



Winter 2004



Bob Simpson

A Message From Our President

Thomas Applegate wrote in his "President's Perspective" column in the November/December Issue of Techniques Magazine, that ACTE as an organization is facing "new and greater challenges" as we confront the future.

Even with that cautionary note, it came as quite a surprise to the Missouri delegation when we arrived in Orlando in mid-December for the Annual Convention, to learn that the immediate crisis is a financial one - and a major one at that (a cash flow deficit of over 1 million dollars).

As most of you know by now, the short-term remedy identified as the answer to this problem is a \$30 special assessment to members.

Tom and Jan Bray, ACTE Executive Director, did an admirable job of interpreting the parameters of the predicament to those present and then in moderating the discussion of alternatives.

This is a debate which will, no doubt, go on for an extended period of time. The situation is complex and the potential solutions are neither simple nor easy.

For now, my hope is that we, in Missouri, will step up and do our part to help sustain the Association which means so much to us as professionals. There were some very moving stories told at the Town Hall Meeting in Orlando by people from around the country about the impact ACTE has had on peoples' lives over the years and I am certain many of us have similar tales to tell from our personal experience.

Speaking of powerful stories, I want to share with you, a touching little piece which was included in one of the Christmas cards received at our office this year. It's entitled, **I Wish You Enough**.

Recently, I overheard a father and daughter saying farewell to each other at the airport. The boarding call for her plane had been announced and standing near the security checkpoint, they hugged and he said, "I love you. I wish you enough."

As she turned and walked toward the gate, he came over to the window where I was standing. "Forgive me for asking," I said, "but when you were saying goodbye, I heard you say, 'I wish you enough!' May I ask what that means?"

He began to smile. "That's a wish that has been handed down from past generations. My parents used to say it to everyone." He paused for a moment and looking up as if trying to remember it in detail, he smiled even more.

"When we said 'I wish you enough,' we were wanting the other person to have a life filled with just enough good things to sustain them," he continued and then turning toward me he shared the following as if he were reciting it from memory:

"I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright. I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun more. I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive. I wish you enough pain so that the smallest joys in life appear much bigger. I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting. I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess. I wish you enough 'Hellos' to get you through the final 'Good-bye'."

His eyes became misty and he slowly moved away.

As we proceed into the New Year with its ever-increasing demands on our time, talent and energy, I want to say sincerely to all my ACTE colleagues and friends, "I Wish You Enough".

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Missouri ACTE President

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Missouri ACTE Legislative Committee Report

By Sharon G. Kosek
Chairperson

Our state legislators will soon be hard at work for us in Jefferson City. Welcome your legislators to the January 2004 session with a letter of appreciation. Also let them know the great job that Career and Technical Education is doing in your community.

One of our most important days of the year for Missouri ACTE members is quickly approaching. Make sure that your division is well represented at our annual Legislative Day in Jefferson City on February 4, 2004. Our visit to the Capitol this year will have a different appearance than in previous years. On Wednesday, February 4, at 8 a.m., we will gather together for a meeting/briefing at the First United Methodist Church; 201 Monroe Street (Enter through Capitol Avenue door); Jefferson City, Missouri. Bill Gamble and Sarah Topp will discuss key talking points for us to share with legislators. We will also be given a newly revised brochure to leave with legislators. Following the briefing, we will walk to the Capitol where Missouri ACTE will have tables set up in the 3rd floor rotunda for visiting with the legislators as they go into session. Everyone is encouraged to make visits to their legislators. In addition, it is very important that we visit legislators who serve on key committees.

The annual ACTE National Policy Seminar will be held March 14-16, 2004, in Washington, D.C. We need constituents from around the state to speak with each of the members of Congress. One of the first questions that is asked as we enter the office is "Which one of you is from my District?" That constituent carries a very powerful voice.

Announcements are being made across the state of those who are interested in running for office. Lend your support to the candidates who have a positive voice for education.

Another key contact you need to make is with State Board of Education members. In November, a new State Board of Education member was selected from my home town. It is important that we invite these leaders to our Technical Schools for a tour also.

I would like to publicly thank Bill Gamble and Sarah Topp for their truly outstanding leadership for Missouri ACTE members. We are truly fortunate to such capable professionals guiding us. Jorgen, Betsy, Donna, and Margie round out this troop of leaders who do everything possible to provide exemplary support for our organization.



