

Who or what originally inspired you to get involved as a volunteer/leader with ACTE?

I wanted to **expand my work in Business Ed** into the large CTE arena. My first work with ACTE was similar to what I had done in several Bus Ed organizations.

What's one big issue you want to help resolve or improve (in your career, in the field or in ACTE)?

The power of CTE! Meaning, how students taking CTE courses seem to succeed more than those who do not. But more specifically in Bus Ed. I believe that Bus Ed is **THE** area every student needs to take! It's very easy to work Bus Ed into the other areas of CTE!

What do you enjoy most about volunteering? What do you find most challenging?

Enjoy - the networking, sharing of ideas, and camaraderie.
Challenges - **getting everyone onboard!**

What do you hope to accomplish through volunteering?

To **better those I work for** (members) and expanding their involvement in CTE, no matter what that may be!

What's the best advice you've been given?

Show your **passion**.

What do you do outside of work?

Since retiring in June 2014, much of my time has been spent **working with CTE organizations**. I am currently the Past VP of the BE Division and now the Executive Director of the Illinois Bus Ed Association.

What's your greatest 'useless talent?'

Watching sports - at least some say that.

What are you reading right now?

I enjoy reading Grisham books mostly. Also Mike Wells.

What's your favorite food?

Probably **pizza!**

What's your favorite travel destination?

Several, but mainly somewhere I haven't been.

What's your favorite quote or motto?

Stay Strong and Play Your Game!

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