

ACTE Region I

“Policy Committee Meeting”

Gaylord Opryland

Nashville, TN

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

MINUTES

ACTE Vice President, Mary Ann Bittner called the Region I Policy Committee Meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. in room Lincoln C. She welcomed members of the Policy Committee and guests to the Nashville Convention and expressed confidence that the next few days would be productive and rewarding. She also noted that copies of archived Minutes in varying quantities, extending back over five years were available for those who choose take some. They provide a history of many issues that have shaped CTE, the Region, and the professional response to them.

Region I, Secretary, Van Hughes circulated a “Roll Call of States” sheet for members to sign in by name, state, and e-mail address. He also presented for review and approval the Minutes from the **April 30, 2009 Region I Policy Committee Meeting at Quail Hollow Resort, Painesville / Concord Township, Ohio.** Polly Mingyar moved that the Minutes be approved, second by Mitch Culbert...

...motion carried.

Mary Ann Bittner announced that two of the three ***ACTE Awards Program Region I Nominees*** were present and would be recognized at this time with a small token of Region I appreciation. Unable to attend was ***Outstanding Teacher in Community Service, Vicki Moreland***, Butler Technology & Career Development Schools, Fairfield, Ohio. She gives her students an opportunity spend the day shadowing teachers, volunteering as tutors with the Fairfield Latchkey program, participating in food and clothing drives, completing yard work and making holiday cards for elderly residents of the Fairfield community, delivering notes of appreciation to staff and teachers for Teacher Appreciation Day, volunteering to work the CTE booth at the career fair to promote DTE, and seniors have the chance to test their skills by teaching a third-grade class. She will be recognized at a later event. Present to receive compliments were: ***Teacher of the Year Nominee, Nicki Wright***, Delaware Area Career Center, Delaware, Ohio serves at-risk and disadvantaged students. Her program provides students with academic intervention, employability skills, career exploration, implementation of a career plan, work-based learning, and participation in a career pathway with options for both further education and jobs. ***Outstanding New Career and Technical Teacher, James O'Neill***, Mid-East Career and Technology Centers, Zanesville, Ohio presents lessons that focus on the real-life aspects of the field. He maintains industry standards and safety protocols as a priority, while allowing students to speak and learn from current real-life laborers for firsthand experience.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Review: Mary Ann Bittner reports that as of the quarter ending October 31, 2009, no expenses have been charged to the Region I annual budget. The budget reserves currently stand at \$6,048. The food and refreshments to arrive soon at this meeting will be the first invoice. Relating to other financial topics, she also announced that Audit Review Committee member Ron Cassidy is not present and sends “best wishes” to all in attendance. He is retiring from the committee as well as the profession on December 31, 2009. Dave Keaton requested an advance in finances to cover initial expenses for the 2010 Conference in Bangor, Maine. Polly Mingyar suggested that travel expense funds be appropriated for a tour bus to transport Ohio attendees the conference. Mary Ann indicated those funds would be the responsibility of the State Association if the idea is accepted. A motion was made by Dave Keaton and second by Mitch Culbert that this report be approved...

...motion carried.

Awards: Lynda Spittle is reporting for Ann Jordan who is on medical leave. In addition to the three 2009 Region I awardees named above, the following winners, all from Massachusetts were named:

Legislator of the Year
Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor, Timothy Murray

Outstanding Business / Educational Partnership
Juniper Networks – Westford

Innovative Vocational / Technical Program
Renewable Energy Program

The revised ACTE Excellence Awards booklet with explanation and deadlines can be found by logging on to www.acteonline.org and clicking on Awards Program. Adjustments have been made to the interview process. Very few persons were nominated for Region I or national awards. A stronger effort must be made.

Bylaws: Mitch Culbert reported that the proposed amendments to the Bylaws were published in the October 2009 issue of *Techniques*. The changes relate to: (1) *Article I – Organizational Structure*, section **B. Divisions**, and (2) *Article VII – Election of Board of Directors*, section **C. Method of Election**, subsection **3**. Discussion was held on the rationale of each amendment. If the proposals are accepted by the Assembly of Delegates at the Saturday meeting, affiliate groups within Divisions will be known as “special interest groups” and candidate election rules will be less restrictive with balloting to start during convention running for a period of thirty (30) days.