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2004 Missouri Legislative Session Update

By William Gamble and Sarah Topp
Governmental Consultants



The 2004 legislative session has not started slowly. A full schedule of hearings was set in the first week and the volume of bills being brought before committees is steady with more bills filed each day. Typically 2,000 bills cross our desks through the duration of a session. To date a few bills have received approval in their chamber of origin.

Debate over the state budget will dominate the session. Recently the Republican led General Assembly reached an agreement, albeit temporary, on the estimated amount of state revenues to be collected in fiscal year 2005. The starting balance remains in question, therefore the predicted shortfall for FY 05 differs between the Governor and the legislature.

In other words, there still is not a consensus revenue estimate for the current fiscal year, FY 04. The Democrat administration has different estimates on the impact of federal revenue code changes on state income tax collections than the Republican leadership in the legislature.

By late April we will know whose prediction is right. Perhaps the result will be somewhere in the middle, hopefully they will not be lower or devastating cuts could occur.

Other dynamics will come into play this session, after all it is a Presidential election year, a Gubernatorial election year and over 90 new legislators brought in as a result of term limits will be seeking re-election for the first time. Top leadership holders in both the House and Senate are seeking statewide office in the November election. The stage is set and some say partisan gridlock will prevail. High profile, highly contentious bills may not reach the Governor's desk, but many other bills will be delivered as "truly agreed" only to meet a veto. It will be a difficult year to pass legislation that makes any major revisions to Missouri law.

During the interim, committees studied issues such as education funding and Missouri's tax policy. The result may lead to proposals to make minor adjustments in the foundation formula with plans to revamp the formula in future years. Tax policy issues will be debated this session but few changes will actually result.

The Governor will propose numerous revenue enhancements again this session, which for the most part will be rejected by the Republican controlled legislature. Plans for an initiative petition to allow voters to decide on a 1-cent general sales tax increase has been abandoned due to poor polling results. Additional revenue sources for the next fiscal year look dismal. The only good news for the state revenue picture is that the economy appears to be turning.

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By the time you read this article, you should have already received a letter from ACTE assessing you the \$30. Many of you, I am sure, are asking the question: "How has ACTE gotten into this predicament?" The following is a short list in summary - please go to the ACTE website, www.acteonline.org, for more information.

Dues and conventions are the two major sources of income for ACTE. ACTE budgeted for 4,200 participants this year, in Florida, and the ending total was 3,100. Attendance was down in Las Vegas a year ago, as well. If you take a thousand people times a \$300 registration fee, this represents a large amount of money lost by the organization.

Of course, this starts a vicious cycle related to spending. There are fines and fees to pay for hotel rooms that were held for convention attendees who did not materialize.

ACTE has developed a list of cuts they plan to implement. Possible cuts center around not rehiring staff who have left (\$100,000), going to an "on line" system to "Call for Presentations" for the 2004 Convention (\$40,000), improved mailing efficiency with 9-digit zip codes (\$12,000), and eliminate the Sunday general session at convention (\$46,000). These are just a few of their proposed cost-cutting measures.

At this time, the Board had two possible solutions. One was the \$30 member assessment fee and number two was to sell the building. We all know how long it takes to sell a piece of property, and there is no guarantee that it would happen before the end of April. Due to the fact that real estate sales are so questionable, the Board decided to go with the assessment for the short term. This does not mean that selling the building is off the table in the future.

ACTE President Tom Applegate conducted an open forum during the Convention concerning the issues surrounding the financial crisis. There was a large crowd in attendance and they were able to ask questions. Before the meeting was over, the group was challenged to pay their assessments before they left. After we were back home, it was reported that almost \$17,000 was raised during that two-hour town hall meeting. Out of that \$17,000, three different divisions and/or support groups gave gifts ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 that afternoon. I would like to remind everyone that if ACTE closes its doors, there would be no unified voice in Congress during this critical time of the Perkins Reauthorization, as well as other upcoming appropriations and legislative issues.

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It would appear that the Missouri ACTE delegation "got out of Dodge" just in the nick of time when they attended the ACTE Convention in Orlando. While the snow was flying here and schools were closed all across the state, we were enjoying 70 plus degree weather in Florida. However, on the first day we were there, the high was only 63 degrees and the locals thought they were freezing to death. I will have to agree with Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz that "there is no place like home" - where the seasons are seasons and the world around us is ever changing.

