

ACTE Region I
Business Meeting

Atlanta Georgia World Congress Center

December 2, 2006

MINUTES

Region I Vice President Margaret "Maggie" Hess called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. Time constraints placed a sense of haste on the meeting, but words of encouragement and reassurance delivered by speaker Chris Gardner for the role of Career and Technical Education in serving students' needs and the work of practitioners in the field gave inspiration and a sense of purpose to the assembly.

SkillsUSA Parliamentarian and Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School senior Danielle Remillard from Massachusetts will pursue a career in elementary education. She shares a mutual respect for Career and Technical Education with her sister who studied cosmetology and served as a model for her pursuit of achievement and leadership. However, she chose marketing as her area of study. She learned to overcome obstacles and manage change. She thanked the assembled educators and their colleagues for "believing in us." She closed with a sincere "thank you."

Region I Roll Call sheets were circulated for attendees to sign in (see attachment).

A motion was made by Ernie Powers and second by Chuck Cornwall to accept the Minutes of the December 10, 2005 Annual Business Meeting...

...motion carried.

Audit Report – No report.

Awards - Chair, Ernie Powers, (and later, Carol Olson) reported that nominees were recognized as award winners:

Outstanding Teacher in Community Service

David Stiles of New Philadelphia, OH

Outstanding New Career and Technical Teacher

Dawn Thompson of Oregon, OH

Outstanding Career and Technical Educator

William Souder of Pickerington, OH

Teacher of the Year

Virginia Barker of Cambridge, OH

Region I Legislators of the Year

Robert E. Travaglino, Massachusetts Senate President

Salvatore F. DiMasi, Massachusetts House Speaker

Scott Westbrook III Award
Polly Mingyar
Jim Hanneman Award
Allen Vaughan

Bylaws - Mitch Culbert reported that the Bylaws Committee voted unanimously to accept the proposed changes to the bylaws and they were commented on at the Town Hall Meeting. It was repeated that the bylaws are a framework document and their intent is carried out with details being stipulated in the policy manual. The proposed changes will be voted on at the Assembly of Delegates Meeting, 3:30 p.m.

Communications – Polly Mingyar reported that the *Techniques* magazine was a topic of discussion in regard to “who should receive it?” A new contract with a printing company that requires pdf files may make electronic access easier in the future. ACTE works with EBSCO and two other services. Peter Magnuson is concerned about “how to market to internal staff.” The redesign of *Techniques* in 2005 reflected survey results and changes were made according to suggestions. The redesign has made a positive difference. The bookstore struggles.

CTE Support Fund – No report.

Diversity – (excerpt from committee minutes, 11-29-06) A discussion was held in their meeting on how to get diverse populations to take an interest in CTE and become involved in ACTE committees and accept board responsibilities. Ideas discussed included: national workshops; sensitivity issues; a survey; demographic studies; and discussion forum.

Legislative - Allen Vaughan reported that the Congressional focus will be on reauthorization of No Child Left Behind. It may take a couple of years? He talked about a quick reference, two sided paper, with a career and technical education / NCLB interface. It will be important to select “hard working hill workers” to get our message to Congress.

At this time, ACTE President Elect Candidates entered the meeting and spoke to the assembly:

Mary Nemish pledged to energize the membership for involvement. She will be responsive to the membership. She would like to tap into the international market and believes it would be a viable and effective venture. She will focus on achieving the goals of ACTE and asked for the support of Region I members.

Bryan Albrecht thanked the group for hearing his position. He cited that Chris Gardner brought us to the realization that we have our own place in the community. Lions and gazelles have to learn how to play together. Ask yourself, “Where do I want to go?” Success for our members will be equal to finding value, quality service, and exceptional service. We must provide guidance at the local level as well as guaranteed success for our students. Imagine a GPS success map for every member. He congratulated the assembly of members for their involvement.

Candidate guide and host, President **Robert Scarborough** shared with the assembly that this conference has had some outstanding speakers. They spoke to the cause of overcoming adversity as a model of performance. He thanked everyone for endorsing and supporting his current leadership of ACTE.

Membership - Stewart Spittle reported that ACTE has a good retention rate. Membership renewal procedures will include two direct mails, phone calls, and an e-mail. Welcome packets for new members are being planned and the committee is asking State Presidents to include a welcome letter for new members from their state. Total membership as of October shows 29,122 with Region I total showing 4,999. This conference at Atlanta has generated an outstanding First Timer response. Next year, New Members will have a "green dot" on their badge. Registration for the 2008 conference will start at the 2007 Las Vegas Conference. Stewart announced that he is running for President Elect of the Trade and Industrial Division.

