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June 13, 2018

To: The ACTE Nominating Committee

Re: Annika Russell-Manke, Candidate for Business Division Vice President

It is with great pride that I write this letter of support for Annika Russell-Manke whom I have known for twenty years. Annika possess the skills required of a leader at the national level. She works with other career and technical education professionals to insure professional development meets the needs of business division members as well as all CTE educators.

Annika served as the president of South Dakota ACTE in 2010-2011; her commitment to SDACTE continues as she serves as the post-secondary education representative to the board. Annika has served on numerous SD Department of Education Curriculum/Standards Revisions committees as well as serving as a co-chair for the 2011 and 2017 Region V Conference Planning Committee when South Dakota hosted the conference. Furthermore, she has served on the Region V Nominating Committee since 2012 and chaired the committee since 2014.

At the national level, Annika has stepped up when called to serve. She has been an active member of the Business Division Policy Committee and served as the Professional Development Chair. In addition to the Business Division, Annika has served on the ACTE Young Professionals Task Force and the Quality Association Standards (QAS) Task Force, which I chaired. Annika offered insight and suggestions to make the (QAS) a meaningful tool for state association improvement as well as making sure opportunities were made available for young professionals.

Annika is the type of professional needed for the ACTE Board of Directors. Her commitment to career and technical education and the members of ACTE is to be commended. She looks at the big picture to determine what is best for the ACTE family as a whole while seeking input from members. She understands how the Business Division needs to work in cooperation with other divisions to insure quality CTE programs meet the needs of all learners served. With a background in secondary and post-secondary education, Annika will bring a unique perspective to the Board that allows her to address the needs of multiple levels of career and technical education. She will review all sides of an issue and make an informed decision to benefit ACTE's members.

I wholeheartedly support Annika Russell-Manke in her candidacy for the Business Division Vice-President. She will support ACTE, its members, and career and technical education learners.

Sincerely,

Coleen C. Keffeler

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Past-President of ACTE



June 14, 2018

ACTE Nominating Committee

RE: Recommendation for Annika Russell-Manke

Annika Russell-Manke is most deserving of your consideration for the position of Vice-President for the Business Education Division of ACTE. For the past 10-plus years, Annika has been a leader at the regional and national level. When I took over as BED VP in July of 2013, Annika enthusiastically chose to join our Policy Committee and lead our division's Professional Development Committee, continuing in this role today! Each year, she has guided others in the selection of presentations for the VISION conferences. At the regional level she continues to work with nominations as well as working with regional leaders in presenting a high-quality regional conference. At all levels, she has held an office and presented at conferences.

Overall, Annika's work in CTE identifies with the purposes of the Association for Career and Technical Education. She has received recognition for her service and commitment to CTE and overall exemplifies outstanding service and dedication to Business Education, CTE, and ACTE.

I whole-heartedly recommend and support Annika Russell-Manke for the position of Vice-President.

Sincerely,

Gary B. Hutchinson, Ed.D.

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IBEA Executive Director



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June 20, 2018

Dear ACTE Nominating Committee:

It is an honor and a privilege to write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Annika Russell-Manke who is seeking the ACTE Business Division Vice President position for the 2019-2022 term. Annika is a highly qualified, enthusiastic and dedicated individual who would contribute much to your organization.

Annika has taught in the Business Division at Mitchell Technical Institute for the past eight years and most recently accepted the role of Department Chair. She continually seeks innovative ways to strengthen the business programs and develop staff. Annika promotes career and technical education and excites others to join the organization. Her dedication to MTI, CTE and the business and services industry exceeds expectations.

Mitchell Technical Institute supports Annika's candidacy for the upcoming three-year term as ACTE Business Division Vice President. We will approve professional leave for board meetings and related events that require her attendance.

Annika is a strong candidate whom I highly recommend.

Sincerely,

Carol Grode-Hanks, Ed.D
Dean of Academics