**Report to the Board**

**AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION DIVISION**

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| ***Region/Division Goal(s) for FY15: (1) Increase membership in the Agricultural Education Division by 5%. (2) Develop 3-year strategic plan for secondary agricultural education program improvement.*** |

1. **Division/Region Accomplishments since the last report:**

Participated in monthly conference calls of the National Council for Agricultural Education (Ag Ed Division Policy Committee). Progress is being made on updating our National Program Standards for Agricultural Education, updating our initiatives for experiential learning, and teacher recruitment and retention efforts in Agricultural Education.

1. **Division/Region Accomplishments in the area of Membership:**

Sent e-mail messages to Ag Ed Division members whose membership has expired. Spoke to Ag Ed Teacher Educators at the Southern Region AAAE Conference, encouraging them to join ACTE and support ACTE activities.

1. **Individual VP activities to support Division/Region and Board goals :**

Distributed information on ACTE membership at regional AAAE Conference. Used ACTE promotional materials. Discussed possible unification with ACTE with the Executive Director of NC ACTE.

Followed up on lapsed members.

1. **Potential candidates for future Board of Directors Elections:**
   1. **Region/Division Vice President potential candidates contacted: N/A**
   2. **ACTE President/Elect suggestions: None**
2. Division/region Concerns for CTE/ACTE Board Report:

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| ***What are your concerns for CTE?*** | ***What are the implications for ACTE?*** | ***What should the Board do to address this issue?*** |
| ***Teacher Supply is not adequate.*** | *Fewer potential members. Cannot promote CTE to stakeholders if programs are closing due to lack of teachers.* | *Possibly develop a program within our divisions or regions to encourage CTE teachers to recruit their students to become CTE teachers.* |
| ***Local leadership for some CTE programs has been assigned to administrators with no CTE experience*** | *In these cases, local CTE directors may not promote ACTE membership or attendance at CareerTech Vision.* | *Conduct a study of local CTE directors to determine their perceptions of ACTE – membership and professional development* |
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| ***What are your concerns for ACTE?*** | ***What are the implications for ACTE?*** | ***What should the Board do to address this issue?*** |
| ***Long term financial status of the organization*** | *Fortunately, we have had a major improvement, but it is important to sustain this financial turnaround that we have experienced this year.* | *Continue to monitor the budgets. Make strategic investments in areas that have the potential to increase our resources.* |
| ***Membership. We seem to represent only a small portion of the CTE profession.*** | *It was encouraging to see growth in all ACTE divisions, but we still have a long way to go to represent a majority of the profession.* | *I believe that we are making progress. We need to continue to develop tools that will help us bring CTE professionals into the organization.* |
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1. **Items To Be Placed on Board Agenda for Discussion**

*(Only include items that require Board discussion or action. These will be placed on the Board meeting agenda.)*