Attendees were provided a copy of today’s agenda and the minutes from the 2014 T&I Business Meeting.

Vice President, Alex Gromada called the meeting to order at 1:15pm welcoming everyone and thanking them for attending.

Alex Gromada commented that there was a full agenda noting that we would have to be a bit flexible to allow the ACTE President candidates to deliver their platform when they arrive at some point during the meeting.

Alex Gromada offered the opportunity for a SkillsUSA National Officer to bring greetings. No officer was available so Tim Lawrence, Executive Director for SkillsUSA took this opportunity to greet the members and provide his SkillsUSA report scheduled for later in the meeting. See a copy of his presentation on the ACTE T&I Webpage.

Alex Gromada presented the minutes from the 2014 T&I Business meeting as part of the handout that members received upon entering the meeting. Alex Gromada asked if there were any questions or changes. Hearing none a motion was made and second to approve the minutes and they were approved by a vote of the members present.

Alex Gromada provided his Division President’s report on the activities of the T&I Division over the past year.

- Working with ACTE National Office in communication and membership development for the Division as well as Board duties.
- Serving on the ACTE International Task Force to develop a better connection and value for our international members and make their experience at Vision have greater value.
- Served as ACTE Awards Committee Liaison.
- Visited the Region V Conference in an effort to connect with and assist our T&I members in that Region.
- Worked with the T&I Division awards committee to develop this year’s slate of award winners. Thanked the T&I Awards Committee, Dr. John Gaal, Dr. Mark Johnson, Dr. Luke Steinke for their hard work.
- Continued to serve on the SkillsUSA Board of Directors as the ACTE representative. Participated in SkillsUSA events;
  - NLC – Louisville
- WLTI – Washington DC
- 50th Anniversary Celebration.

- Worked throughout the year planning and preparing for Vision 2015
- Worked with the Proposal Review Committee, Laura Smith, Cathy Cook, Chad McDonald, Greg Hefele, Andy Wermes, to review and select the sessions that are occurring during this conference. A total of 22 proposals were submitted for T&I with 16 of those making into this conference’s schedule. Noted that the ACTE Vision app for smart phones was a great tool for planning and tracking your conference experience.

- Alex Gromada mentioned that this was the year for T&I to elect its next Vice President Elect. The elected candidate would begin their elect position on July of 2016 for one year and assume the full VP position in July 2017. Briefed committee on the selection and process of the T&I Vice president candidates. Thanked Chuck Gallagher, Henry Johnson, and Gary Weese for their assistance in vetting the T&I VP Elect nominees. Total of three nominees submitted with two moving forward. Alex Gromada noted that ACTE elections for T&I VP Elect as well as ACTE President and other division and region VP positions begins on November 20 and runs through December 20. Voting is an all-electronic process and members will receive their ballot in their email.

This concluded the T&I Presidents report.

Affiliate Reports

Tim Lawrence delivered his SkillsUSA report earlier.

Ed Sullivan from Association for Skilled and Technical Sciences (ASTS) invited attendees to the ASTS business meeting. He also mentioned that ASTS has been growing membership and industry support and that the website has been updated.

T&I Division Awards were presented by Dr. Luke Steinke and Lance Hogan, award winners were as follows;
Bob Adams – Lifetime Service Award
Charles Backes – Lifetime Service Award
Cathy Cook – Outstanding Teacher Award
Cortney North – Outstanding New Teacher Award
Alex Gromada congratulated the awardees and mentioned that their information would be posted on the T&I webpage.
The ACTE Presidential candidates arrived and were allowed a few minutes each to speak to the attendees and present their platforms.

Alex Gromada announced the T&I VP Elect candidates;
Kelly Almond – Georgia
Julius Dean Baker – Oklahoma
Each candidate was permitted time to address the attendees and present their platforms.

At the conclusion of the candidate’s presentations, Alex Gromada thanked them for running and encouraged all members to participate in the election process and have their voice heard.

