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## A Message From Our President

Where has the school year gone? It seems as though it was only a short time ago that we were getting ready for Christmas break.

Between the daily jobs of the classroom, we have been preparing students for contests, award applications, scholarships and community service projects. Mix into that formula all of the activities that our professional organizations plan and we find time rapidly slipping away. I hope your school year has been successful and prosperous for both you and your students. Mine certainly has been rewarding.

I was pleasantly surprised to find out that a very good number of our members have applied for the various ACTE awards. In years past, the competition has been good but small in numbers. This year we had four or more entries in every area.

These awards are important to let others know what we are doing and to properly recognize those who really are making a positive impact on our students. I know it is very difficult to "toot your own horn," when filling out these applications. I commend those who took the time and made the effort to be recognized by their peers. Missouri ACTE will present some very tough competition at the regional selection process.

Summer Conference will soon be upon us, with several changes being made. First, as a request by the membership, we are offering online registration for all members. Although it is going rather slowly right now, I think that this will be the wave of the future for ACTE members. We are able to register and join all of the needed organizations right at one place and time, all from the convenience of our keyboard.

I can't stress enough the importance of being an active member of each of our organizations. Within every division, members work toward common goals with very specific educational goals. At the state and national levels, members and leaders work very hard to have a positive influence in educational policy at all levels of our government.

I was so impressed by the work done by our state and national executive offices. These people work endless hours representing our needs and opinions to our elected leaders. If anyone questions the cost of their dues to either Missouri ACTE or the national ACTE, just ask me and I'll be glad to enlighten you! No one person could ever accomplish everything that they do for us.

While we are discussing dues, we, the officers, made a mistake and asked the Board of Directors, through the policy process, to increase dues. Not until after the policy was adopted and the information sent out to members did we realize that we had done it wrong.

This summer, we will ask the House of Delegates to consider a dues increase. If they adopt this increase, it will not take place until the summer of 2003. We have not had a dues increase since 1991 and we have added a considerable number of expenses in what we do for our members since then.

Today we send more of our state leaders to conferences and the cost of many of these conferences has also increased. We voted to increase the pay to the firm that manages our organization and does our lobbying. This pay hasn't been increased since prior to 1990.

We have been very frugal with our spending but the added costs are beginning to catch up with us. We have been deficit spending for the last three years and will be able to hold the line one more year. The \$3.00 dues increase that we will ask for should help close the spending gap for another 5-8 years.

The other big news at Springfield this summer will be that the Convention Center Exhibit Hall, as we know it, is being completely renovated and unavailable for our use. Therefore, we have found new "digs" just one block north of the old exhibit center. All exhibits will be found at the Jordan Valley Ice Park. As I understand, the air conditioning works very well in that building, where there are two exhibit halls. There will be parking and continuous shuttle service nearby. Please bear with us just one year and we should be back where we belong by 2003.

Your officers have been working very hard at trying to get a group of new exhibitors to show up this year. We have all worked very hard at recruiting these new exhibitors. Many first time exhibitors are from specific fields of career and technical education. We have tried to go after exhibitors who will provide goods and services for the classroom, rather than just another fund raising company. Please show up and visit their booths.

For those who have pre-registered and who come to the trade show to pick up your packets, we have a few surprises. At least 100 of you will find COLD HARD CASH included in your packets! So register early, come to the trade show, and check your bag closely. You may be a winner!

The last issue that I would like to take up is that of the election this summer. In years past, fewer than 500 ballots have been cast. This ballot count is out of over 3200 members who attend summer conference. I challenge each divisional president to encourage their members to vote and then bring those ballot boxes in to be counted. We have two worthy candidates for the office of President Elect, but can only choose the one you, as members, vote for. I challenge each of you to read further in this issue of the *Reporter* and learn about the candidates. Talk to others who know them and develop your own ideas of who you would like to serve you for another three years. This job is far too important to let just one in seven members decide on the winner.

Best wishes, and I hope to see each of you this summer in Springfield.

David Twente

### Remember!

Send your articles for the summer issue of the *Reporter* to Debbie at [DickensCo@aol.com](mailto:DickensCo@aol.com) by June 1st!

# Missouri ACTE 2002 Summer Conference Program

## Monday, July 22

9:30 a.m.

