

# MCTA



# Stronger Together: Unified Organizations



# What is a Unified State Chapter?



A legally incorporated entity dedicated to supporting a states' full community of career and technical educators in partnership with ACTE

- Members in unified states belong to both the state and national ACTE organizations
- Chapters typically are organized around Divisions, representing specific affinity groups within CTE that mirror the national structure
- Unified states **are not charged for specific services** provided by the national ACTE office

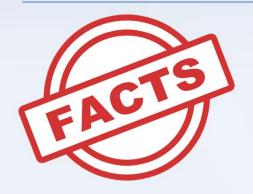


# Why Unify?

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## **Facts About Unification**



Facts	Description
Cost Savings	Many Association Services Free or Low-cost
<b>Member Services Support</b>	F/T Staff Focused on Customer Support
Administrator Support	Assistance with Operations, Financial, Governance
<b>Member Benefit Alignment</b>	Co-coordinated Communications; Joint Marketing
Partner Access and Support	Network of National Vendors, Partners



## **Benefits to Your Association**

#### Cost Savings

- . Membership, renewal and online registration services
- . Marketing, design and printing assistance
- . Free e-mail blast services and website assistance
- . Installment Payment Program

#### Member Support

- . Free web hosting with prompt web updates & maintenance
- . Free Member Service Support-In the event of a crisis, ACTE can step in and manage any membership processing issues

#### " Administration

- . Free mailing of new member welcome packets
- . Free monthly membership processing and access to your membership data/reports
- . Advance Attendee online conference registration services: Online registration processing for one annual conference (credit card payments only)
- . Free access and technical support for state awards programs via ACTE's Awards Portal



## Benefits to Your Association - Cont.

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#### Partner Access and Support

- . National partners committed to supporting State Associations
- Leverage ACTE Advance CTE Relationship for State Support (e.g. Leaders breakfast at VISION, Executive Meetings)

#### Member Benefit Alignment

 National benefits reinforce member perception of value, service and support



# **Cost Savings of Unification**

Services	Unified States	Market Value	Notes
Membership Renewal Activities: ACTE will send electronic reminders, invoices and non-renewal surveys on your behalf at no cost	\$0	\$1,000/Consulting/Development \$24/hour processing time	
Membership Marketing Assistance: ACTE has a great marketing team that can help with your membership recruitment and retention, and professional development event promotion. Take advantage of ACTE's professional membership marketing staff at no charge	\$0	\$7,000/month	Marketing development, plan & design
<b>E-mail Blast Services:</b> Promote your special events and campaigns or send e-newsletters to your members through ACTE's e-blast service	\$0	\$14,900	E-blast support block includes two million emails; pricing only includes the e-blast module. No staff time.
State Membership Processing by Check and Credit Card: ACTE can process state membership payments, which can reduce state bank fees	\$0	\$24/hour processing fees 6% credit card merchant fee \$40+/bank fee (minimum transactions and amount)	



# **Cost Savings of Unification**

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Services	Unified States	Market Value	Notes
New Member Welcome Packets: ACTE will mail new member welcome packets; no cost.	\$0	\$8/per member	Development, printing & mailing of material, including letter, membership card, brochure, certificate & envelopes
Monthly Membership Processing: Allow ACTE to handle new memberships and renewals for you. We will send you a detailed report and a check each month. Includes access to membership data/reports.	\$0	\$24/hour	
Advance Attendee Online Conference Registration Services: Online registration processing for one annual conference (credit card payments only).	\$0	\$5.35 per registration; additional expenses for staff	eShow is \$5.35 per registration processed along with expenses for staff. They provide other services at an additional cost including session scanning, mobile app, and exhibitor registration
ACTE Awards Portal	\$0	\$7,250	



# Cost Savings—One Case Study



#### **Alaska ACTE**

- " Unified with ACTE in 2015
- Had been spending over \$4,000/year in member processing fees and bank processing fees
- Spent \$14,000 in conference and registration services and awards
- " Year One Savings: \$18,000



# **Retaining Existing Members**

#### **Member Communications and CTE News-related Subscriptions**

. Subscription to *Techniques* magazine, *Career Tech Update* and *STEM SmartBrief*. Members also receive weekly ACTE News, Legislative Alerts & more!

#### **Event and Product Discounts**

. Receive member-exclusive rates to state and national ACTE events, as well as discounts on countless CTE products and resources

#### Awards

 National recognition through ACTE awards programs that honor the most distinguished CTE educators

#### Insurance

. Obtain complimentary group life (\$1 million/2 year free) and AD&D insurance, and discounts on professional liability auto, pet and identity protection coverage

#### **Professional Development & Networking**

 Advancing careers and invigorating curriculum via webinars, resources and online courses and cultivating relationships with CTE teachers, administrators, business leaders and policymakers



### Reaction to Dues Increase

#### 10-year Trend of States That Unified With ACTE

UNIFIED	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
NJ 2009	170	172	165	170	143	130	135	122	112	112
LA 2013	136	170	138	147	120	104	86	90	82	187
NV 2015	141	183	135	145	217	129	120	184	139	268
AK 2015	49	52	43	50	47	65	50	50	44	161
MI 2016	212	211	276	256	233	158	147	158	158	190
MO 2016	1428	1514	1436	1405	1369	1370	1259	1127	1096	1043

**NOTE #1** - Since unifying in 2016

Nevada has seen a 45% increase

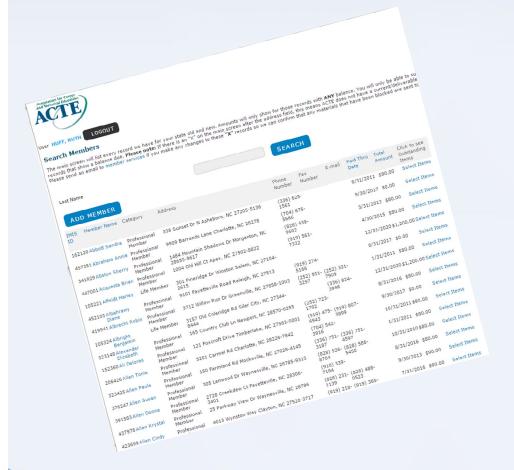
Alaska has seen a 200% increase

**NOTE #2** – Missouri (unified in August) has (to date) grown to 1,177 members\*

<sup>\*</sup> Renewals will be processed through 6/30/17 for a full first year impact of unification



# Fast Response/Access to Data



- ACTE has a State Customization Module in which any state representative can access the ACTE membership database and make immediate changes/updates to records
- " All new members are sent a welcome packet upon payment
- " ACTE has an electronic payment system to automatically deposit membership dues payments by the 10th of each month



# **Expanded State Association Identity**

co-branding

- Strengthens perception of the brand by reinforcing relationship
- Connecting our logos
- Increased communication using co-branded images



# **Questions MCTA May Want to Ask**



- 1. How much time is spent on processing memberships, preparing renewals, responding to member questions?
- 2. How much does MCTA spend on eBlasts?
- 3. What would the value be in having ACTE host and support MCTA's web site?
- 4. Would more time spent on providing new member benefits help grow membership?



# BOTTOM

- " Increased Capacity MCTA can redirect efforts
- " Expanded Services MCTA will be seen as 'THE' organization in Maryland for all CTE professionals
- Significant Support for Member Recruitment
  ACTE has the tools & expertise to assist in
  messaging to MD CTE professionals to join
  Association



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