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It's going to be a great year for SDACTE!

Once again, your SDACTE Board gave up a beautiful Saturday morning to develop goals to meet the needs of you the member. After a brief overview of how SDACTE, Region V, and ACTE fit together and *The 7 Measures of a Great Association*, the Board got to work evaluating the progress of last year's goals and developing goals for the upcoming year.

Goals for 2010–2011 include focusing on membership development; offering a DDN session and Webinar session on using data to celebrate CTE programs, and continuing to focus on promoting career and technical education.

When asked, please step up and assist your SDACTE Board with activities to meet these goals. First and foremost, we are a CTE family; by working together we can better serve our students and promote the value of CTE in today's economic climate.

Thank your Board members for great discussion and hard work put forth for the good of the association.

-Coleen Keffeler, Sturgis Brown



President's Highlights

It's the end of September and the school year is in full swing. SDACTE enjoyed a very successful conference with over 270 people attending the 4-day event.

As each of us starts a new school year, SDACTE Board of Directors starts a new year with new board members and goals. As the board sat down at our retreat a couple weeks ago, we looked at several areas we would like to focus on during the upcoming year. After some very productive dialogue we cut it down to 3 goals. I'm very excited to work with the Board of Directors as we focus on having SDACTE become a greater presence in the state.

I'm also excited to have South Dakota hosting the Region V ACTE Conference in April and encourage your attendance and participation.

*-Annika Russell,
Mitchell Technical Institute*



State Award Winners



At the Monday evening Awards Banquet at the state conference, several teachers throughout the state were recognized. The recipients and their awards include (1st row) Deb DeBates, SDSU/FCCLA, Friend of Career and Technical Education ; Suzy Ries, Baltic, Teacher of the Year; Charlotte Mohling, Wessington Springs, Arch of Fame; (2nd row) Mark Wilson, Director of Curriculum, Career, and Technical Education, the Carl Perkins Outstanding Service Award; Noreen Pulling and Peggy Kuck, Great Lakes Higher Education Guaranty Corporation, Award of Merit; and Terry Rieckman, McCook Central, Outstanding Teacher in Community Service.

*Region V ACTE Conference in Rapid City
"Leadership as a Matter of Choice"*

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from Dodie's desk . . .

You are very fortunate to have chosen such conscientious leaders for your respective divisions this year. All the members of the Board of Directors were able to attend the annual Leadership Retreat last weekend in Oacoma. Past ACTE President Coleen Keffeler led us through an insightful journey.

While there, we reviewed the objectives developed at last year's retreat, decided upon three main goals for this year, and then agreed upon an action plan that will be part of each board meeting's agenda.

South Dakota will play host to the 16 western states at the Region V Leadership Conference next April. We have a very active committee that has many of the details already worked out. I want to encourage you to take advantage of this great professional development opportunity not only to attend but also to strongly consider presenting. We are making a special registration fee of \$325 for South Dakota members only. Take a look at the enclosed flier for more details and visit our website.

I hope you're making plans to attend the national ACTE conference in Las Vegas. What a great professional development opportunity! I've never visited with anyone who hasn't felt it was a worthwhile experience. Las Vegas has lots to offer, so complete the enclosed registration form if you haven't already.

Sharing Ideas; Input Valued

Jim Kayl, Administration President

Hello SDACTE members! Hopefully your school year is off to a great start. This is an exciting time for career and technical education and I want to thank each of you for all of the work you do each day with students across the state.

It was great to visit with many of you at state conference in Pierre. If you have ideas to improve the conference, please do not hesitate to forward your thoughts to me or another SDACTE board member. We value and appreciate membership input as we continue to plan future conferences.

If you have not renewed your membership for this year, please take a few minutes to do so. Organizations with strong membership numbers do have influence with legislators when discussing and dealing with issues that affect all of us. I also encourage you to visit with new CTE instructors about membership benefits and invite them to join the organization.

Kaboom Pow!

Lenessa Keehn, Business/Marketing President

That's right - we are tackling the year Batman style! All of the divisions are active and doing great. One of the things the Business Division is organizing, is a list of members and how long each has been a part of SDACTE. We'd like to include you in the list! Please email Lenessa Keehn (lenessa.keehn@k12.sd.us) your name, the school where you are currently teaching and either the year you were first a member, or just include how long you've been a member. We'd like to include this information on our SDACTE Business Division Website. You can find that website at: <https://sites.google.com/site/sdactebusinessdivision/home>.

