Dodie Bemis calls the meeting to order at 1:30pm Pacific time. Each of the Policy Committee members is introduced: Rick Ross, ND; Sherilyn Senef, WY; Mark Branger, MT; Craig Statucki, NV; Coleen Keffeler, SD; Diane Walker, CA.

Request for announcement of non-agendized item from KS regarding region certification; this is a caucus of individuals who would like to look into national board certification which needs Region V members. She will provide a sign-up sheet, how to recruit and retain teachers, Gayla Randel.

Roll Call of States: Sherilyn Senef - AK 1, AZ 14, CA 7, CO 12, Guam 0, HI 5, ID 3, KS 3, MT4, NE 0, NV 9, ND 4, OR 2, Philippines 0, SD 10, UT 10, WA 6, WY 10. Dodie declares a quorum is present.

Approval of the Agenda: Deb Moore AZ moves to accept, Sarah Heath CO seconds, no discussion, approved as published.

Approval of the Minutes 4/21/16 San Diego: 2 copies per state distributed, Eric Ripley ND moves to accept as published, Valerie Vuicich CA seconds, no discussion, approved.

Financial Report: Mark Branger has 2 copies per state distributed. Most expenses are now and in April; one item is that we were able to bring back mini-grants due to high profit from CA region conference; they were awarded to AK, UT, CO and AZ. Mark moves to accept, Lyn Velle WY seconds, no discussion, approved as published.

Recognize First-Time Attendees: Craig Statucki welcomes first-time attendees, many standing - look forward to seeing everyone next year for second conference.

Recognize Hawaii ACTE: Rick Ross asks the HI delegation to stand. They are a new unified state in the ACTE family and he extends congratulations on behalf of Region V, and notes that the Region V conference would love to attend in HI sometime. We are thrilled that the state association is now unified, as that has many benefits.

Review of the ACTE Board Meeting: Dodie Bemis reports some of the high points from the meeting, and brags about many accomplishments. Membership is on the rise, as earlier reported, and 4505 registered for the conference in advance, which is the highest in 9 years, with over 2000 from Region V. Of the top 5 states with highest registration numbers, Region V has most with OR, NV, UT, CA, and AZ. There are two awards given
to divisions and regions for accomplishments related to membership; we retained greatest gain with 696 members, and also received the highest percentage gain with 11.11% increase. One concern that was pointed out, despite high Region V participation, is that Lorri Carlile noted that there are 8 states in ACTE which have never had national Board representation, including OR, NV, KS and CA. Snehal Bhakta from NV is running for Marketing VP, so that would count if he is elected. Oregon is just getting more involved again, and there are great people in CA and KS, so could draw upon their leadership and guidance; please consider getting involved.

We don't know yet what is going to happen with Perkins legislation going forward; the new administration will be charting new waters with the Department of Education. There are those who are very positive, as the President-Elect is a businessman and is used to hiring folks, so may be favorable to CTE. There is concern about the future, which makes NPS a very interesting meeting in mid-March.

The board meeting was very productive overall.

Region V Standing/National Committee Reports: We chose to put the region and national reports together, as they are working in tandem.