**Missouri ACTE Board of Directors Meeting**  
University Plaza – Oklahoma Room

11:00 a.m. - Noon

**Mentor A Legislator Program**  
University Plaza – Oklahoma Room

1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Missouri ACTE Conference Registration**  
Jordan Valley Ice Park - 625 East Trafficway

1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Exhibits Open**  
Jordan Valley Ice Park - 635 East Trafficway

6:00 p.m. - 7 :00 p.m.

**Reception with Exhibitors**  
Jordan Valley Ice Park - 635 East Trafficway

## Tuesday, July 23

8:00 a.m.

**All Missouri ACTE Committee Meetings**  
University Plaza – Colorado Room

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Exhibits Open**  
Jordan Valley Ice Park - 635 East Trafficway

8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

**Missouri ACTE Conference Registration**  
Jordan Valley Ice Park - 635 East Trafficway

9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

**Missouri ACTE New Professional Reception**  
University Plaza - Oklahoma, Illinois &  
Colorado Rooms

10:30 a.m.

**Opening General Session**  
University Plaza Convention Center

## Wednesday, July 24

3:30 p.m.

**House of Delegates Meeting**  
University Plaza - Arizona Room

8:30 p.m.

**All Division Social**  
Remington's Entertainment Complex  
1655 West Republic Road

## Thursday, July 25

1:00 p.m.

**Missouri ACTE Board of Directors Meeting**  
University Plaza - Colorado Room

## All Division Session

### Curriculum Alignment: Best Practices

Featuring: Dr. Wesley Bird, Director  
Curriculum and Technology Integration

**Wednesday, July 24, 2002**

**4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

**Atrium Inn  
2550 North Glenstone**

Dr. Wesley Bird will discuss best practices for curriculum alignment as it relates to MSIP and improved student performance.

## Important Conference Information

New and exciting things are happening in Springfield! For the 2002 Missouri ACTE conference the exhibits and attendee onsite and pre-registration pick up will be in the **Jordan Valley Ice Park (JVIP), 635 E. Trafficway, Springfield, MO.** JVIP is located directly across the street (north) of the University Plaza Trade Center.

### PARKING

There is limited surface parking available at Jordan Valley Ice Park. There is a parking garage located at the corner of Benton and E. Trafficway (approximately one block from JVIP) where you may park at no cost while you visit the exhibits and register or pick up your packet. There will be a shuttle running continuously from the Parking Garage to the JVIP during registration and exhibit times – **1:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Monday, July 22 and 8:00 am to 3:00 pm on Tuesday, July 23, 2002.**

Join us in July in Springfield for the Missouri ACTE Summer Conference. We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you this summer.

## Our Keynote Speaker

Jamie Vollmer is a five-star keynote presenter with an excellent reputation for helping individual districts increase support for their schools. His uplifting, intelligent presentations have entertained and energized educators, business leaders, and community groups. He is a powerful ally in the struggle to create schools that give all students the opportunity to unfold their full potential.



Mr. Vollmer is a former corporate CEO and attorney. In 1988, he joined the nationally recognized Iowa Business and Education Roundtable, becoming its director in 1990. Once a harsh critic, he is now an articulate champion of America's public schools. He speaks with facts, humor and heart on the need to change our schools, but he insists that public education must be broadly and aggressively supported if America is to remain great.

He is the author of the videos *Why Our Schools Need to Change*, *Building Support for America's Schools* and *Praise for America's Teachers*. He was the CEO of the Great Midwestern Ice Cream Company, proclaimed by People Magazine to make the "Best Ice Cream in America!" He holds a Bachelor of Arts from Pennsylvania State University and a Juris Doctor from Catholic University in Washington, D.C.



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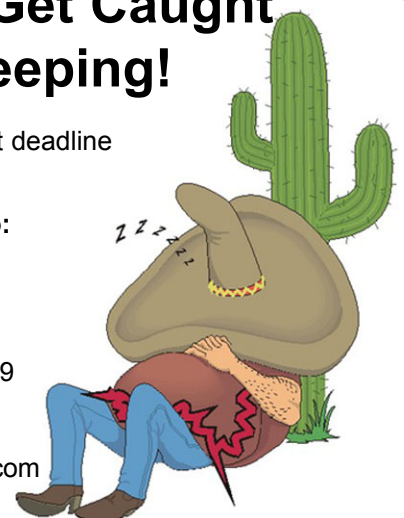
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# Meet The Candidates

Once again, the members of Missouri ACTE will have a difficult choice to make for President Elect. Both candidates have demonstrated their dedication to our industry and mission. Below is a brief summary of their experience and vision. The election for President Elect will take place at the Missouri ACTE Summer Conference in July.