Many years ago, communities had town criers who strolled through the town announcing the time by yelling, "it's ten o'clock and all is well" and then it would be "eleven o'clock and all is well," and then it would be midnight and the cycle would continue. The families who lived within this circle found this to be a great comfort. When things were not well, those same individuals were made aware they needed to be prepared for whatever was around the bend. The Convention in Orlando was a meeting that fell into the category of "things are not well" and we are now around the bend and need to become prepared for those things ahead.

Traditionally, I would use this space to give you a full report on the Convention with every last little detail and then some. However, I feel that my time can be better spent bringing you up to date on the financial situation of our parent organization, ACTE.

The major news is that ACTE is in a major financial crisis. If this crisis is not resolved, the doors to ACTE may not remain open past the end of April. In an effort to hold the lions at bay, the ACTE Board of Directors voted to assess every member a one-time fee of \$30. Once every member has paid his or her \$30, the income generated by this assessment ($\$30 \times 28,000 = \$825,000$) will allow ACTE more time to develop a long term financial plan.

The Missouri ACTE delegation takes → a moment out of the busy schedule in Orlando to mark this moment in time.



Missouri ACTE Professional Development/Leadership Conference

By Barbara Mountjoy

Past leadership of our organization recognized a need to provide Board responsibilities information and training to those elected and selected to leadership roles. So, the concept of a conference to impart this information was conceived.

This year, the conference was scheduled for the day before the Fall Board Meeting. We met at the Country Club Hotel at the Lake of the Ozarks. The date was November 9th.

The Conference began with Barbara Mountjoy welcoming all attendees and explaining the schedule for the afternoon. There were three workshop sessions scheduled. Each workshop was repeated three times. This allowed all participants to attend each session while keeping the size of each session small enough to be effective. The sessions were as follows: Board Members Responsibilities, presented by Elaine Morris; Committee Members Responsibilities, presented by Jean Kutteenkuler; and The Policy Manual, presented by Karen Mason. Soon after the close of the last session, dinner was served in the Mediterranean Room.

Mr. Jim Wieberg, a psychologist at the Capital Region Medical Center was the after dinner speaker. The sincerity and wisdom of his remarks were a special treat for all who attended.

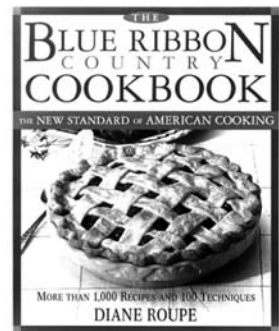
The members of the Professional Development Committee fulfilled the responsibilities of the day.

Those assisting were as follows; Teresa Stark, John Michael, Janice Viele, Ted Dorton, Anita Franson, Bill Fuemmeler, Joan Clouse, Mark Sponaugle, Chad Murphy, Kacy Seals and Barbara Mountjoy.

November 10th, the Professional Development Committee met to discuss the events of the previous day and the Region III Conference that Missouri will be hosting in June. Regarding the Conference, most committee members felt it was successful. Suggestions for future Conferences were as follows: introduce new Board and committee members to the entire Board, offer some instruction or job descriptions for officers and committee members, and further explanation of how these entities work together. The committee members received assignments for the June Conference. The committee also conveyed their thanks to Donna and Margie for all their help in making arrangements for the Conference.

For more information on the Region III Conference, go to www.mo-acte.org.

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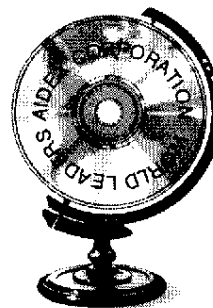
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Local Missouri Legislators Tour New Technical Programs

Missouri Representative Ed Wildberger of the 27th District; Dr. Rob Schaaf of the 28th District, and Representative Jim Guest of the 5th District recently toured two new course areas offered at Hillyard Technical Center in St. Joseph.

