

**Who or what originally inspired you to get involved as a volunteer/leader with ACTE?**

I wanted to **expand my work in Business Ed** into the large CTE arena. My first work with ACTE was similar to what I had done in several Bus Ed organizations.

**What's one big issue you want to help resolve or improve (in your career, in the field or in ACTE)?**

**The power of CTE!** Meaning, how students taking CTE courses seem to succeed more than those who do not. But more specifically in Bus Ed. I believe that Bus Ed is **THE** area every student needs to take! It's very easy to work Bus Ed into the other areas of CTE!

**What do you enjoy most about volunteering? What do you find most challenging?**

Enjoy - the networking, sharing of ideas, and camaraderie.  
Challenges - **getting everyone onboard!**

**What do you hope to accomplish through volunteering?**

To **better those I work for** (members) and expanding their involvement in CTE, no matter what that may be!

**What's the best advice you've been given?**

Show your **passion**.

**What do you do outside of work?**

Since retiring in June 2014, much of my time has been spent **working with CTE organizations**. I am currently the Past VP of the BE Division and now the Executive Director of the Illinois Bus Ed Association.

**What's your greatest 'useless talent?'**

**Watching sports** - at least some say that.

**What are you reading right now?**

I enjoy reading Grisham books mostly. Also Mike Wells.

**What's your favorite food?**

Probably **pizza!**

**What's your favorite travel destination?**

Several, but mainly somewhere I haven't been.

**What's your favorite quote or motto?**

Stay Strong and Play Your Game!

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