## Patricia M. Meldrum

"Anyone who believes in technical education and job training and has an opportunity to influence the perception of both in the local community should do it! And light a fire under their colleagues to do the same!" This statement is Pat Meldrum in a nutshell. She believes that technical education and job training services are largely unknown products, calling them, "a well kept secret."

According to Pat, career education should start in Kindergarten and never stop. Technical education must be integrated into the curriculum, K-12 and beyond. "We're all going to work. We have an obligation to explore the world of work long before we have to make the decision about where we fit into it," she says. Pat challenges educators and administrators at the local level to broadcast their successes and open doors to local business and industry, to state and local policy makers, and to the general public.

Education in general and technical education in particular have been central to Pat's life. Pat earned a BS at Culver Stockton College and her MEd at University of Missouri - Columbia. She began her career as an elementary teacher in Lewis County, Lincoln County and St. Charles County. Next, she worked for the state of Missouri, first as Senior Budget and Policy Analyst for the Missouri Office of Administration where she monitored and analyzed legislation related to Elementary and Secondary Education and made "sign or veto" recommendations to the Governor's office. Her next assignment was as Executive Director of the Missouri State Council on Vocational Education where she provided professional support for the federally mandated responsibilities of the Council. In this capacity, she provided information to the Governor's office, the Missouri Legislature, and the State Board of Education. Currently, Pat serves as Executive Director of Gamm, Incorporated in LaBelle, Missouri. This not-for-profit corporation receives over \$1.5 million in state and federal funds annually to serve economically disadvantaged adults, dislocated workers, and youth in a 15 county area.

As a result of her experience, Pat has developed some bedrock convictions. She believes that economic development, transportation, and education are inevitably bound together. Without a viable transportation system there will be no economic development which boils down to no jobs. She is convinced that the business world is vital to the success of good technical training. Pat insists that links must be forged between workforce development, community colleges, technical schools, comprehensive high schools and elementary schools.

Pat's connection with Missouri ACTE began with her membership in the Administrators Division. She later joined the MAWD Division. Her commitment to educational organizations includes active membership in national, state, tri-state and local groups involved with technical education. Pat is as active in her community as she is in her profession.



## Robert E. Simpson

Bob Simpson describes himself as a "versatile, seasoned educator, counselor and executive," qualities he is eager to share with the Missouri ACTE.

Currently Bob serves as Director of the Department of Workforce Development for the City of Springfield, Missouri and is a member of the Missouri Association for Workforce Development.

Obviously, education is becoming increasingly important to job seekers and it was apparent to Bob that active membership in Missouri ACTE was a critical component in accessing the educational community.

Although he is relatively new to Missouri ACTE, he does not take membership in this or any organization lightly, stating, "If you join, you should participate!" Bob has demonstrated that commitment in a variety of capacities. When he found himself one of 14 regional directors of the Training and Employment Administrators of Missouri, under the Joint Training Partnership Act, he and the other directors formed a statewide organization to improve communication between its members and the state. In 1998, he was elected president, a position he still holds.

Bob was just elected as a District #7 Board Member of National Association of Workforce Development Professionals. Its mission is to elevate professionalism and to begin to offer a certification process which he hopes to bring to Missouri.

After receiving his BS at Wheaton College in Illinois, Bob earned a Masters of Divinity at Princeton Seminary in New Jersey where he taught at Hun School. Continuing his interest in education, he taught at St. Louis Country Day School, moving on to become Executive Director of Life Crisis Services in St. Louis. This experience led him to Masters and Johnson Institute where he was a clinical associate. McDonnell Aircraft in St. Louis recognized his expertise in communication and hired him as manager of employee training.

Douglas Aircraft Company, based in Long Beach, California, lured him away to become Director of Human Resource Development. Bob took advantage of the location to earn an MS in Organization Development from Pepperdine University. Following the merger of McDonnell and Douglas, Bob served the corporation in a variety of positions as defense contracts were phased out, resulting in layoffs of 30,000 employees. His challenge was to match these displaced workers with jobs that needed their skills. He learned first-hand how urgent and critical a practical education had become.