Communications: David Keaton reported that the Communications Committee will become two distinct Task Forces. (1) The *Techniques* Taskforce will identify themes, find experts, solicit articles, and determine the appropriate length of articles. He expressed his interest in chairing and serving on this initiative. (2) The Communication Technology Taskforce includes exploring mobile technologies as a way to deliver the *Career Tech Update*, *Techniques*, and other e-media.

CTE Support Fund: Allen Vaughan reported that Region I maintains a **#1** standing when it comes to fund raising efforts in the Association. Chet Wichowski donates in kind services to the Regions budget.

Allen encouraged everyone to attend the ACTE Networking Reception and Silent Auction tomorrow evening beginning at 5:45 p.m. in Presidential B. The number in the corner of your name tag is your "auction ID." A suggested donation of \$5.00 at the door will go to the CTE Support Fund. Allen will be cycling off the committee on June 30, 2010.

Cultural Awareness: No report.

Legislative: Region I members Don Ayer, Annie Foster, and Harry Snyder were present at this morning's Committee meeting. A move will be made to splitting this group into two Task Forces. (1) The Perkins Taskforce to focus exclusively on that legislation. (2) The ESEA/NCLB/WIA/Education Reform Taskforce to address all concerns related to these laws. Maggie Hess asked if every Region will have a representative on the taskforces. Mitch Culbert and Harry Snyder suggested that States "step up to the plate." Other matters reported were: Perkins will be level funded; ARRA/Stimulus money is making it into the economy; Race to the Top grant requests are being processed; WIA funds will fund displaced workers, youth, and youth programs; and SAFRA is causing us to reevaluate Congressional priorities and new funding avenues (i.e. labor and green energy). Members are encouraged to visit the "Issue Briefs" section of the ACTE website. Don Ayer commented on a school that installs solar panels that offer both instructional opportunities as well as Department of Energy financial support. Harry Snyder reported that NCLB will most likely be renamed.

Membership: Alisha Kroner reported that this Committee will become a Taskforce. The official end date for the Committee is June 30, 2010 and the inception of the Taskforce will take place when the "task" is placed before them. Problems to be resolved by the new group will include: increasing membership; replacing "silos;" unifying ACTE's structure; reaching out to postsecondary students; creating incentives for students to join; to name a few. John Sandrene commented that many of these same issues are faced by the leadership of Pennsylvania – ACTE.

New Ideas: No report.

Nominating Committee: Maggie Hess reported that 2010 President-Elect candidates James Comer and Karen Mason have been scheduled to greet and speak to Region I members at the Saturday, 1:00 p.m. Annual Business Meeting. Other candidates are competing in: Division races for Business Education; Engineering and Technology Education; Family and Consumer Sciences; New and Related Services; Trade and Industrial Education; and in Regions III and IV.

Professional Development: Polly Mingyar indicated that comprehensive Minutes of action taken at the Professional Development Committee Meeting would be available in room Bayou A. This is yet another Committee that will be transformed to a Taskforce. At the PDC Meeting, it was moved by Candice Beasley and seconded by Polly Mingyar that a taskforce explore the process on how to collect data on presenters by using electronic and real time methods...motion carried unanimously. Clark County School District may evaluate presenters at the Las Vegas Convention. Possibilities for the same method is being explored for St. Louis and Atlanta Conventions. In another action, Michelle Aldrich moved that each state and region be encouraged to provide DTE instructors with a link to state associations' sites listing Professional Development and CEU availability. In addition, ACTE provide an "easy button" to select information by state for professional development. Polly Mingyar seconded...motion carried unanimously.

Public Information: Tom Harris reported that this Committee will become an "Public Image Taskforce" on July 1, 2010. The Cliff Weiss Memorial Essay Contest continues to be an effective and honorable way to publicly celebrate CTE month. All members should routinely check ACTE News Releases at this link: <http://www.acteonline.org/presscenter.aspx?year=2009> in order to remain current with initiatives that are announced to the public.

