**ACTE BUSINESS EDUCATION DIVISION**

**2013 BUSINESS MEETING**

**LVCC N249 – 4:30p-5:30p**

**DECEMBER 6, 2013**

Meeting was called to order (4:32p) by Division VP Gary Hutchinson. It was explained to members present that the meeting would be a little different from a normal business meeting, as there was no business to attend to at this time and that the meeting would start with a “State of the Division” report.

PROMOTION

Gary brought the ACTE/BED website to attention. This is the place where all information would be for our members. Some of the info on it is out-of-date and is in the process of being updated. Gary highlighted some of the features on the site, calling attention to the promotional video available for use. The question was asked “what are you doing” for promotion.

POLICIES MANUAL

Gary stated that:

* The current PM is out of date – in need of updating.
* From feedback gathered at the Policies Committee Meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 4th:
  + There will be a creation of new Policy Committee (voting and liaison members),
  + And then polices/procedures/bylaws will be updated.
  + Once this is complete the draft to will be available to the BED membership for comments and possible changes.
  + After a period of time (to be determined) electronic voting will be held to accept the updated manual.

Gary stated that he would like to have this entire process completed by July 1, 2014.

MEMBERSHIP

Report was given of ACTE and BED membership with the top 5 BED states/regions listed.

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| **Top 5 states** | **By Region** |
| Georgia | V |
| Oklahoma | II |
| Utah | IV |
| Arkansas | III |
| Ohio | I |

COMMITTEES

It was explained at this time:

Jean Kyle represents the division on ACTE’s Nominating Committee.

Linda Franklin’s first term as rep for the Bylaws Committee is up. She will be contacted to see if she wishes to continue.

A Division rep for the Resolutions Committee is needed.

Gary serves as the Board Liaison for ACTE’s Bylaws Committee.

VISION

* 2014 – Nashville – Gaylord Opryland
* 2015 – New Orleans – Hilton (erroneously reported as another hotel at the meeting)
* 2016 – Las Vegas – LVH
* Presentations! New needed! We are looking for our members to step up!
  + Open December 20

AWARDS

The meeting moved to the presentation of ACTE/BED Awards. The awards available to our members and students were explained. Ten student awards were handed out (3 of the students were present). See the ACTE/BED website soon for a listing of winners.

Two of the Division’s awards: Outstanding Service and Award of Merit had not been given out recently. Members were encouraged to nominate their colleagues.

NETWORKING

There were to parts to this part of the meeting. Gary asked the question of members: *What is the future of Business Education in your school, district, local/state organizations.* Here are some of the points that were brought up:

* Gary started the discussion about the future of the school he is currently at, stating that the departments he is in charge of (Business, FACS, Tech Ed) may be split up and under the leadership of a core area (Social Studies, etc.)
* The number of programs in our schools seems to be on the decline, mainly because of financial issues.
* Some funding is tied to certification. Certification in Business Education is tough.
* Developing strong ties to businesses. This will better our programs and offer more work-based learning.
* Honors options within classes (not separate classes but honors students and regular students in the same class.
* Stronger ties with guidance departments are needed.
* Nationally – Programs of Study will help identify what Business Education programs should look like.
* NBEA is developing (launching soon) a National Accreditation of High School business programs.
* Those in true Business Teacher Education programs are rapidly declining.

Gary then asked the question *What can ACTE/BED do for you?* Those in attendance seemed to agree that communication is the key. One new member asked for certain information to be posted on the website and the possible creating of blogs, more tweets, etc. Also, the posting on the website of research, lesson plans, etc.

Incoming President Elect Doug Meyer brought greetings and talked about his upcoming term as the leader of ACTE.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm.