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ACTE Region II Nominating Committee
Association for Career and Technical Education
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Alexandria, VA 22314

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I write this letter of recommendation for Dr. Rick Kalk who is running for ACTE Region II Vice President-Elect. I have known Dr. Kalk for many years as a director of career and technical education at the district level; however, I recently had the opportunity to work closely with him in SkillsUSA South Carolina where I served as chair of the executive board.

In the spring of 2016, I approached Dr. Kalk about becoming the Executive Director of SkillsUSA South Carolina, and he was very excited about the opportunity to use his extensive knowledge and experience in one of the largest career and technical student organizations in the world. Although he knew this new role would be very challenging, he did not hesitate to accept the offer. He came in with lots of energy, passion and dedication to moving the organization to another level. His goals included increasing membership, raising stakeholder awareness and increasing participation in the state conference. I am pleased to say that he met and exceeded the expectations of the executive board! Our statewide membership increased by over 1,000 individuals, and our conference participation increased by more than 160 students—the largest increase in recent history of SkillsUSA South Carolina!

Although Dr. Kalk has only been with the organization a couple of years, he has made an impact of a lifetime. He has established a relationship with students, advisors, business partners, legislators and other stakeholders by traveling throughout the state to promote SkillsUSA South Carolina. One of the groups that truly respects him is the South Carolina Career and Technology Education Administrators (CTEA). They have provided support as a board as well as individual members.

During my short tenure with Dr. Kalk, it became obvious that he is a conscientious and innovative pioneer in career and technical education. He possesses the qualities of a natural leader: genuineness, intelligence, and integrity. Just as importantly, he is enthusiastic about learning and making an impact on the future of America. His background definitely qualifies him to represent Region II as the Vice President-Elect. I am confident that he will work hard to promote the mission of ACTE, and he will focus on improving the lives and careers of the students we serve. He will make South Carolina and the entire region very proud!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sherry Rivers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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April 27, 2018

To the Nominating Committee:

It is with great honor that I recommend Richard "Rick" Kalk for the position of Region II Vice President-Elect.

I have known Rick for over 20 years professionally and personally. Rick is professional, dedicated, outstanding, motivated, and has strong leadership skills. Every task that Rick has approached has been handled in the most utmost professional manner and performance.

Rick has served South Carolina Association for Career and Technical Education proudly as President of Career Administrators Division. He also served South Carolina ACTE for 3 year commitment of President-Elect, State President and Past President. Rick served as the Chair of ACTE Region II Conference held in Greenville, South Carolina in 2012 and performed an outstanding job with every detail from sessions to meals. Rick has served as Region II Rep of the ACTE Bylaws Committee and served as the Chair of the Committee for two years. Rick has also served as AOD (Assembly of Delegate) at several ACTE Annual Conferences. He has also presented at several state and national conferences. He currently serves as South Carolina Region II Rep. He currently serves South Carolina as SkillsUSA Executive Director.

Based on Rick's dedication, service and performance, I have no hesitation in recommending him for Region II Vice President-Elect.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ray Boland". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ray Boland, SCACTE Executive Director



June 8, 2018

Re: ACTE Region II Vice President position

On behalf of SkillsUSA, it is my honor to provide this letter of recommendation for Dr. Richard “Rick” Kalk as a candidate for the ACTE Region II Vice President position.

Rick has served as SkillsUSA South Carolina state association director since 2016 and he provides invaluable leadership to both the state association and the national organization. His career in CTE has included many leadership positions, and he previously served as president of the South Carolina Association for Career and Technology Education.

Rick has led thousands of instructors and students at the local and state levels, representing South Carolina on a national platform. SkillsUSA members strive for excellence in demonstrating the technical, academic and employability skills required by America’s high-performance workplace and Rick has maintained only the highest standards for his SkillsUSA members and business partners.

Further, Rick has a strong character and sense of responsibility that would serve ACTE well. I believe you can count on him to provide dedicated service and wisdom to ACTE in a role as a regional vice president.

I give Rick the highest recommendation as a candidate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Timothy W. Lawrence". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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April 24, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to support Dr. Rick Kalk for the position of Region II Vice President-Elect. SkillsUSA South Carolina wholeheartedly agrees that we will provide approval for Dr. Kalk to attend ACTE Board Meetings and other ACTE meetings as required to fulfil the duties of this office. Dr. Kalk will personally support the financial needs for ACTE related travel and expenses that are not reimbursed by ACTE.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Phil Tanner". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Phil Tanner, Chair
SkillsUSA South Carolina Board of Directors