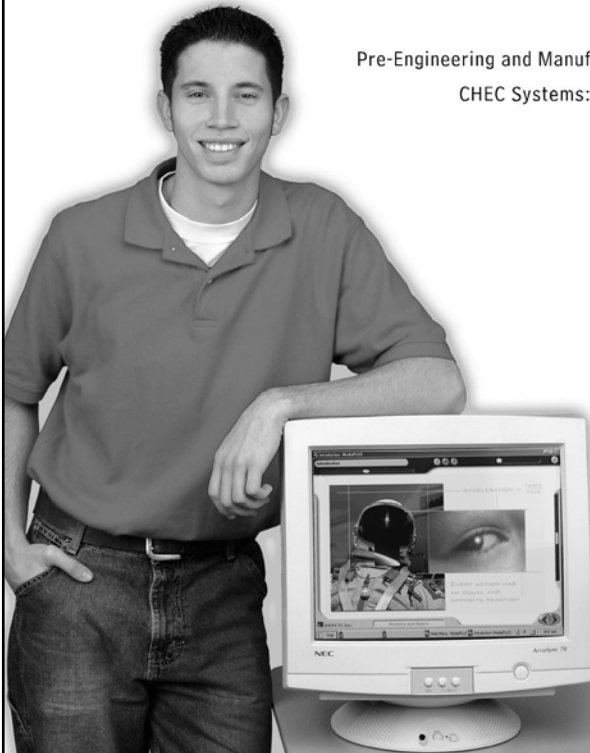
The Representatives visited the new Surgical Technology program which features two surgical suites and provides an eleven-month training offering that helps prepare students for one of the fastest growing jobs in the country. Instructors Linda VanDyke and Teckla Willumsen are training the students to assist in surgery and other similar medical positions. Each of these instructors brings years of experience to the classroom. The first Surgical Technology program began in October. Students in the program take anatomy, medical terminology, pharmacology, and surgical technique in addition to participating in an internship.

The Representatives also visited the new CAD/CAM (Computer Aided Drafting and Computer Aided Machining) program that offers the very latest training for designing and manufacturing parts. The new CMM (Coordinators Measuring Machine) measures to the millionth of an inch and is ISO (International Organization for Standardization) certified. The new Rapid Prototype machine can create parts from a CAD drawing. Each of these pieces of equipment is state of the art. John DeLee and Dennis Merritt are the instructors. Each instructor brings years of experience to the program.

The legislators were very impressed by their tour and stayed to ask many questions about the new technical education programs.

Doug Stewart is the Hillyard Technical Center director; Regenia Briggs is the assistant director; Sharon Kosek, the Hillyard Administrative Office Systems instructor, who serves as Missouri ACTE Legislative Chairperson, arranged for the tour.

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Another Missouri ACTE Success Story

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Keyboarding, document production and formatting, business communications, and Microsoft Office were merely some of the material we covered throughout the year that pertained to the field of business that I longed to be a part of.

For the duration of the year, we utilized computers and work books to gain the knowledge we needed for the employment that lie ahead of us all. Once we felt comfortable performing certain tasks, we were given the opportunity to participate in a six-week internship. Coupled with our education, we entered our internship with the prospect of growth and advancement.

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Landscape Design: It's No Dirty Business

By Steve Waddell

There's a big myth out there about landscape design. People think agriculture is a rural career. Even worse, they think most all the people who do it drive around dirty, broken-down pickup trucks for minimum wage.

They couldn't be more wrong. Agri-business is going urban, and even city kids now see the opportunity in this traditionally rural enterprise. Welcome to the "new agriculture."

Landscape design is now a \$61 billion industry-that's right, I said billion-in the United States, alone. Over 70,000 landscape companies now do business here, and the growth rate is astronomical. It has even overtaken traditional agriculture in many Midwestern states. In the state of Kansas, for example, horticulture is now the 3rd highest grossing "crop," right behind wheat and corn.

That high growth means lots and lots of good-paying jobs for high school graduates in the next 10 years. The Best Jobs for the 21st Century lists Landscape Architect in the top 20 best-paying jobs in the nation for self-employed workers, with an average annual earnings of \$37,930. The business opportunities also abound in the landscape design field. Best Jobs also says that 22% of workers in this field are self-employed. Not too bad. Self-employed landscape contractors regularly earn a six-figure annual salary, depending on their initiative and skill.

Even better, landscape design has something for every level of education. From GED equivalency to Ph.D., anyone who enjoys working with plants-or just working outdoors-can find a satisfying career path in landscape design. Soil scientists optimize soil conditions. Turf specialists strengthen the grass base at sports stadiums and golf courses. Plant scientists develop new varieties of flowers, grasses, and plants that specialize in surviving the growing conditions of different regions. But for kids who love technology, there are plenty of computer-related jobs as well-such as the design and layout of a public space in a new commercial development.