Bob is passionate about education. The accumulation of his life experiences has led him to believe that the key to improving education is to provide leadership and build consensus among groups with similar goals. As president of Missouri ACTE, Bob's goal would be to build a coalition of advocates for educational policy making and political influence, using communication and team building as vital and necessary tools.

# Proposed By-Laws Changes

The following proposed bylaws changes will be voted on by the House of Delegates at the Summer Conference.  
Note: Underlined copy indicates the new additions. [Bracketed] copy will be deleted if these changes are adopted.

## ARTICLE III - Membership

- A. All individuals and those representing firms, institutions, and/or organizations interested in the purposes of the Missouri ACTE shall be eligible for membership.
1. Professional members shall be those individuals who are currently or formerly actively employed either full- or part-time in firms, institutions, and/or organizations that provide or support career, practical arts, technical, and vocational education and members of Missouri ACTE divisions. Professional members shall be entitled to vote except as otherwise specified.
  2. Student members shall be those students enrolled in postsecondary institutions who are interested in promoting career, practical arts, technical, and vocational education.
  3. Retired members shall be those individuals who have been Missouri ACTE professional members, are retired and are not actively employed in career, practical arts, technical, and vocational education. Retired members shall be entitled to all membership rights with the exception of serving as a Missouri ACTE officer, a member of the Board of Directors, or a delegate in the House of Delegates.

## ARTICLE IV - Divisions

- A. The divisions of Missouri ACTE shall be those interested in Administration (Missouri Council of [Vocational] Career and Technical Administrators), Agricultural Education (Missouri Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association), Business Education (Missouri Business Education Association), Family and Consumer Sciences (Missouri Educators of Family and Consumer Sciences), Guidance (Missouri School Counselors Association), Health Occupations Education (Missouri State Association of Health Occupations Educators), Marketing and Cooperative Education (Missouri Marketing Association/Missouri Cooperative Education Association), Placement (Missouri Placement Association), Special Needs (Missouri Vocational Special Needs Association), Technology Education (Technology Education Association of Missouri), Trade and Technical Education (Missouri Trade and Technical Association), Workforce Development (Missouri Association for Workforce Development, and New and Related Services.

## ARTICLE VI - Officers

- A. The Missouri ACTE officers shall be the President, the President-Elect and the immediate Past President.
- B. Duties of the officers:
1. The President shall: preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, the House of Delegates and all Missouri ACTE general sessions; call special meetings of the Board of Directors and all meetings of the Executive Committee; appoint all special committees with the approval of the Board of Directors; and appoint all committee chairs. The President shall serve as an ex-officio member of all standing and special committees.
  2. The President-Elect shall, in the absence of the President, perform the duties of the President. [In case of permanent vacancy in the office of President, the President-Elect shall automatically assume the duties of the President for the remainder of the term.] The President-Elect shall chair the Missouri ACTE Program of Work Committee.
  3. The immediate Past President shall represent the Division of New and Related Services on the Missouri ACTE Board of Directors; assist this division in its regular activities within the Missouri ACTE and assist any groups within this division to secure separate divisional status within the Missouri ACTE as specified in these Bylaws. The immediate Past President shall chair a committee to select candidates for the office of President-Elect. In case of permanent vacancy in the office of President, the immediate Past President shall automatically assume the duties of the President for the remainder of the term.
- C. The President-Elect shall be elected by the membership and shall succeed to the presidency.
- D. Officers shall serve from the conclusion of the House of Delegates meeting through the following House of Delegates meeting.

## Absentee Ballot

If you do not plan to attend the Missouri ACTE Summer Conference, please print a copy of this ballot, complete it and return it before July 15<sup>th</sup> to:



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Jefferson City, MO 65102



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Choose one:



**Patricia M. Meldrum**



**Robert E. Simpson**

Would you like to . . .

## Mentor-a-Legislator



The Mentor-a-Legislator program offers the opportunity for a Missouri ACTE member to create a friendly relationship with a Missouri Senator or Representative or a US Senator or Representative throughout the year so that the Senator or Representative is better informed. The Senator or Representative also has a mentor whom he or she can depend upon for information pertaining to Career and Technical Education issues.

A program training session will be held on Monday, **July 22, 2002, at 11 a.m. until 12 noon** in the Oklahoma Room of the University Plaza, in Springfield, Missouri, immediately following the Missouri ACTE Board meeting. Division Presidents and Presidents-elect, as well as Legislative Committee members, and other interested individuals are encouraged to participate. Those individuals who participate in this program for the 2002-03 year, will receive recognition at the Summer Conference in July 2003.

