



**Region III Policy Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday November 17 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Via Zoom**

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**Documents can be found at:**

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1. Meeting Called to Order by VP Lisa Stange at 4:30
2. In attendance were Lisa Stange, , Greg Kepner, Jayla Smith, Kandy Smitha, Debbie Belfry, Robb Lowe, Alisha Hyslop, Steve Dewitt and Katie Feuerhelm. Dawn Sullivan was unable to attend due to a last minute meeting called at work.
3. Robb moved to approval the agenda. Seconded by Greg. Motion approved.
4. Policy Committee Meeting Minutes from June 2020 will be sent out and completed via email.
  - a. Follow up 12/5/2020 approved by all members.
5. Alisha Hyslop shared an update on policy. We are all encouraged to ask the senate for additional funding via the Action Center and share with our state members. In addition, please share your COVID-related needs with legislators. In particular, be sure to share about CTE and special needs with your new members of Congress. NPS in 2021 will likely be a more extensive virtual conference if needed. Stay tuned for updates!
6. Region III VP Report.....Lisa Stange
  - a. Financial Report
    - i. Operating budget is \$4,132. So far we have had no expenses this year. This is the use it or lose it account. If we are face to face in June, those dollars can be used for Policy member travel.
    - ii. Designated budget is \$26,514. This carries over.
    - iii. We will want to think of special projects and professional development that we might want to utilize dollars for.
  - b. Membership and State awards
    - i. Congratulations to IA, IL, IN and MO on obtaining the QAS award this year!
    - ii. We are down slightly from last year at this time, about 400 members.
    - iii. We will wait on the membership award announcements for our business meeting.
  - c. Reminder of our Business meeting tomorrow. You will need to be sure to have the RSVP done for the link. Candidate videos and updates will be shared at that time.
7. Operating [Policy Update](#) was reviewed as well as the voting process that will happen at Business meeting.
8. Committee Reports
  - a. Debbie Belfry shared the process she used to do mock interviews with our award nominations. Since there were limited times they could interview, she conducted these and all were able to have some practice. She will make sure to open it to all policy members to participate if they can next year. Debbie encouraged all of us to be sure to be at the Awards Gala during VISION to cheer our candidates on!
9. Standing Committee appointments reminders –
  - a. Audit Review –Wendi’s term needed someone to finish through June of 2021 as she is the committee chair, Brandon Russell is filling position and then it will move to WI
  - b. Awards – Debbie Belfry MN – 2019-21 can do 2<sup>nd</sup> term or move to MO
  - c. By-Laws – Katy Blatnick-Gagne’ IA 2020-22
  - d. Nominating – Matthew Simoneau WI 2020-22
  - e. ACTE Fellow – Joeseph Sieczkowski, Sara Shanley

- f. Region III Conference 2021– Minnesota, Robb Lowe (Iowa is in line for 2022)
  - g. Region III Policy Committee Members –
    - i. Class to complete term in 2021: Robb Lowe (MN), Jayla Smith (MO)
    - ii. Class to complete term in 2022: Dawn Sullivan (IL), Kandy Smitha (IN)
    - iii. Class to complete term in 2023: Greg Kepner (IA), Matthew Simoneau (WI)
  - h. Region III VP – Lisa Stange (IA) 2019-22
  - i. State Association Directors – Cindy Stover (IL), Kim Hazel (IN), Sandy Miller (IA), Karen Mason (MO), Jean Rakun, (MN)
10. Region III 2020 Conference financials are almost wrapped up. We were fortunate to have ACTE help host a great event. Our share of the profits will net us about \$4,600!
  11. Robb Lowe shared an update about the Region III Conference that is to be in MN in June 2021. They are waiting for a drop dead date when they need to decide if it will be live or virtual. Still planning on June. IF we are live and ACTE has not gone to live, we cannot have ACTE meetings. Robb will keep us updated. MN is ready to go either way and a call for proposals will be out the first of the year.
  12. State Updates were shared by those who were in attendance. Not much new to share at this time.
  13. Katie Feuerhelm shared a short review of her work on the Teacher Shortage grant that we contracted for. She will have more information come second semester for us.
  14. Lisa shared that the Strategic Plan will be reviewed the first of the year. The Executive Board had selected some goals that we will need to select from to work on the next 2 years. ACTE is not going to undergo a new Strategic review as we have all pivoted our work in response to COVID. The goals and work still fit in with our overall mission and plans. More to come on that the first of the year.
  15. Adjournment was at 4:00. Moved by Kandy and seconded by Robb.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Stange (taking notes for Dawn)