Resolutions: Bob Walls reported that the Resolutions Committee will meet 5:00 p.m., Friday, November 20, 2009 in room delta Island B.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The MVA (Massachusetts Vocational Association) and MAVA (Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators) will sponsor a two day Professional Development Conference, ***Meeting Challenges With Real Solutions***, featuring Dr. Williard Daggett at Assabet Regional Technical High School, Marlborough, MA on Tuesday – Wednesday, June 29 – 30, 2010.

Mary Ann Bittner reported that the Board of Directors selected a theme for the 2010 Convention, ***"Leadership is a Matter of Choice."*** New themes will be selected earlier in the future (two years out).

Young Professionals will be meeting here to ask and debate the question, "What is the future of the Assembly of Delegates?" At issue are: the amount of time invested; is it fulfilling its role efficiently; is it economically prudent to stay another day? Other questions arise regarding unified state dues --- should services to non unified states be cut back?

Dave Keaton encouraged members to register for the Region I Conference in Bangor, Maine. The Spring 2010 Conference at the Hollywood Slots Hotel and Conference Center is set for Thursday – Saturday, April 29 – May 1. Reserve rooms at www.hollywoodslots.com. The hotel has a tourist industry focus. Activities will include Green technology tours, breakout sessions, an Advanced Composite Center tour, and a lobster bake. There will be free time, a Region I Meeting, and visiting the locale is encouraged. Husson University is in Bangor and Bar Harbor is south-east of Bangor.

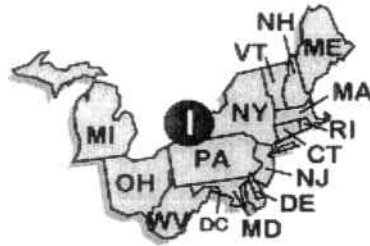
Mary Ann Bittner would like to receive opinions via e-mail commenting on "the value of a regional conference." What about the possibility of having a combined regional conference? Is the value worth the investment? Does the word associate have regional meaning?

Allen Vaughan requested that the Scott Westbrook, III – Humanitarian Award and the Jim Hanneman – Memorial Award be given a place on the ACTE Region I website. He would also like to see photos on the site.

A motion to adjourn was made by Polly Mingyar...approved at 4:26 p.m.

Van Hughes

Secretary
ACTE Region I



Region I

Roll Call of States

Nashville, TN – November 18, 2009

Connecticut –

Delaware –

District of Columbia –

Maine – Dave Keaton

Maryland – Annie Foster

Massachusetts – Donald Ayer, and Allen Vaughan

Michigan –

New Hampshire –

New Jersey –

New York – Alicia Dargan

Ohio – Mary Ann Bittner, Mitch Culbert, Tom Harris, Maggie Hess, Polly Mingyar, Jim O'Neill, Harry Snyder, Lynda Spittle, Stewart Spittle, Robert Walls, and Nicki Wright

Pennsylvania – Van Hughes, John Sandrene, and Chet Wichowski

Rhode Island –

Vermont –

West Virginia –

ACTE Region I

“Annual Business Meeting”

Gaylord Opyland
Nashville, TN
Saturday, November 21, 2009

MINUTES

ACTE Vice President, Mary Ann Bittner called the Region I Annual Business Meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. in room Delta Island B. The initial small number of attendees present, due most likely to the obscure location of the room, were given the opportunity for self introduction. Bringing greetings are: Jason Westerheide, a student from Xavier University and Past President of FCCLA. He is representing CTSOs. He is accompanied by Rhonda Ashburn, from the Reston National Office of the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America. Jason's message emphasized the value of family in leadership. Everyone is a member of a family. Personal growth and leadership are developed through Family and Consumer Sciences education. Focusing on the multiple roles of the family member, wage earner and community leader, FCCLA members develop skills for life through: character development, creative and critical thinking, interpersonal communication, practical knowledge, and career preparation. ACTE and CTSOs provide a platform for these values to be shaped. He thanked all for empowering his efforts and closed with, "It's great to be here."

Region I, Secretary, Van Hughes encouraged attendees to sign the roll sheets being circulated. The Minutes from the **December 6, 2009 Region I Business Meeting at Charlotte, North Carolina.** Ernie Powers moved that the Minutes be approved, second by Stewart Spittle...