If you would like to "Mentor a Legislator" and would like more information, please complete the following form and return it to Sharon Kosek, Hillyard Technical Center, 3434 Faraon, St. Joseph, MO 64506. For additional information, email [sharon.kosek@sjsd.k12.mo.us](mailto:sharon.kosek@sjsd.k12.mo.us); or (816) 671-4170 (work phone); or (816) 671-4479 (fax).

[Please Print]

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will be coming to the training session on July 22, 2002, at the University Plaza in Springfield, Missouri.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, I am unable to attend, but I want to participate; send me additional information.

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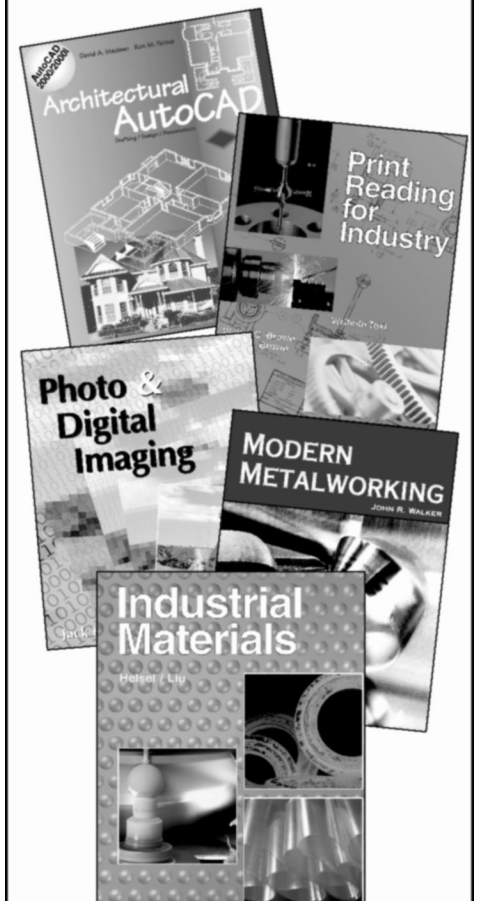
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# Legislative Committee Report

By Sharon G. Kosek

*Missouri ACTE Legislative Committee Chairperson*

It was a great honor to once again represent Missouri ACTE in Washington, DC, when visiting the offices of our members of Congress and the Senate from Missouri. Our organization was well represented by our Missouri ACTE leaders at the March 17-19, 2002, ACTE National Policy Seminar.

In each of the offices that we visited, we emphasized the importance of vocational-technical education. The message "Five Cents Makes Sense" for education was heard. We asked that five cents out of every dollar that is spent by the leaders in Washington be spent on education. Currently, it is much less than that. We also asked for increased Pell Grant funding of \$500 per person, for a total of \$4,500 each; and additional funds for the Carl Perkins Act for 2003 were requested.

Several aides recommended that we email to them success stories of students in our programs. Please take the time to email Senator Bond and Senator Carnahan, as well as your member of Congress and tell them about student success stories. If possible, have your students send positive, success stories about themselves and vocational-technical education. Please do not send hard copy letters. Mail from October through December was just reaching offices while we were there - and most of it is unreadable. Email is the easiest mode of written communication.



↑ *Members of the Missouri Legislature enjoy the "fruits" of the Waynesville Technical Academy's Culinary Arts Class' labor at the Missouri ACTE Legislative Day held February 6<sup>th</sup> in Jefferson City, MO*



**June 1 ...**

is the deadline for articles to be included in the summer issue of the *Reporter*.

Please submit your information to Debbie Dickens at [DickensCo@aol.com](mailto:DickensCo@aol.com)

This year's Missouri legislative session will soon be coming to a close in Jefferson City. Please take time to extend your appreciation to our state leaders. Many of them are ending their tenure in office due to term limits.

Take note of those individuals who are seeking state senate and representative positions in the primary election in August. Get to know the candidates and their positions on education. More than ever before, it is important to communicate the importance of vocational-technical education to these individuals.

Consider taking part in the new Mentor-a-Legislator Program that offers the opportunity for a Missouri ACTE member to create a friendly relationship with a Senator or Representative throughout the year and keep that legislator informed about Vocational-Technical Education issues. The program will be kicked off at our 2002 Summer Conference. If you would like more information about the Mentor-a-Legislator program, please email me at [sharon.kosek@sjsd.k12.mo.us](mailto:sharon.kosek@sjsd.k12.mo.us).