- Awards: Terry Ertman from NV is assisting Pam Stroklund; they had a great year with 52 submissions, and congratulations to the winners. We will have more national winners next year. There are no great changes, with state awards chairs and winners' responsibilities essentially the same. The video will be reduced from 10 to 7 minutes for region interview. That was done to save money and time for state winners in case they couldn't attend the conference. The deadline for state submissions to region is March 1, 2017. The publication awards are due by March 15th. Info is on the Region V website. Innovative programs are due March 1. They would like to have a rep from each state on the region committee, with 12 of 17 currently represented. Terry has the list to check against it. South Dakota would like to meet with Terry. (No written report - Craig will get it in next week)
- Marketing/New Ideas/Membership: Autumn Williams just updated the Facebook page with the Region V Conference page, and will be getting the pin contest information out in the next couple of weeks. The committee just lost a member in the last week or so from UT, so need another member to step up. She would like to get every state represented on the committee, particularly if attending the conference in South Dakota (no written report provided)
- Nominating: Annika Russell received all of the applications for other committees; they would also like to expand their group. As moving into the Region V conference, they would like to do a VP-Elect to serve the last year of Dodie's term. If interested, please get info to Annika by this summer.
- Legislative/Perkins/Resolutions: Lyn Velle reports we met with 6 members this morning, distributed items including minutes from San Diego, mission statement and guidelines for ACTE and our committee. The bulk of the conversation was about Perkins legislation. We have a champion in Sen. Enzi's office, Steve Townsend, with whom Lyn speaks regularly. The re-authorization is on hold
right now, although the House version was passed, the Senate’s was not. If it’s not done by the next session, it will have to go back to the beginning. Sen. Enzi met with Alexander, and their goal is to complete before the new session. Both of Region V’s resolutions were passed at the Assembly of Delegates. Tim Knue, national committee member, explains that there was additional discussion at the national committee meeting on Wednesday about the item rejected by the board regarding having two people from the same state at the same time as President and President-Elect due to the small pool of nominees. That was pushed back to the regions to determine what could be done to increase the pool of potential candidates through the pipeline to be eligible to run for national office. Each of the regions will be asked to review. Lyn Velle requests additional participation.

- Region Fellows: Mary Anne Berens introduces current fellows, Craig Statucki second year from NV, Shelly Garrett first year from CO. They contribute to the region newsletter, are doing a book study and presentation at the Leadership Conference. They are part of the process for the publication awards - created rubric, and do judging; very few submit publications, and it’s very easy, so please make sure to submit for review. The fellowship commitments require visitations and to learn about ACTE at the higher level, may interview officers, etc. A goal is to increase the number of applications and choices; applications will be out in January.

- National Fellows: Kim Auburn, Rachael Mann (not present), a third dropped out. Dodie asks that everyone strongly consider participating.

- Audit: Shelly York attended the meeting and reports that they met the auditors on 9/19, and recommended the report. The management letter reported no conditions or exceptions.

- Bylaws: Valerie Vuicich reports that they met Wednesday; no new bylaws were proposed, but they did elect a chair and vice-chair (no written report).

- CTE Support Fund: Craig Statucki reports that the fund is used to support federal advocacy. They are doing fund-raising efforts; the plan to do a raffle was short-circuited, so all of those donations received before December 15th will be entered into a drawing in VA. They have collected about $1500 in gift cards. The winners will receive their presents via mail (no written report).

Update on 2017 Region V Conference South Dakota: Coleen Keffeler invites all to Rapid City on April 6-8, 2017; brochures are on the Region V website. Exciting events including Leadership 101, scavenger hunt, 6 different educational tours (identify which in registration) on Thursday. Friday breakout sessions include leadership, advocacy, marketing, succession planning, etc. Please consider facilitating or leading a session. The call for presenters is on the website - please submit to Dodie by January 15th. Unfortunately, there will be no event at Mt. Rushmore due to a large modification of the restaurant. Saturday they will go to Rockerville, SD to The Gaslight for the brunch, and then those with later flights can take a bus to Mt. Rushmore and others can return to the airport at that time. They are excited to have everyone attend and showcase Region V. Please pick up swag from the box. Dodie adds that the Policy Committee wants to have divisions during one time-slot to share best practices and network - that will be added to the registration form (added to the website next week or
so) to determine which division you would belong in, and find someone to facilitate discussions.

First Timers for Region V South Dakota: Region V offers 10 $500 stipends, with the form on the website; consideration is given to ACTE members first, and then try to find at least one per state who apply. The applications are due by March 1st, and are notified by March 15th if selected.