New Ideas – Topics deserving Committee attention: listserv implementation; establish "chair elect" position; propose a "high energy" brainstorm, feedback, and new ideas breakout session; advertise for and/or appoint members to fill committee vacancies on the ACTE website; resubmit proposal to offer live web casts from the ACTE annual conference; a call for ACTE to authorize and develop electronic committee meetings; and collaborate with Marketing Division and Membership Committee to survey the barriers members face in attending the ACTE Convention.

Nominating - Irene Ashley reminded everyone that there is concern over fielding candidates for the office of President. They should be well qualified and be named no later than the deadline of October 1.

Professional Development – (from 11-29-07 revised committee minutes) National Best Practices Practitioners list will provide topics/presenters from which to choose. They might be available for Regional and State Conferences. Possible ways of providing PD to members was discussed: online classes, list serves, non-member outreach, and public relations. Assess member's needs before providing service. Perkins follow-ups and accountability were suggested. Swipe cards for workshops. Offer the Grand Carousel as an option for presenters with an explanation about this option.

Public Information – No report.

Reorganization – Marcus Ashley assured members that there is "nothing in there to hurt any of us." He hopes there is an affirming vote reorganization.

Resolutions - Van Hughes reported that two resolutions will be forwarded to the Assembly of Delegates: # 1. To encourage entrepreneurship throughout America. All CTE educators call on President George W. Bush to declare the week of February 24, 2007 – March 3, 2007 in support of House Resolution # 699 as Entrepreneurship Week USA in order to encourage the celebration of the contributions of entrepreneurs to the success of America. # 2. High School Redesign. That ACTE advocate for and provide guidelines to federal policy makers in support of policies and funding reflecting the positions of ***Reinventing the American High School for the 21st Century.***

Kristine Waslar explained the plan for the ACTE – Region I Conference, "Leadership - Creating the Future" to be held at the Sheraton, Atlantic City, April 19-21, 2007. A "Conference Overview" on the back of the flyer draft described a tentative program with Jane Oates as a kick off presenter on Thursday evening, Friday breakouts, and Saturday closing session featuring Janet Bray & ACTE Leadership. Saturday afternoon includes possible behind the scenes casino tour, shopping, and site seeing. An increase in \$100.00 registration fee would begin January 31, \$150.00 at end of February, then up to \$200.00 at March/April deadline.

Maggie Hess, at the 11-29-07 Policy Committee Meeting, appointed Ron Cassidy to the Audit Committee, Don Jarvis to the CTE Support Fund Committee, and Mitch Culbert to the Public Information Committee. The terms are for two years officially in effect 7-1-07 until 6-30-09. She announced at today's meeting that we need Committee Nomination forms completed by those who would like to serve. We are encouraging young teachers to be involved. She is also seeking nominees for Vice President of Region I.

Marcus Ashley called for fund raiser items in the neighborhood of \$100 - \$150 per item. Each state should submit an item. They should be ready for the National Policy Seminar. There will be a drawing at next year's Annual Business Meeting. Send the name of item to Maggie Hess.

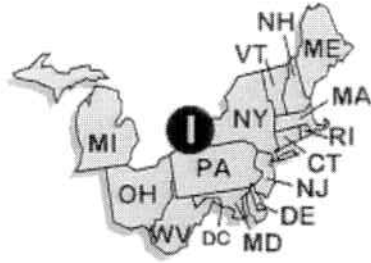
Ron Cassidy offered a vote of thanks to the Board members for their work.

At the call from Polly Mingyar, the meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

Van Hughes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Van Hughes', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Secretary,
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Roll Call of States

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Connecticut –

Delaware –

District of Columbia –

Federal Offices –

Maine –

Maryland –

Massachusetts – Irene Ashley, Marcus Ashley, Donald Ayer, Don Jarvis, Carol Olsen, Danielle Remullard, Sumner Rothman, Lynn Ryan, and Allen Vaughan

Michigan – William DiGiulio

New Jersey –

New York – Thomas Donahue and William Ransom

Ohio – Rebecca Beckstedt, Ron Cassidy, Chuck Cornwall, Mitch Culbert, Karen Dunn, Christine Gardner, Debi Gay, Gary Gebhart, Ron Harmon, Lark Higginbotham, Margaret Hess, Ann Jordan, Michelle Means-Walker, Polly Mingyar, Nancy Pietras, Jon Quatman, Robert Scarborough, Harry Snyder, Stewart Spittle, Mark Steedly, Sue Steele, Robert Walko, Kris Waslar, Robin White, and Tim Young

Pennsylvania – Van Hughes and Gerald Reichard

Vermont –

West Virginia – Ernie Powers

