the Farm Bill Extension
- December 20th is the deadline for the fiscal year appropriations.
- Paying attention to the Reauthorization of Innovation & Opportunity Act. This act will impact WIOA.
- Paying attention to the Social Security Fairness Act: HB42.
- They are working on reaching out to the incoming members of congress.
- Looking at the fate of the Department of Education
  - Removing the Department of Education would have to be approved by congress. It is not a unilateral decision. There is a possibility of “farming out” vapors departments if the Department of Education is removed.
- ACTE is watching the threat of funding cuts.
- Alicia asked that members begin to build relationships with incoming congress men & women.

#### Unfinished Business:

Michael shared that the Policy Committee is working on the Strategic Plan.

#### New Business:

Lorri Carlisle from Oklahoma provided an update on the Region IV Conference that scheduled for April 23-25 in Oklahoma City, OK. Lorri reviewed the current agenda for the Region IV Conference & reminded everyone of the call for presentation. Registration for Region IV opens on January 15th. She asked that representation of each state be a part of the planning committee.

Brandon Grace moved, and Raymond Banner seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 2:59 p.m. The motion passed.