Update on 2018 Region V Conference Proposal Colorado: Dodie reports that the Washington bid from San Diego was eventually withdrawn, so CO is looking at hosting. Sarah Heath announces that April 11-14, 2018 in CO Springs at the Cheyenne Mountain Resort, close to Pikes Peak with cog railroad, USAFA, Ft. Carson, Garden of the Gods, and USOC Training Facility are all close by. Colorado Springs has an airport, as well as Denver. There is a $144 room rate, 3 days before and after will be honored. Flight opportunities are based on this year's fares. There are buses and shuttles from DIA. The cost includes breakfast, lunch, and one dinner, modeled after South Dakota's current plan. They are still working on some tours, so not sure of those expenses or revenues. Shelly is the co-chair. Mark Branger moves to accept the CO bid for the 2018 conference, Doug Meyer seconds. Mary Anne Berens asks about the registration cost, and Sarah says that they are looking at $450, but they may reduce to $425 because the profit would be $34,000. Information will be handed out at the Leadership Conference and Nashville for presentations (similar deadlines). The question is called, all in favor, motion passes.

Additional Region V Conference Proposals: Montana's bid for 2019 was already accepted, but the Policy Committee requests consideration of submission for the 2020 conference hosts. It is generally in April, working around Easter weekend. Please make proposals on Friday, April 7th, in Rapid City.

Region V Hall of Fame Award: Coleen Keffeler reports that the nomination form and rubric are already posted on the website; the Policy Committee worked on it to clean it up for requirements to submit, added guidelines to the rubric to make it more helpful for the nominator. One major item is to include 1-3 letters of reference and a photo. The deadline for nominations is February 1 each year, and that is firm.

Region V Mini-Grants: Rick Ross says that mini-grants were implemented again after an earlier suspension. Each awardee will be required to make an oral report in South Dakota about their progress - at general session, one each state, plus a short newsletter article in Dodie's hands by January 10th. Alaska is doing a social media campaign to market ACTE for $1500 - check presented. Arizona is doing a campaign to increase by 2% state and national membership, check presented. Colorado is looking to expand capacity for a train the trainer model for career development division and pathway development, check presented. Utah is looking to create a CTSO advocacy program at the state level, check presented. We hope to receive additional applications after the Region V Leadership Conference in South Dakota. Mark Branger updates the group
regarding the MT mini-grant 2 years ago, and provides a post-card to counselors - some copies distributed.

CTE Support Fund Promo: Sherilyn Senef explains about the gift card raffle, which each state was asked to donate to; if not yet turned in, please do so. Thanks to everyone who donated.

Membership: We are doing great - keep up the good work. Dodie is very pleased. There are 25 QAS awards, of which different regions have a few, and Region V has 12. They will be presented at the leadership breakfast tomorrow morning, and Dodie is so proud. Dodie teases another region VP about our riches.

ACTE President-Elect Candidate Speeches: They were not able to attend today; bios are in Techniques and on the website. Let's get Region V to be the most involved in the vote, which is now open. We want to brag that Region V cares and supports leadership. Start voting today, or at the airport when you're on your way home - do it soon. Sarah says that if Region V were added up, that would overshadow any other state.

Doug Meyer wants to thank everyone over last 3 years for support as national officer, and prior 3 years as Region V; everyone knows we are the best. He gives a shout-out to OR with 390 members at the conference. UT has 102 new members and leads the way, almost all Region V states memberships up. Finances are at record levels with value of assets. Tomorrow is the first STEM is CTE Symposium, which should be great, looking at how to increase girls' participation.

Region V Areas for Improvement: Dodie asks for suggestions about what she and Policy Committee can do to better serve the members. Sarah says she would like to thank the Policy Committee to support CO in their bid process. Tina Statucki brags that the Executive Director recognized the CTE Presidential Scholars. Doug compliments Dodie on how the Policy Committee functions, which is the fore-runner. If everyone at Vision voted, that would triple the number of votes. Pepper Poulsen says to check your spam filter for the password in case you didn't get it.

Diane Walker requests written reports from the committees which did not submit within the next two weeks.

When doing evaluations, Dodie requests that people note how much time we need for our business meeting, as one hour is not long enough.

Bill Simons announces the Western Pathways Conference in May in Denver - flyers are available.

Wrap-up/Adjournment: Meeting is adjourned at 2:30pm

Respectfully submitted, Diane L. Walker, Secretary