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Region V Business Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, Room 217D

3:00 – 4:30

Craig Statucki called the meeting to order at 3:00 CST followed by introductions of the Policy Committee.

Roll Call of States: Rachel Gonzalez (UT) facilitated the Roll Call of States.

Approval of the Agenda: Craig Statucki (NV) called for a motion to approve. Jan Jardine (UT) moves, Debbie Nelson (CO), seconds, no discussion or opposition, motion carries.

Approval of the Minutes: Bobbie Jo Donovan (SD) called for a motion to approve. Tina Statucki (NV) moves, Dodie Bemis (SD) seconds, no discussion or opposition, motion carries.

Financial Report: Craig Statucki (NV) reported the operating budget is \$7400. The designated budget balance is \$22,524.07. Income sources include the Region V conference. The uses from the budget include award winner supports, opportunity grants, and committee budgets. Previous designated budgets include 2023-2024 - \$49,462.00 and 2022-2023 - 63,066.00. Craig talked about the state of our budget and also expressed concerns on how it is unfair to the Region V host state to have to run/provide our budget for us.

Region V Membership Report: Currently have 6,800 members which is an increase of 126 members since June and a decrease of 1,293 since last October.

Recognize First Time Attendees: Rachel Gonzalez (UT) welcomed and recognized first time attendees. 10 first time attendees present.

Recognition of Region V Award Nominees: Craig Statucki (NV) recognized the award nominees. The Awards GALA will take place tonight. Nominees participated in practice interviews in October. Overall, Region V has a great group of nominees.

Review of ACTE Board Meeting & Membership update: Craig Statucki (NV) provided an update from the ACTE Board of Directors meeting. Current membership is at 27,649. There are 2,547 new members. VISION attendance this year is right at 5,000. He reported that the Regional Focus this year is for sponsorship for regional conferences and additional Professional Development opportunities for Region members.

ACTE Leadership: Michael Connet welcomed everyone to San Antonio. He also recognized Craig for his leadership. He reported that the Association is very strong with a near record of VISION participants. Overall in 2024, other national events had record breaking attendance as well. He spoke about Strategic themes this year and how they are built around members and their classrooms. He spoke on how they are working to support members. He also discussed updates in the online professional learning platform - CTE Learn.

Region V Policy Manual: Craig Statucki (NV) reported on the most updated policy manual. It has been aligned with policy and procedure manuals across with board policies as well as across other states and regions. Debbie Nelson (CO) moved to approve the policy manual, Tim Knue (WA) seconded. Motion carries.

Region V Hall of Fame: Mark Branger (MT) encouraged states to submit applications for those who have contributed to the leadership of Region V–Hall of Fame Award. Deadline is March 1, 2025.

Region V Opportunity Fund Grants: Trish Zugg (AK) reported four states Arizona, Montana, North Dakota and Utah received funds last year and are half way through their scope of work. She encouraged states to apply for this year's Opportunity Fund Grant of up to \$2,000. The policy committee will meet in January to determine what this program will look like moving forward given the state of the region budget.

Board of Director Elections: President elect candidates Katy Blatnick-Gagne and Brandon Russell addressed the membership. Don't forget to vote beginning Friday morning.

ACTE Legislative Update: Alisha Hyslip gave an update. Most important thing to be doing right now is making connections to any new congressman in your state. Be a voice for them in the group and help make the connection to the local community.

Standing Committees:

Region V Awards: Tracy Kern (SD) reported that the Awards GALA is being held this evening. Contact Tracy with questions. To be considered for Region V in Las Vegas, applications must be submitted by March 1st. They can be found on the ACTE website. Don't forget about the Region V Communication Award, Innovative Program Award, as well as the ACTE Excellence Awards.

Tracy reported that they would like a representative from each state on the awards committee, they still need additional people. If you are interested, talk with Dodie Bemis to get nominations to be on a committee. The ACTE Awards committee is meeting Thursday and will be looking at positive changes to the process to benefit the members.

Region V Marking/Membership/New Ideas: Jayme Fitzpatrick (AZ) reported that if you are looking for a committee that is less intense, this is a great one. The committee plans a presentation for Region V newcomers. There has always been good consistency within the committee. The committee will begin meeting in January to plan for the Region V conference in Las Vegas.

Region V Nominating: Dodie Bemis (SD) reported that the big push is at the Region V conference. If you don't apply, you can't be considered. They are looking to fill spots on the marketing, awards and legislative committees. We will need to fill 2 spots on the Policy Committee as well. If you are interested, it is a different application form - and you should be in a leadership position in your state. This doesn't mean you need to be a past president, but you should know and understand what is happening for your state and region.

100th Anniversary: Dodie Bemis SD reported that she and Debbie Nelson are serving on the National committee. This will take place at ACTE's 100th Anniversary in New Orleans in 2026. There are not a lot of plans finalized yet other than each region will have a showcase.

Region V Legislative and Resolutions: Tim Knue (WA) reported that they have tried things over the years and it always seemed to be the same people. They are always looking for ways to help and assist. Resolutions used to be more robust but now we are able to pass items off to the ACTE Board of Directors. One thing we can continue to do is to reinforce communication lines. Be sure to sign up for Policy e-blasts from ACTE and Advance CTE.

Region V/National Fellows: Erica Davis (CO) and Jennifer McConville (NE) are the Region V fellows. They meet monthly. They have been doing a Leadership Book Study and will do a presentation at Region V. They also take part in the monthly Policy Committee meetings, they help judge the communication awards - that in which they hope to see a lot of applications. They will also talk more about the fellows program at Region V in Las Vegas.

Audit: Mark Branger (MT) reported the committee met on October 9, 2024 and ACTE received a clean audit with no deficiencies. The financial position of the organization is very good.

Region V Bylaws: Jenn Fisk (NV) reported that they met a few months ago and did some clean up of bylaws to align with board policies.

IAED: Shari Jerde (ND) reported that there are several goals with two to highlight. First, they are doing a mentor/mentee program and will be creating a repository for best practices. Watch for eblasts. They will also be hosting a February conclave.

First Timers for Region V: Dodie Bemis (SD) will be sending a letter out after the first of the year to see if those from last year will plan to attend in Las Vegas, which would mean they would use the second portion of the stipend.

Region V 2025 Conference (April 30-May 3) – Las Vegas: Tina Statucki (NV) provided an update. The theme is Rolling the Dice on Innovation. They are hoping for a record number of attendees, as this is an inexpensive conference to attend. They have brought many partners on board to support the conference. Call for presentations is open until January 6th.

Update on Region V 2026 Conference (April 8-11) - Salt Lake: Pepper Poulsen (UT) provided an update that it will be held at Little America. It will feel like a cozy hometown place with amazing food. Regardless of what you teach, there will be something for everyone.

Future Region V Conference Proposals: Craig Statucki (NV) reported that they are looking for the 2027 and 2028 host states. He mentioned we would like to get back to pre-pandemic where we know where the current year's conference will be held plus an additional 2 years out. The hope will be to identify both years at the conference in April. If your state hasn't hosted recently, consider putting a proposal together.

Region V Vice-President Elect (2025 election slate): Craig Statucki (NV) said if you are interested, there will be information coming forward in January.

Coleen Kefeler (SD) moved to adjourn, Carla Hixson (ND) seconded. Meeting adjourned by Craig Statucki at 4:30 PM CST.