Please take a few moments to find us on the Internet and bookmark the SDACTE Business Division website. It will be continually updated throughout the year and will have conference information as well. Enjoy your autumn and have a great school year!



Region V Conference Planning Committee members include (1st row) Randy Doescher, MTI; Scott Fossum, MTI; Lynn Brace, Redfield; Myron Sonne, MTI; (2nd row) Coleen Keffeler, Sturgis Brown; Cindy Brace, Redfield; Dodie Bemis; Dianne Rider, LAMD; Deborah Reynolds, Rapid City Stevens; Lenessa Keehn, Lead-Deadwood; and Annika Russell, MTI.

Yes, I'm Back Again

Trent Theye, T & I / Tech Ed President

Hello fellow T & I members and also members of SDACTE. I teach Building Trades Technology at LATI and the current T & I President. Some of you may ask "Wasn't he president last year" and the answer is "yes". We passed this year to have 2 year terms for our officers. I look forward to serving this division once again and hope to be a good leader for our group.

I hope to keep you in the loop about what is happening in SDACTE. If for some reason, you do not receive any emails from me from time to time, contact me at theyet@lakeareatech.edu and I will be sure to get you on my email list.

I encourage you to attend the National ACTE convention in Las Vegas if you have not attended a national convention before. There are many great national resources an instructor can obtain there. I also ask if you have any ideas for conference for next year in Pierre, it is never too early to start making the connections now. If you wish for me to do it, just provide me with the contact information and I will get the ball rolling.

I wish you all to have a great school year and look forward to working with everyone to make our organization as strong as it can be!

Team Ag Ed Moving Forward

Lori Christensen, Ag President

The big changes in the world of SDAAE this year will be the continuation of building a South Dakota 'Team Ag Ed'. This initiative was started last year by Josh and we are moving forward with it. A group of stakeholders met after conference to establish a vision and decide on a list of potential team members. A meeting of this group will be getting together before the end of 2010 to move this forward.

We will also be working to pass the torch of Executive Treasurer this year. This is a HUGE undertaking. I don't think any of us realize all that Floyd and Sylvia take care of for us. We fortunately have time to make this transition and will be setting into place some more organizational guidelines to accomplish all of the work covered by them. Thanks to Michelle Nelson in Brookings for agreeing to take on this task!

I will not be attending National Conference in Las Vegas this year as my baby will be arriving right around that time. For those of you who know me well, know that it pains me greatly to miss out on a trip to Vegas, my favorite place in the world!!! I'm sure Ross, Adam and the rest of the SD delegation will represent our state well!!

Lastly, thanks for making conference this August great. We appreciate everyone who filled out the survey. We will be using that great input in planning 2011!

Spotlight Stories Still Needed

Mary Jo Parker, SDATFACS President

Yes, we are still in need of spotlight stories of the successes your students have had with CTE education. How has Carl D. Perkins funding expanded a current program or created a new one? Please take the time to write a short, or if you choose, longer version of what is happening in your CTE program. We know that the spotlight stories can be as varied as the 16 career clusters. Help us to get the word out about a very well kept secret "CTE Education" and its positive effect on students and the communities in which they live. We will share these stories with legislators, school boards and administrators. Please email any stories you have to maryjo.parker@k12.sd.us. Thank you in advance.

Scholarship Winners



SDACTE Past President Jon Severson congratulates secondary scholarship recipients Brittany Gassman from Canova, Marie Rausch from Hoven, and Carlye Willams from Madison on receiving a \$500 SDACTE scholarship. Lisa Koistinen, who is in her second year of LATI's Registered Nurse Associate program, was the post secondary recipient. She was unable to attend the Monday night Awards Banquet at the state conference.

Stipends Awarded

\$500 Professional Development

*Sarah Lambert - Ag - Faulkton
Kristie Storms - FACS - Ethan*

\$300 ACTE Conference

*Carol Birgen - FACS - Presho
Dar Steenholdt - FACS - Sioux Falls
Trent Theye - T & I - LATI, Watertown*

If you are thinking about attending either National Policy Seminar in March or Region V in April, additional stipends are available. Check our website for applications.