

ACTE Region II Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2015

Marriott Crystal Gateway -- Arlington, VA

Call to Order/Welcome/Roll Call

Juli Gilyard, Region II Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 8:005 AM in the Lee Room of the Crystal Gateway Hotel, Arlington, VA and welcomed those present to the ACTE National Policy Seminar. The following members were present: VP Juli Gilyard; Marcia Day, Alabama; Dr. Larry Murkerson, Georgia; Elizabeth Bullock, Kentucky; Tammy Haile, South Carolina; Jon Frye, Tennessee; and Irvin Hall, Virginia.

Agenda Approval/Minutes Approval/Officer Appointments

Jon Frye moved to approve the agenda and Elizabeth Bullock seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Elizabeth Bullock and seconded by Dr. Larry Murkerson. The motion carried.

Financial and Membership Reports

Juli Gilyard explained the financial report to the Committee. The report covered the months between June, 2014 and January, 2015. Total actual expenses of \$4,471 whereas \$6,647 has been budgeted for annual expenses leaving a balance of \$2,176. The Designated Funds balance was shown as \$19,492. Ms. Gilyard stated that the report would be filed. Regarding membership, Ms. Gilyard stated that current Region II membership is 4,733 and that membership is declining.

ACTE Board Update

Ms. Gilyard summarized the highlights as follows:

The following dates and locations are planned for Vision:

November 19 - 22, 2015	New Orleans, LA
December 6 - 9, 2016	Las Vegas, NV
2017 --	Nashville, TN

Mrs. Leanne Wilson reported on the collaborative efforts of ACTE with Project Lead the Way, the National Career Academy Association, Kuder and the U. S. Army (specifically, with the Army the topic of Leadership).

Ms. Gilyard stated that hill visits during NPS may be impacted by the visit of the Israeli Prime Minister on Tuesday, March 3rd because of increased security.

Nashville Vision attendance was lower than expected in November, 2014.

Career Cluster educational programs will be presented at Vision, 2015.

Region II Conference Updates

Mrs. Becky Pierce presented information concerning the Region II Professional Development Conference planned for September 24-27, 2015, in Montgomery, Alabama. Mrs. Pierce stated that application forms for presentations will be available online and that registration forms will be available by April 1st.

Ms. Gilyard mentioned that the 2016 Region II Conference will most likely be hosted by Florida. Mrs. LeAnne Wilson stated that there is membership potential in Florida and that there may be an opportunity to contact potential members at the Best Practices Conference to be held there.

Other Topics for Discussion/Action/Promotion

Ms. Gilyard spoke about the Policy Committee Orientation in September of 2014. She stated that there will be a Doodle Poll between now and the end of June to facilitate work on the Strategic Plan.

Ms. Gilyard explained that there may have to be a transfer of some designated funds to meet expenses.

Ms. Gilyard emphasized the need to look at increasing participation in the Leadership Fellow program in Region II. Someone may give a session on the Leadership Fellow Program at the Region II Conference.

Policy updates should be posted on the website to communicate them to the membership. Membership needs to grow and the budget needs to increase through membership growth.

Recognitions

The following Policy Committee Members will be retiring this year: Marcia Day (AL), Willie Haynes (GA), Pam Orbison (NC), and Irvin Hall (VA). They were recognized and presented a certificate for their service.

State-of-the-State Reports

Following is a summary of the written reports submitted:

Alabama--ALACTE is monitoring, analyzing and publicizing proposed legislation for the legislative session from March to May, including legislation to establish charter schools and the impact they will have on CTE. Extensive planning is occurring concerning Summer Conference to be held in July and the Region II Conference to be held in September.

Florida--No data available.

Georgia--The technical college system will change its name to "Georgia Career College System". Dual enrollment will expand under a proposed bill to streamline the programs. The Governor is

advocating that computer science courses may count as a fourth-year core math or science credit. Other CTE courses are being considered by the state superintendent of education. Superintendent Woods plans to explore offering a range of diploma seals from Career Pathways to AP and Honors course completion in an effort to personalize education.

Kentucky--The summer conference is planned for July utilizing elements of their 2020 strategic plan. The first regional academy will open in August of 2015. The Tech Ready Apprentices for Careers in Kentucky (TRACK) program is providing opportunities for students to gain skills needed for 21st century careers. A consulting firm will study adequate and equitable funding for CTE in Kentucky.

North Carolina--Plans are being formulated to address membership recruitment and promote summer conference activities including a carnival theme to attract divisions to increase membership. The NCACTE Board Meeting in February was interrupted by inclement weather. The Governor's budget included teacher pay raises funded by a gas tax.

South Carolina--The incoming ACTE President will attend the June Conference. A new state superintendent of education has included four million dollars in the budget for professional development. However, budgets still lag at levels achieved in the past 5 to 7 years. A task force has been created to improve schools by eliminating or consolidating mandates.

Tennessee--A new Superintendent of Education is expected to marginalize CTE and compartmentalize it with special education and other programs. The impact on CTE is unknown. CTE students numbers are up, but adult education numbers are down because of the economy. Perkins funds are up slightly but still below 2010 levels.

Virginia--VACTE is now rebranded to Virginia ACTE. The rebranding is an action plan to increase membership. The 2015 Leadership Seminar was held in January in Richmond. Executive Director, Brenda Long, was inducted into the CTE Hall of Fame. Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA) is one of the co-chairs of the CTE Caucus that introduced the Career Ready Act of 2015 in the U.S. Senate.

The meeting was adjourned by Juli Gilyard, Region II Vice-President, at 9:40 AM following a motion by Elizabeth Bullock and a second by Jon Frye with a unanimous vote of the Policy Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcia Day

Secretary

