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ACTE Region V Business Meeting

Vision Conference Nashville – 12/8/17

Call to Order and Introductions: Dodie Bemis calls the meeting to order at 1:00pm Central time; Policy Committee introductions Rachael Mann, AZ; Diane Walker, CA; Craig Statucki, NV; Shani Watkins, WA; Mark Branger, MT; Coleen Keffeler, SD. Dodie reminds the group that each state is entitled to two votes on any motion. Please give name and state when addressing the committee.

Roll Call of States Shani Watkins calls the roll with the following responses (as revised at the end of the meeting): AK 1; AZ 15; CA 4; CO 16; Guam/Pacific Islands/American Samoa 0; HI 5; ID 9; KS 1; MT 3; NE 1; NV 8; ND 7; OR 2; SD 18; UT 7; WA 5; WY 3 (105 total reported).

Approval of the Agenda (with flexibility) Dodie Bemis says that copies are available in the room and requests that a motion be made: Josh Christenson from SD so moves, James Frye from AZ seconds, no discussion being heard, and with none opposed, the motion passes.

Approval of the minutes from the April 7, 2017 Region V Conference in Rapid City, SD
- Diane Walker notes that copies have been distributed so that each state can have at least one copy; motion by Rick Ross from ND, second by Brandon Cone from WY; there being no discussion and none opposed, the motion passes and the minutes are approved as published.

Financial Report - Mark Branger reports that he has printed out 2 copies of the report per state. There are a couple of items to note in that the plan is to carry over \$20-25,000 per year for fiscal responsibility, which we have been able to do in the last two terms. Region V gives back to member states by funding fellows, providing award stipends and mini-grants. Mark Branger moves to accept the report, Valerie Vuicich from CA seconds; with no further discussion, and none opposed, the report is approved/motion passes.

Recognize first time attendees - Craig Statucki explains that there are nearly 2,000 at the conference, and provides standing recognition for those from Region V. We appreciate those who have come to Nashville, and anticipate attendance at Region V in Colorado Springs. Dodie adds her thanks and compliments those who were aware to come to the Region Business meeting.

Review of ACTE Board meeting - Dodie Bemis quickly reviews the two days of board meetings at this session. There are 25,561 ACTE members with about 7,000 from Region V. About 4,000 people are registered for Vision, with 2,000 first timers, so encourages everyone to help them out and to continue to participate. The numbers are higher than last time we were in Nashville in 2014. The bulk of the numbers from Region V come from the states of OR, CA, WA and CO, with over 300, 200, and 100+, respectively. ACTE is financially very sound, with revenues higher than expectations. Based on that growth, the board authorized LeAnn to hire a new Sr. Dir. Of Programs. The association is also doing mini-grants for divisions (which originated in Region V, as do many innovations). Those who serve on the Region V Resolutions Committee are aware that there was a call last year to make changes to the Lifetime Achievement Award; those were voted down by the board, but they will no longer call it the Smith-Hughes Leadership Award, and will remain the Lifetime Achievement Award. ACTE is working on consistent branding, and the national association will help with logos - contact Julia O'Brien with any assistance for states. The national web re-design should be complete in April; they will also help with state websites for unified states. ACTE is looking for more participation in national division policy committee meetings - if anyone is interested in being more involved, look for more info in the January newsletter. The association has a new strategic plan - info will be on the website after the first of the year, with 5 themes being set forth (member value and engagement, professional development and leadership, advocacy and awareness, strategic partnerships, and innovation).

Region V Standing/National Committee Reports:

- Awards: Pam Stroklund reports that all states combined to send in 55 applicants for region awards this year. There are reps from 14 of 18 states and territories on the region committee; the exceptions are that there are currently no representatives from AK, CA, Guam, HI and WY. If anyone is interested in participating, contact Annika Russell on the Nominating Committee. We had 2 of our 7 Region V winners recognized at the national Awards Banquet, including Roxann Trees, Lifetime Achievement, and Sara Quintana, New Teacher of the Year. There are flyers which have been circulated through the meeting; the deadline is March 1, and we are continuing with video interviews being tweaked a bit to include ACTE involvement. There are also publication and innovative program awards - please submit those from your states. She will send everything out electronically to the state awards chairs and leadership.
- Marketing/Membership: Tracy Kern from SD is the new chair of this committee, the purpose of which is to promote Region V and ACTE. One major item of work is the Region V Leadership Conference in Colorado Springs with Sarah and Shelley on the planning committee, including a social media campaign. Be on the

look-out for information. They will also come up with state-themed first-timer attendees' gifts. If anyone has ideas, please share those with the committee. A written report was provided to the Policy Committee Secretary.

- Nominating: Dodie thanks Annika for being at the conference, as she just got married. Annika Russell reports that the committee worked really hard at the conference to fill openings, and there will be another meeting in April. There are 2 Policy Committee members coming off, and they also worked with the national association on Region V VP candidates currently standing for election.
- Legislative/Perkins/Resolutions - Dodie reports that Eric Ripley from ND, the new committee chair, could not attend Vision. Tim Knue, Region V's representative to the national committee, reports that the Perkins policy was renewed in House, waiting in Senate with major issue to be addressed on Secretarial authority; they are working with Senator Murray on it. The resolution for Lifetime Achievement from last year went to Awards committee as the national Resolutions Committee felt it was not within their purview. It went to the Board for action, and is in suspense at this time, and it is still a competition rather than general recognition which was recommended.

ACTE President-Elect Candidate Speeches: Arrived at 1:20pm with Lorri Carlile. Janet Goble and Nancy Trivette each address the group for one minute and urge the members to vote in the election, which opens this afternoon.

- Diane Walker, Policy Committee liaison to the Region V Legislative/Resolutions Committee, requests a point of privilege and reports that a virtual report was requested, and input was received from several members regarding the need for support for K-12 computer science, the on-going Perkins re-authorization efforts including 3-course concentrator definition – Lyn Velle has a meeting today with Senator Enzi today on that issue, and follow-up on the Lifetime Achievement Award. This information was passed along to Eric Ripley for further discussion and action among the committee members.
- Region/National Fellows Craig Statucki, the Interim Fellows Coordinator in Mary Anne's stead, reports that Shelley Goerdt from CO (2nd year) and Joni Simpson from AK (1st year) are our two fellows. They generally meet electronically, but they met face-to-face for 1.5 hours yesterday. In January, a call for new coordinator will go out, so please consider applying for the position. Jeffrey Krepper from CO and Danielle Luebke from ND are the two new national fellows; the program has changed a bit this year, with one being “experienced” and the other “new and emerging.” Both of them were great candidates, as were all those received. A written report was provided to the Region V Secretary.
- Audit: Victoria Cronover is the Region V representative to the national committee; the chair, Shelley York reports that the committee met via conference call on 10/5 with the association auditor; the financials were approved with no reportable conditions requiring attention.
- Bylaws: Valerie Vuicich reports that the committee meets twice per year, including meeting here at Vision on Wednesday, and another by telephone in June. No changes were proposed. Several committee members completed their

two-year terms, and the chair termed out. The committee elected Jeanette Capshaw as the new chair. Dodie asks if Valerie has another year in her term, plus will continue for another term as requested.

Alisha Hyslop, ACTE Policy Director, came to talk about High Quality CTE Framework for individual local CTE programs of study, which was mentioned in the Assembly of Delegates yesterday. The association has been developing this over the last 2.5 years; there are lots of things at the state, district or region level, but very few resources at the national level that can be used for program improvement. Many state tools have been used to inform it, so it should look familiar to some. It has been through focus groups and other expert review and revision, and they are now piloting it for programs to use as a self-assessment and provide feedback about individual programs. They want to know about the validity and utility of the instrument, such as is it user friendly, do the items reflect the program, how long did it take, who was consulted to complete it, calibration, etc. ACTE will need Perkins program-level data to assess validity of the self-assessment and correlate. Please contact Alisha if any interest in participating; there are no limits on the type, subject matter, or size of program. Their hope is to use the instrument to help to inform professional development efforts for improvement in the future.

Update on Region V 2018 Conference Colorado: Sarah Heath reports that the state is welcoming Region V to Colorado Springs on April 11-14, 2018. The CO represents distributes pineapple Chapstick, plus area visitor guides on attractions. CO Springs has great scenery. They are very excited about keynote and breakouts. The Executive Director of the Western Governors Association will talk about the role of CTE in western states, including SD Governor Dennis Dugard's work on workforce development initiatives. There will be a panel of speakers on inter-agency cooperation. The hope is that participants will be able to leave with a plan on how to implement CTE effectively in your state. Advance CTE has adopted through a Siemens grant items on communications action plans, and Katie Fitzgerald will take us through that. There will be many of other presentations, plus tours of key industries in CO. Almost every presentation slot is already full, but can still submit. Preston is exhibits chair. Kailee is operations and will be working on communications. Shelley is the planning committee co-chair.