Alex Gromada moved on to Unfinished Business.
Due to three original candidates being nominated for T&I VP Elect, ACTE Bylaws (VII.B.1) requires that:

“At the Business meeting of the division or region at the annual ACTE convention, at least two nominees for the office shall be presented to the members. Additional nominations may be made from the floor by members of the respective divisions or regions provided each nominee has been interviewed by the division or region nominating committee and each nominee is approved by the majority of the members in attendance.”

This year the Trade and Industrial Education Division’s Nominating Committee interviewed several candidates and selected two to move forward as nominees. The nominating committee has submitted two candidates for nomination, Kelly Almond and Julius Dean Baker.

Are there any further nominations for the position of Trade and Industrial Education Division, Vice President Elect?

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No nominations from the floor were made.
Nominations were closed.
With additional time left for the meeting, Alex Gromada called for the T&I representative from the ACTE Standing Committees to give a report on their activities.

Julius Dean Baker, Bylaws – Upon review of the ACTE Bylaws by legal counsel, there were a series of minor wording changes that will go before the Assembly of Delegates for approval.

Gary Weese, Nominating – Noted that we were fortunate to have a wealth of great candidates for ACTE President and well as our own T&I VP Elect position candidates being very strong. Gary encouraged everyone to get out and vote.

Mike Short, Resolutions – Stated that the Resolutions committee had not met yet at the conference but noted that they did not anticipate any major items to come before the committee. 

The following was provided to the T&I Division after the business meeting due to scheduling of the Resolutions Committee.

The resolutions committee meeting for Thursday, November 19, 2015:

The resolutions committee meeting for Thursday, November 19, 2015: There were no resolutions presented for this meeting and statements were made that it is a sign that things are going well. Next the committee reviewed the process with no changes made. A new resolutions submission form and instructions were presented which is to be easier and is online. 
Polly Mingyar was elected to be the chair of the committee for 2016.

Region Reports

Region I & II representative positions are currently vacant. No reports given. Refer to Region Webpages on ACTE website for minutes from their meetings.

Andrew Wermes, Region III - Provided a brief report on the Region III conference this past year. A copy of his written report is posted below.

The 2015 ACTE Region III Conference was held at the Kirkwood Community College Hotel & Conference Center on June 24 – 26, 2015.

The sessions and activities relating to Industrial Technology were as follows:

Pre-Conference Collaborative Learning Sessions
Wednesday, June 24th – 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Sustainable & Renewable Energy - Kirkwood CC’s Iowa Sustainable Village, commissioned wind turbine and Energy Training Center. Sustainability and renewable energy is at the top of the agenda and is demonstrated at these
Centers for Excellence: 1. A net zero house designed and built by students. 2. A 2.5 megawatt wind turbine. 3. A state-of-the-art wind and photovoltaic technician training center.

Business & Industry Tour options
Thursday June 25th – 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.

1. Three-Stop Tour
   • Kirkwood Regional Center at the University of Iowa [www.kirkwood.edu/johnsonregional]
     Opening Fall 2015, this innovative Regional Education Center brings together Kirkwood Career Academies, the Iowa STEM Initiative, the University of Iowa, the Workplace Learning Connection and other education partners. Also included is an industry tour of Integrated DNA in this research campus.
   • The National Advanced Driving Simulator [www.nads-sc.uiowa.edu]
     Learn how driving safety is improved through simulation
   • State Hygienic Lab at the University of Iowa [http://www.shl.uiowa.edu/]
     Tour Iowa’s state hygienic lab for health and environmental

   Tour this technology leader and innovator in farm equipment. Kinze is celebrating 50 years of innovation in the production of high tech row planters and grain auger carts. Tour their Innovation Center to experience 50 years of Vision, Innovation, and Manufacturing. (Important Note: Involves walking through manufacturing facility.

Gary Weese, Region IV – Greeted everyone on behalf of the state of Louisiana and invited everyone to enjoy their stay in New Orleans.
Kenneth Holmes, Region V – Unable to attend. Alex Gromada stated that he would try to get a written report from Ken to post on the T&I Webpage.

No new business was brought before the meeting.

The 2015 T&I Business meeting concluded at 2:50pm.