A scan of national job postings in November of 2003 shows the following positions and salaries available:

- Superintendent of Grounds \$67,000 - \$74,000
- Landscape Architect \$50,000
- Conservation Scientist \$42,750
- Agricultural/Food Scientist \$42,340

But what exactly is landscape design? Landscape design is a specialized branch of horticulture that has grown rapidly in the U.S. in recent years. Horticulture is the science of improving plant culture methods to the interior and exterior areas of homes, commercial businesses, and public spaces. It can also involve the optimization of crop quality and yields. Currently, the horticulture industry is split into two main fields: landscape practices, which focus on design, installation, and maintenance; and nursery practices, which focus on plant propagation and distribution. Both of these fields are heavily utilized in the landscape design industry.

Landscape design is a great way to teach kids in grades 6-12 about math, science, language, and art concepts. It's also a fun way to get across the principles of environmentalism, entrepreneurialism, soil science, and design, without lecturing or focusing on the negative aspects of eco-destruction. It supports the initiatives of the FFA. And it's the first step in a financially lucrative-and enjoyable-career outdoors, or working with the environment.

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Region III *(Continued from page 5)*

During the House-of-Delegates, the Bylaws committee voted in changes to the ACTE Bylaws. Most of these of changes were basic housekeeping issues except for one. The committee made a recommendation that changed the structure of the ACTE committees from standing committees to appointed. I have already talked to Karen Mason, Missouri ACTE Policy Committee Chair, to look into this structure for Missouri ACTE. I feel it could be a very beneficial system for us to use. The rationale behind this is to allow an organization to appoint the committees they need, as they need them, and not have standing committees which might not have a function any longer.

Last, but not least, I want apologize to Elaine Morris, our Past President. Due to my forgetting to turn in her name, Elaine did not receive the Region III Award of Merit from Missouri. This is an award the Region extends to each state enabling them to recognize individuals who have gone above and beyond the call of duty on behalf of their state association, the region, and ACTE. Elaine should have received this award in Orlando during the Region III business meeting but, since I never turned her name in, obviously the award was not given. All is not lost; Elaine will be able to receive her plaque this summer at the Region III Leadership Conference. Once again, I am sorry Elaine and on behalf of Missouri ACTE we thank you for a job well done.

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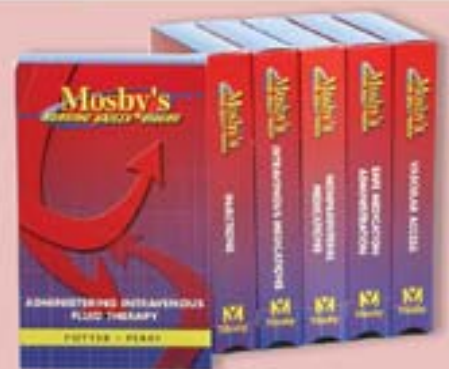
- June 23, 2004 - Kansas City - Region III Leadership Conference - Ameristar Hotel - Registration forms are now available on the Missouri ACTE website. Look forward to seeing every one there.
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MBEA

Annual Fall Business Education Conference

On November 21-22, almost 250 members of Missouri Business Education Association met at the Inn at Grand Glaize for the Twelfth Annual Fall Conference. After the Business Education mentoring training and the MBEA Board meeting in the afternoon, the conference began Friday evening with exhibits.

Keynote speaker Nancy Wegge from Festus spoke to the group on "Working REAL MAGIC in Students' Lives." With magic tricks, she emphasized pertinent points on working with students to motivate and encourage them toward success. Ms. Wegge entertained and inspired the business educators present. Following the opening session, attendees continued their visits with exhibitors and enjoyed refreshments and networking with colleagues.

Saturday morning attendees enjoyed a hot buffet breakfast and more visiting with the exhibitors. The attendees could choose from a variety of concurrent sessions and the poster session, which was new this year. Session topics included desktop publishing, Macromedia Flash, teaching economics and finance, integrating activities into the classroom, ideas for teaching accounting, résumés and interview tips, using a whiteboard approach to teaching keyboarding, digitools, and more.

Missouri Business Education Association Report

By Nancy Zeliff, MBEA President

The Missouri Business Education Association (MBEA) will enact a registration fee for all summer conference attendees at the 2004 Mo-ACTE/MBEA Summer Conference. MBEA members attending the summer conference will pay the Mo-ACTE registration fee and will also pay a \$15 registration fee for the MBEA portion of the conference.


The MBEA Executive Board approved this registration fee for the 2004 summer conference. This registration fee will cover costs incurred by MBEA for the conference that include costs for the MBEA keynote speaker, continental breakfast, speaker honorariums, and other conference costs. Look for details on how to submit this registration fee in the Mo-ACTE Conference mailing sent in early February.