↓ *The Missouri ACTE delegation to the National Policy Seminar take a minute to pose for a picture with Representative Roy Blunt (Rep - 7).*



# National Policy Seminar (NPS)

## "Here We Go Again: Perkins IV"

The issues are stacking up and conversations are beginning on what the next Perkins Act will look like.

Approximately three hundred and fifty career and technical educators participated in NPS, in Washington, D.C., March 17-19. Participation is a good description of NPS as members interacted in one session on issues for the next Perkins Act. Participants also engaged in lively discussions with the speakers.

Dianne Mondry, ACTE President, presided over the activities along with Kathy Jo Elliot, President-Elect and Past-President Bill Snelson. After sessions on Monday and Tuesday, ACTE members visited their legislators on the "Hill". Jan Bray, ACTE Executive Director, unveiled an option to financially support legislative initiatives that is tax deductible. A goal was set to collect five thousand dollars at NPS. Tom Schultz, the Chair of the Legislative Support Fund, gave Jan Bray a check for five thousand, six hundred and sixty-two dollars at the closing session. Jan explained the money would go to the "grass root" efforts for legislative initiatives.

On the legislative docket and the pending elections this year are the Welfare to Work, and IDEA. This heavy docket may push Perkins consideration back to 2004 instead of 2003. If you remember it took three years to pass Perkins III (1995-98).

Hans Meeder, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE), explained the four pillars (principles) of "No Child Left Behind" which are:

1. Reduce the academic achievement gap with minority students
2. Focus on what works
3. Reduce bureaucracy and increase flexibility
4. Increase options for students

Carol D'Amico, U.S. Assistant Secretary, OVAE, reiterated the theme of the four pillars in her remarks on Tuesday. She added on pillar two that the money would flow to the programs that could demonstrate efficacy. Ms. D'Amico expressed concern over the lack of performance in the high schools.



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**Senator Jean Carnahan also took time to listen to our concerns**

Ms. D'Amico reported that, while achievement scores begin to drop in sixth grade, the "dive" truly occurs between 8th and 10th grade. She also quoted statistics about high school seniors' aspirations and the eventual results. She said although sixty-three percent (63%) of high school seniors say they are going to college, 40-60% dropout after the first semester and only one-third of those who said they were going to college graduate.

Ms. D'Amico's goals are to end the need for remediation for those seniors who go on to post-secondary institutions, increase the rate of high school graduation (presently 75%) and prepare students to complete post-secondary training or have career plans for gainful employment. She stated that her goals are a work in progress and hopes to receive feedback from the educational community to close the achievement gap, with good practice that can demonstrate efficacy and bring options to scale for 11th and 12th grade students.

Issues that surfaced for the reauthorization of the Perkins Act included:

1. Assessing accountability
2. Integrating academics
3. General funding issues
4. Lack of funding for gender equity
5. Teacher recruitment and retention

ACTE is recommending a \$225 million increase in the Basic State Grants, \$40 million in Tech-Prep, \$5 million increase in Tech-Prep Demonstration, and a \$3 million increase in Occupational and Employment Information (Section 118), \$2 for tribally controlled post-secondary schools for a total request of \$1,596,000,000.

When discussing alternative methods to assess performance of a career and technical student, Joan Oats, Education Advisor, Sonats Health Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, commented, "When an auto mechanic repairs your car, you don't ask him if he read "Gone With the Wind."



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**Representative Ike Skelton (Dem - 4) welcomes the Missouri ACTE delegation**

# Region III Report

By Barbara Mountjoy  
Region III Representative

The National Policy Seminar was a resounding success. There were 363 attendees, 26 of those were from Missouri. The line up of speakers provided excellent insight into events in Congress, the Department of Education and the Department of Labor. One of the remarks I thoroughly enjoyed was made by Jane Oates, Education Advisor to US Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, who said, "When your toilet's overflowing at midnight and the plumber is there, you don't ask him if he's read Gone With The Wind."

ACTE is expanding their legislative effort beyond Perkins. The legislative activity is now monitoring various issues at the federal level. During the NPS Issue Briefs the following materials were included:

- Perkins Fiscal Year 2003 Funding Request
- Welfare Reform
- Workforce Investment Act
- Perkins Reauthorization
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
- Elementary and Secondary Education Act – "No Child Left Behind"

Watch for these topics to be discussed through *Techniques*.

