



Region III Business Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 1, 2021

I. Call to Order - Brandon Russell called to order at 3:32 pm

Present- Debbie Belfry, Stephanie Deckard, Martin Hanley, Shari Hernandez, Greg Kepner, Robb Lowe, Sandy Miller, Brandon Russell, Shelley Rust, Barbara Schult, Kandy Smitha, Cindy Stover, Dawn Sullivan, Carol Werhan,

II. Watched video on voting procedures

III. Postsecondary Leadership Fellows, Brad Kinsinger (IO) Ashlee Spanag, Moira Lafayette (WI), Brian (IL) - applications are open and due January 21, pick out an institutional plan they work on at their sites, and present, networking is great part prof dev opportunity because it is specific to their area, helpful stipend and participation at NPS as well as other

IV. **ACTION ITEM** - Approval of Agenda Cindy Stover moved, seconded by Robb Lowe, motion carries

V. **ACTION ITEM** - [Business Meeting Minutes from Region III Virtual meeting on 11/18/2020](#) Shelley Rust moved, seconded by Sandy Miller, motion carries

VI. Introductions/Recognitions -

- A. Fellows Kaleb
- B. Policy Committee Reps
- C. State Association Executive Directors
- D. ACTE President Elect Candidates videos
- E. Standing Committee members (2021 terms began June 30, 2021)–
 - 1. Appointments found on this [link](#):
 - 2. Bylaws - Minnesota is in line to serve
- F. First-time Attendees Barbara Schult
- G. QAS (Quality Association Standards) States: Congratulations to Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, and Missouri

VII. National ACTE Updates, LeAnn Wilson and Zach Curtis - congress passed bipartisan bill now going into phase, CTE doesn't actually get any of the funds but will increase the demand for positions in CTE careers. hoping they will pass 2022 appropriations bill that will be monies for CTE programs, requires 60 votes in the senate, so need 10 republicans to vote for it, fiscal year 2021, build back better bill going through a reconciliation process and just needs 50 votes so if get the entire party on board, ACTE is strongly advocating for the Jobs Act, currently have 47 senators between the two parties; Infrastructure will lead to jobs, main exclusion was school construction/infrastructure, but for funds for other items in schools, technology, green, (see ACTE Update slide prior to Budget Reconciliation), Build Back Better - free community college was removed and brought budget down significantly, most of bill will be funded by increased taxes on wealthy and corporations, IRS tax enforcement

VIII. Region III VP Report, Lisa Stange/Brandon Russell

- A. [Financial Report](#)
- B. [Membership and State Awards](#)
- C. Strategic Plan
- D. [Teach CTE PSA Contest](#)

IX. ACTE Committee Reports accepting reports, moved by Kandy Smitha, seconded by Dawn Sullivan

- A. Audit Review, Matt Simoneau - clean
- B. [Awards](#), Debbie Belfry
- C. Bylaws, Katy Blatnick-Gagne' - nothing new
- D. Nominating, Kaleb Smith -

X. [State Updates and upcoming events](#)

- A. Illinois, Dawn Sullivan -
- B. Indiana, Kandy Smitha -
- C. Iowa, Greg Kepner -
- D. Minnesota, Robb Lowe -
- E. Missouri, Martin Hanley -
- F. Wisconsin, Matthew Simoneau -

XI. Region III 2021 Conference wrap up (MN), Robb Lowe Region III's share of the profit is \$1,837.15

XII. 2022 Region III Conference Update (IA), Greg Kepner - Des Moines, IA on June 15 - 17

XIII. Other Business?

Champion of CTE Award Patrick Biggerstaff (IN) possibly an Award reception at Region III, NEDA President, Carol NATFACS, Robb Co Chair of PACE on the national level, Brandon asked if anyone wants to participate in the mentor program. If you know someone in your state who would be interested in participating in this effort. Make sure you are getting Action Alerts email Juila O'Brien (jobrien@acteonline.org to resubscribe) if you are not getting emails. Kelli Deemer works for ACTE membership, Greg is on inclusion equity IADE, Karen Mason Treasurer for NEDA, Sandy Miller, NEDA president.

XIV. Carol Werhan moved to adjourn, Greg Kepner seconded meeting adjourned at 4:53 pm