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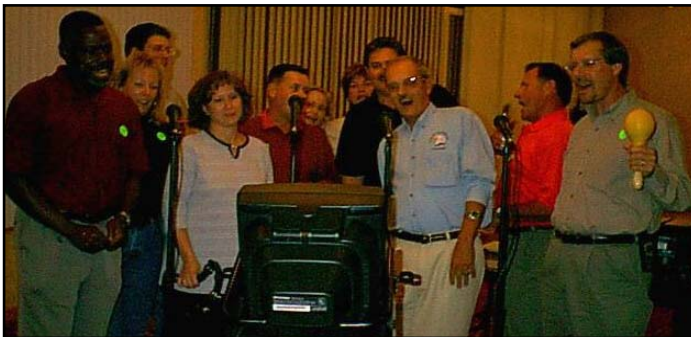
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MPA

The Missouri Placement Association held its Fall Conference on October 22 and 23 at the Quality Inn and Conference Center in Jefferson City. There were over 40 placement professionals in attendance with a variety of informative workshop sessions and networking opportunities. DESE provided a placement update with topics including follow-up, placement, core data, Perkins, accountability and reporting, and a question and answer session. Patrick N. Lee, CHE, MHA and CEO of Howard A. Rusk Rehabilitation Center in Columbia gave a presentation entitled "Thoughts on Secondary and Post-Secondary Graduates". Other workshop topics included Networking for Success, Pre-Employment Tidbits for Students, FERPA - Student Privacy Act, and Kuder - Career Planning System. The evening banquet proved that most of us had better keep our day jobs thanks to John Michael for being our fearless karaoke leader!

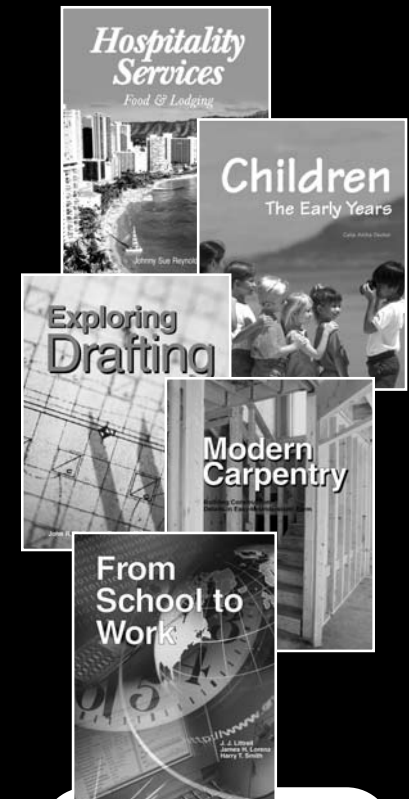
The MPA listserv is up and running and ready for use for discussion of follow-up practices, upcoming conferences, association business, and other topics of interest to placement professionals. It is hoped that this forum will prove to be a valuable benefit for all of our members and that you will share your expertise. To post a message or question to the new listserv, send to: mpa@mail.state.mo.us - all current MPA members have automatically been subscribed to the list. If you have any questions about MPA membership or the listserv, contact President Bob Gross at bgross@jeffco.edu.

MPA is currently making plans for a wonderful summer conference in conjunction with MOACTE in Springfield, and hope that all members and prospective members will plan to attend.



The MPA Fall Conference provided plenty of time for networking and having fun as can be seen by the pictures above. Top, members visit and share ideas between workshops. Bottom, members have fun after the banquet and show off their karaoke skills.

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MTTA Holds Fall Conference Planning Meeting

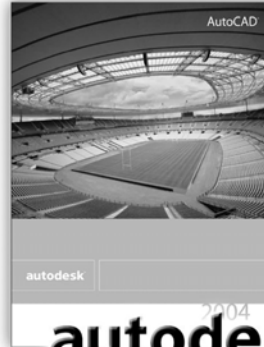
The 2003/2004 MTTA officers, cluster chairs, cluster chair elects and program planners met at Lake Ozarks on November 7 and 8 to begin plans for the 2004 summer conference.

Agenda items included Carousel Workshops, Technical Workshops and overall conference events. Any MTTA member wishing to submit suggestions for carousel and/or technical workshops should contact MTTA President Sally Werner, Mineral Area College, PO Box 1000 Park Hills, MO 63601; 573 547 4143 (phone); swerner@mineralarea.edu.