It was truly beautiful in D.C. Many flowers were blooming, as well as flowering trees. We missed the cherry blossoms, but our nations capital was certainly showing Spring. All our appointments with legislators and their staff members went very well. Our visits to our representatives in Congress greatly enhanced ACTE's ability to get the career and technical education message out to the policy makers. This seminar is very valuable to our organization on a state level, as well as a national one. Having voters from "back home" visit and discuss issues as important as career and technical education, has tremendous impact. Thank you Donna and Kyna for arranging such a successful trip.

ACTE membership as of February 2002 sits at over 30,000. Region III membership has been somewhat erratic with some gains and some losses. Missouri is presently down 100 members with 1,431 at this time. The ACTE Board continues to review and trim the budget. They have moved the July Board meeting location to Alexandria, Virginia at the ACTE headquarters. This change will save the association approximately \$10,000 each year. Previously, this Board meeting was held in the city hosting the December convention.

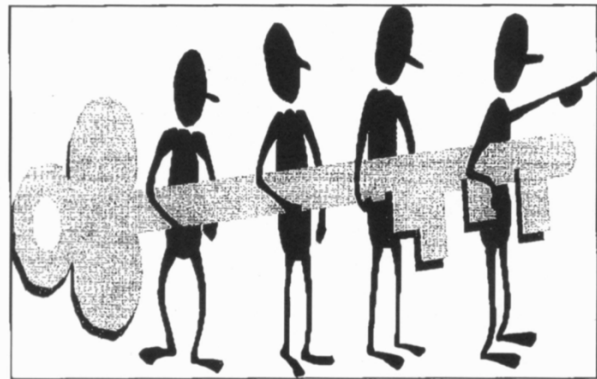
I understand the April issue of *NEA Today* magazine, published by the National Education Association, features an interview with ACTE President Dianne Mondry. I am told it offers a terrific overview of career and technical education and accompanies an article regarding changes in the field. Because I teach in a building that is all MSTA, I may never get to read it!!

Mark your calendars for the ACTE Region III Conference to be held June 19-21 2002. The site of the conference is the Doubletree Hotel in Bloomington, Minnesota. It's probably of little interest to anyone, but I might mention the hotel is within easy walking distance of the Mall of America.

Lloyd Petri is heading up Minnesota's planning effort and has a dynamic conference prepared that includes new technology innovations. Lloyd mentioned something about voice activated computer software! Also Jan Bray will be there. I continue to be so impressed with Jan from her weekly memos to Board members to her high visibility with membership.

Jan is going to conduct a workshop to strengthen state associations. Industry tours are planned, including the St.Paul Ford Plant, a regional microbrewery, and a behind-the-scenes tour of the Mall of America. There will also be plenty of opportunity to socialize with colleagues from all six states making up our region.

The National ACTE Convention will be convened in Las Vegas, that sleepy little desert town in Nevada, December 12 – 15. Make plans to attend now!



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## Dr. Yussuf Al-Hassan Wins Award



StudentAware Communications, Inc., the publishers of Technology Education shop safety materials, is pleased to announce that Dr. Yussuf Al-Hassan has been selected as the Technology Education Teacher of the Year for the 2002-2003 school year.

Dr. Al-Hassan was initially nominated by his students and seconded by his principal as a Technology Education Outstanding Teacher. He will be honored at a ceremony this fall and his profile will be featured in the *Technology Education Teachers' 12-Month Planning Guide* for the month of May 2003, National Teachers' Month. This Planning Guide is distributed to over 30,000 technology education teachers across the country. Dr. Al-Hassan was nominated last year as an Outstanding Teacher and received a plaque from the Air Force recognizing that achievement.

Congratulations, Dr. Al-Hassan!



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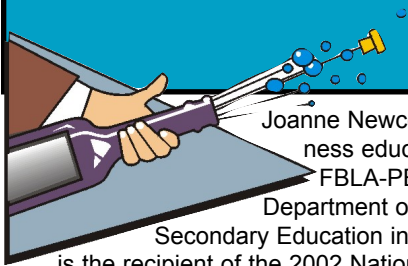
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# Congratulations, Joanne!



