The meeting was called to order December 8, 2017 at 5:00 by John Noel.

John introduced Alisha Hyslop from the ACTE staff. Alisha provided a legislative update to the division members. During Alisha’s update, she discussed the status of Perkins Reauthorization, FY18 Funding, the Higher Education Act and the Tax Reform Bill.

John provided a policy committee update. The policy committee discussed establishing a new Diversity Award for the PACE division. After discussion, the Dick Lowe made the motion to add the PACE Diversity award and to have the awards committee begin working on the criteria for the award. Andrea Pogue seconded the motion, motion passed.

Dick Lowe provided members an update on the work done by the Postsecondary Advisory Group (PSAG) and invited those interested to become involved with the PSAG. He also provided a Bylaws Committee report and reported there were no bylaws changes brought to the committee this year for consideration.

John provided a report from the Resolutions Committee for Laurel Westrom. The resolutions had one resolution submitted from Region V regarding changing the Lifetime Achievement Award. This was not an issue for the resolutions committee so it was sent to the Awards Committee and ACTE board for action. At the board meeting prior to VISION, the board voted to keep the Lifetime Achievement award as it currently is with no changes made.

No report from the Nominating Committee.

John provided an update on the Horatio Alger Association Career & Technical Education scholarship. He reported that the association was able to award the 1020 CTE scholarships in 2017, which was over 500 more than last year, which was the first year the scholarship was available. Applications for 2018 will be open from March 15th – June 15th. Members were provided the website for further information and encouraged to have students apply.

Members were provided the dates and locations for upcoming VISION conferences were encouraged to submit session proposals for VISION 2018.

Members were reminded to vote in the current election. They were also encouraged to think about getting more involved in the division and to consider running for PACE VP-Elect in 2019.

Dr. Janet Burns presented the PACE division awards. The 2017 award winners were:

- Award of Excellence – Andrea Pogue
- Ambassador of the Year – Dwight Kos
- Economic Development Project of the Year
- Training Project of the Year
- Innovation Award – Pontotoc Technology Center’s Business and Industry Services team

LeAnn Wilson brought greetings from ACTE.

Dick Lowe presented John Noel with the Service Award for his service as the PACE division Vice President.

Kathy Adair made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Emilie Cherry. Meeting adjourned at 6:20.