MTTA presents four awards at the summer conference: Teacher of the Year (Less Than 5 Years); Teacher of the Year (Five Years or More); Outstanding Service Award and Lifetime Membership Award. Contact Don Reeves, MTTA Past President at Ozarks Technical College, PO Box 5958, Springfield, MO 65801; 417 895 7045 (phone); reevesd@otc.edu for nomination forms and criteria.

Individuals interested in running for the positions of 2004/2005 MTTA President Elect, 2004 - 2007 MTTA Secretary and 2004 - 2007 SkillsUSA-VICA Representative should contact MTTA Secretary Charlene Piel at 816-630-9240 or at cpiel@estigers.k12.mo.us to submit their name and biographical information. Deadline is March 1, 2004.

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TEAM

TECA Fall Conference Held

Warrensburg. The Career and Technology Education Department (CTE Dept.) along with the Technology Education Collegiate Association - CMSU Chapter (TECA) hosted the annual Fall Technology Education Association of Missouri Conference for technology teachers in Missouri. Several outstanding presentations and workshops were provided by technology education teachers and College of Applied Sciences & Technology professors from Central Missouri State University. Dr. Michael Wright, Department Chair, CTE and Director of the Center for Career & Technology Education along with Ted Wilkinson, Division President, greeted the conference participants at the opening session in the Ward Edwards Building. The general session was highlighted by an outstanding presentation from Capt. Jeff "Opie" Schreiner, a B-2 Bomber Pilot from Whiteman Air Force Base.

Ben Yates, a CTE department faculty and Division President - Elect, planned the program and Dick Kahoe, Graphic Imaging and Design Technology department faculty, along with Cathy Kahoe, Center for Career & Technology Education staff, coordinated the events for the day. Kelly Edmondson, Assistant to the Chair in CTE, provided administrative support and coordination. Mike Busekrus, President of TECA and several TECA student members provided excellent assistance in running the conference.

Prof. Richard Bruce, Construction Management, provided a workshop on land surveying, while Dr. Kevin Berisso, Industrial Technology Management, gave a hands-on presentation on the practical application of bar coding. In addition to these faculty members, Prof. Dick Kahoe presented on how the technology requirements of Central's general education program meet the institutional competencies of the CBHE General Education Reporting Matrix and Prof. Jeff Campbell, Graphic Imaging and Design Technology department faculty, provided a workshop on a 3-D modeling software program called ProDesktop.

Other topics presented were "Electronic Alignment Tool," for curriculum management presented by Tony English from Show-Me Curriculum Administrators Association, "Hands-On Flight Technologies," for middle level students by Robert Walker, Hazelwood Junior High School, and "Missouri Institute for Technology Education," a continuation class from the summer conference. Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE) State Supervisor for Technology Education, Doug Miller, provided a special look at "Technology Education Program Review and Assessment," for helping to meet the state MISP 3 standards and the Federal No Child Left Behind Act. Carter Fawkes, Marshall High School, introduced teachers to using the "Discussion Board" on the TEAM web site while David Gray, Valley High School, Steve McNaught, Cassville High School, held an open forum on "District Organization & Management of Affairs & Contest."

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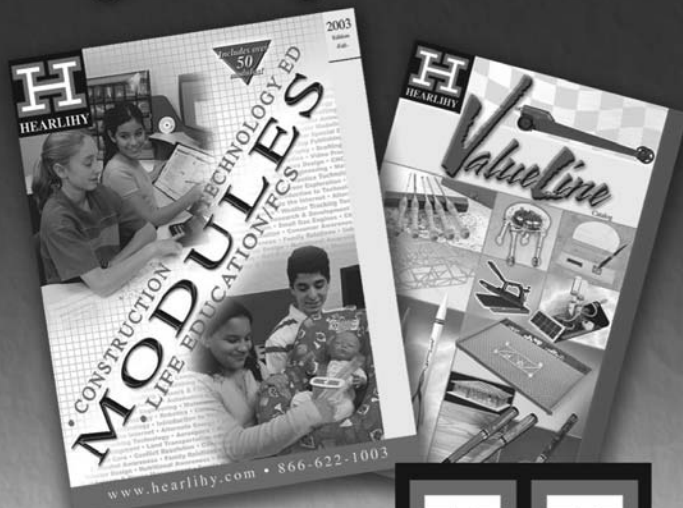
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