...motion carried.

Mary Ann Bittner recognized two awardees: ***ACTE Awards Program – Outstanding Teacher in Community Service, Vicki Moreland***, from Butler Technology & Career Development Schools, Fairfield, Ohio. She gives her students an opportunity spend the day shadowing teachers, volunteering as tutors with the Fairfield Latchkey program, participating in food and clothing drives, completing yard work and making holiday cards for elderly residents of the Fairfield community, delivering notes of appreciation to staff and teachers for Teacher Appreciation Day, volunteering to work the CTE booth at the career fair to promote DTE, and seniors have the chance to test their skills by teaching a third-grade class. ***ACTE Trade and Industrial Division – Outstanding Service Award, Rhonda D. Hoyman***. The engraved wooden plaque she received read, "In recognition of her outstanding contributions, visionary leadership, and tireless pursuit to the advancement of career and technical education." Mary Ann also noted that the ***ACTE Quality Association Award*** was presented to the states of **Massachusetts, Ohio,** and **West Virginia.**

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(see also previous page and New Business for additional award recipients)

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Candidate Presentations: A brief pause from reports was taken in order that 2010 candidates for ACTE President Elect could address the assembly.

James Comer is a Vice President of the Adult Workforce Division from Region IV. He has a twenty year tenure and would like to have a chance to lead us. Career and Technical Education does make a difference in the lives of students. The job of ACTE is to bring advocates and supporters together for a common bond and a common purpose. As President he will work to expand the awareness of the support and other benefits available to all members of ACTE, and develop better systems of communication and information sharing at the state, regional, and national level. He asked for our vote.

Karen Mason is a member of the Family and Consumer Sciences Division of Region III. She believes in Career and Technical Education and feels it is important to all students. As educators, we need to share the best kept secret of providing reasons for at-risk students to stay in school. She truly believes that CTE is important in high school and at the postsecondary levels.

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Membership: This Committee will become a Taskforce. The official end date for the Committee is June 30, 2010 and the inception of the Taskforce will take place when the "task" is placed before them. Mary Ann Bittner referenced a number of factors on "***The Brutal Facts***" report. The total "Active Members" reveal an annual membership decline from: 2006 – 27,624; 2007 – 27,615; 2008 – 27,242; to 2009 – 26,420. Convention attendance has dropped from 6,540 to 3,270 over the last decade.

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Resolutions: Robert Walls reported that the Resolutions Committee under the direction of Alisha Hyslop generated the following ideas: Encourage committee member continuity from the regional level; Ask Resolutions Committee members to encourage their states, regions, and divisions to submit resolutions; Put more information in *Techniques* to get the word out; Undertake a larger PR campaign to help members understand the purpose of resolutions; Make sure past resolutions are easily accessible on the website as samples and models; Utilize the committee reorganization process to highlight resolutions; and Put resolutions information on the front page of the ACTE website to draw attention.

OLD BUSINESS

Vice President, Mary Ann Bittner reported that Region activity and organization is now meeting expectation. There is no discussion on disbanding the Region structure.

NEW BUSINESS

Mary Ann Bittner referred members to the ACTE website to resolve questions related to the application of task force practice. Most are curious asking, "How will it work?" The practice will be in effect after July 1, 2010.

Ernie Powers called for the naming of two recipients to awards that traditionally have been bestowed at the Annual Business Meeting. He moved that **Ron Cassidy** be awarded the *Scott Westbrook, III – Humanitarian Award*. It was seconded by Allen Vaughan.

...motion carried.

Allen Vaughan moved that **Margaret "Maggie" Hess** be awarded the *Jim Hanneman – Memorial Award*. It was seconded by Jon Quatman.

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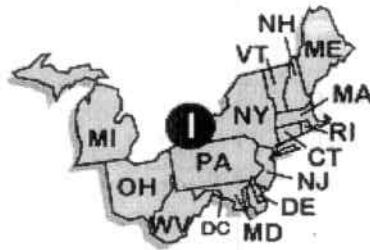
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