Leadership Strand: Coleen Keffeler reports that for 4 years now, Leadership 101 is a Wednesday afternoon activity from Policy Committee at the Region V Conference (Dodie, Mark, Coleen and Rick Ross). It is both introductory and a refresher course. All are encouraged to participate. There will be a book study to set the theme which attendees get to take with them when they complete the session. It's all about how to develop and strengthen states as they fit within the Region and national association, as well as developing individual leadership skills and know how to participate. The session will run from 2-5pm.

First timers for Region V - Colorado: Dodie Bemis reminds the group that Region V offers a stipend to first-time attendees of the Leadership Conference which extends over two years (CO and MT in 2018 and 2019), \$250 each year. This is another way we give

back to members. Applications are already on the website, due by March 1 to Dodie, and she tries to distribute so at least one from each member state gets one.

Update on Region V 2019 Conference Montana: Mark Branger says that MT is very excited to host the conference in 2019. There are nearly 20 people on the planning committee. Keynotes have been chosen, and lots of things are being planned; there will be a full presentation at the Colorado conference in April. Tours will include one to Yellowstone on the Wednesday before the conference sessions begin.

Additional Region V conference proposals: Dodie Bemis asks if any other states are considering hosting either in 2020 or 201 for the Leadership Conference. Rick Ross says ND is interested in bidding for the 2021 conference, as is SD. All states are encouraged to submit. AK is in the talking stage for some future conference. NV is considering bidding for the 2020 conference in Lake Tahoe. Dodie says there have been several requests to go to HI, so Ron needs to consider putting in a conference bid – general applause ensues.

Region V Hall of Fame Award: Coleen Keffeler encourages everyone to submit nominations. At this point, she has received 2 inquiries, but no official nominations, which is a bit nerve-wracking. There are many deserving active ACTE Region V members or retirees who deserve this recognition. The deadline to submit is February 1. The application can be downloaded from the website, and send it to Coleen. Former recipients in attendance include Pam Ferguson from AZ, Mark Branger from MT, Coleen Keffeler from SD, and Harvey Link from ND who was recognized on the first release of the award. Thanks to all for their service.

Region V Mini Grants Rachael Mann requests that the representatives come to the dais; Pam Ferguson on behalf of AZ ACTE receives a check for \$1800 to create a new membership brochure. Sarah Heath on behalf of CO ACTE is awarded \$2,000 for a video to showcase CTE. Rick Ross on behalf of ND ACTE receives \$960 to create CTE awareness through a brochure. All of the states will make presentations about their programs at the April conference in Colorado Springs. Rachael asks that every state consider applying for future mini-grants; keep an eye out in email and social media for the next application.

Membership Dodie Bemis: Above

Pepper Poulsen from UT and Mark Branger from MT speak as candidates for the Region V VP position beginning in July 2018 which is currently open for vote. Dodie encourages all members to vote in the election; the turnout has been very low historically – do it this afternoon while it is fresh in your mind.

Region V areas for improvement: Dodie Bemis gives a shout-out to all who went to division Policy Committee meetings on Wednesday and volunteered to serve. Three VP's let Dodie know how much they appreciate Region V's willingness to serve; all are capable and encouraged to step up and be active and involved in the association. Another call will go out in the January newsletter, from the STEM division.

Valerie Vuicich from CA lets everyone know that the 2019 ACTE Vision conference will be held in Anaheim, CA, and encourages everyone to attend.

Ron from HI ACTE donates a box of chocolate-covered macadamia nuts to the first person who knows how to say Happy New Year in Hawaiian; Diane Walker says “hau‘oli makahiki hou” and “mahalo nui loa” thank you very much!

Wrap Up/Adjournment Dodie Bemis requests a motion to adjourn, moved by Pepper Poulsen, Pam Ferguson seconds, passed by acclamation.

The meeting adjourns at 1:55pm Central time

Respectfully submitted, Diane L. Walker, Region V Policy Committee Secretary.