Joanne Newcomer, the director of business education and state chair of FBLA-PBL, Inc., for the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in Jefferson City, Missouri, is the recipient of the 2002 National Business Education Distinguished Service Award for Outstanding Contributions to Business Education by a Supervisor.

"Joanne Newcomer exemplifies a sincere passion, dedication, and commitment to improving business education and ensuring its vitality," said Jim Miles, chair of the NBEA Awards Administrative Committee. NBEA presented the award to Newcomer on March 29 during its national convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Always focused on the future, Newcomer has helped business teachers stay abreast of changing curricula and technology. Under her strong leadership, Missouri was the first state in the nation to offer Microsoft Office User Specialist (MOUS) training and certification to business education teachers and students. Missouri has also pioneered in-service training for business educators in using speech recognition technology. Both initiatives have been model programs for other states.

In her roles as state supervisor of business education, Newcomer oversees business education programs in more than 450 high schools, 57 area vocational schools, and 12 community college districts. Thanks to her commitment and efforts, more than \$7 million was spent on business education programs in her state in 2000. Her exemplary leadership has resulted in her state's business education programs being recognized as among the finest in the nation.

In the face of an acute business teacher shortage, Newcomer co-developed a business education teacher recruitment brochure designed to inform the public about the need for business education teachers and the rewards of the profession. Over 5,000 copies of the brochure have been disseminated statewide since 1998.

Other organizations have recognized Newcomer's outstanding contributions. She has received the Administrator Distinguished Service Award from the North Central Business Education Association and the Outstanding Leadership Award from the National Association of Supervisors of Business Education.

Newcomer has served as district president and a board member for the Missouri Business Education Association. She has been a member of the Policies Commission for Business and Economic Education and was the program chair for the NBEA 1999 Annual Convention in Chicago.

According to Bonnie Sibert, director of business education for the Nebraska Department of Education, Newcomer "has been the guiding light for the business teacher educators and business students within Missouri and across the nation."

The National Business Education Association, based in Reston, Virginia, is the nation's largest professional organization devoted exclusively to serving individuals and groups engaged in instruction, administration, research, and dissemination of information for and about business. NBEA is committed to ensuring that business education competencies are recognized as essential for all individuals in today's fast-changing society.



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# MO-ACTE PAC

MO-ACTE PAC (Political Action Committee) is a voluntary organization formed to advance the cause of career and technical education through participation in campaigns for those supporters seeking elective office.

## Invest In Your Profession

You have made an investment in your occupation through education, training and dedicated service over the years. It makes sense that you should also make an investment in those individuals who will be setting public policy that funds and governs your employment.

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Educators in the field of career and technical education total over 4,000 in this state. Can you imagine the impact this group could have when they speak with one voice? When you pool resources with others who have a common goal, you benefit from speaking with many rather than alone

## Be Part Of The Process

The democratic process of electing a representative form of government is alive and working in this country and in Missouri. When you contribute to a common Political Action Committee, you are becoming part of the process we value so much.

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Missouri has limitations on maximum contributions from a single source, which necessitates a candidate establishing a broader base of support. Since these limitations are tied to election cycles, it is a matter of practicality that candidates continue to raise funds in the off-election years in order to have adequate dollars to operate a successful campaign.

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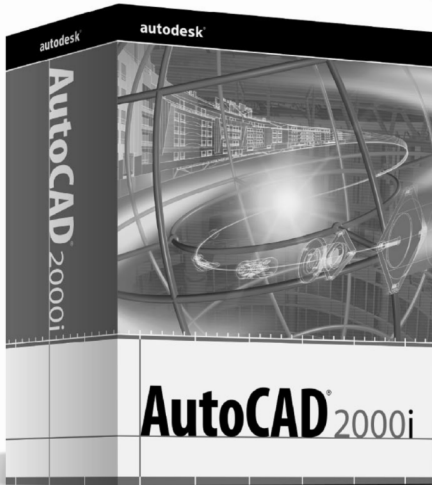
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2. The professional development must be obtained through a Missouri state institution.
3. All reimbursement will be sent directly to the institution of the recipient's choice. The recipient is responsible for contacting the chosen institution's financial aid office to arrange the details for payment.
4. The recipient must be present at the annual Missouri ACTE Summer Conference or an alternate recipient will be chosen.
5. The recipient must complete the following application and submit it on or before May 31, 2002.
6. The recipient must have been active in some capacity with Missouri ACTE, either through local or state activities.

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