



**Region III Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday December 1**

Documents can be found at:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1J2SB0PHOLuX4GBS2FT1QDZ_wp6MS-KnD?usp=sharing

- I. Call to Order by Lisa Stange at 8:03 am
- I. Roll Call – Lisa Stange, Dawn Sullivan (IL), Greg Kepner (IO), Kandy Smitha (IN), Robb Lowe (MN), Martin Hanley (MO), Debbie Belfry, Shari Hernandez, Cindy Stover, Sandy Miller, Brandon Russell, Stephanie Deckard, Shelley Rust
- II. Approval of Agenda Robb Lowe moved, seconded by Kandy Smitha, motion carries
- III. Approval of Policy Committee Meeting Minutes from August 2021 – Greg Kepner moved, seconded by Kandy Smitha, minutes approved
- IV. Region III VP Report - Lisa Stange
 - a. Financial Report
 - i. Operating Budget \$4,032
 - ii. Designated Budget (carries over) \$28,639
 - b. Membership– everyone was concerned about what they would look like, but we are a little over preCovid national membership. Just over 3000 in Region III, We are down a bit from June '21, missing November numbers though
 - i. Iowa* – 313 (unifying)
 - ii. Illinois* – 404
 - iii. Indiana* – 225 (unified)
 - iv. Minn – 438
 - v. Missouri* – 1228 (unified)
 - vi. Wis – 238 (sort of unified because they have to join ACTE to be a member since they don't have a state organization)
 - c. State Awards
 - i. 3rd place goes to a state with 5.7% increase, 2nd 6.8%, 1st 19.7%
 - ii. * QAS State Award winners
 - d. Meetings during VISION, candidates and updates
- V. Legislative update: Alisha Hyslop
- VI. Region Awards – update by Debbie Belfry
 - a. 3 of the 4 were from Region III
 - b. Robb Lowe as the Region III Lifetime Achievement Award nominee is now in the Hall of Fame
 - c. Not too early to get the state award process going, March 1st is the national deadline but states often have their own timeline to be able to submit by the March 1st deadline
 - d. Reviewing handbook, changes take a couple of years to
 - e. Changes in awards portal were suggested so filling out applications would run more smoothly
- VII. Teach CTE – Region III Project – Shari Hernandez
 - a. Extended PSA deadline to January, then we can meet virtually later in January to score

- VIII. Leann ACTE – hearing a great deal re Vision being in person, many Regions/States follow their lead, thank you for volunteering/serving, congratulations to Region III doing so well in Awards
- IX. Standing Committee Updates
 - a. Audit Review – Matt S WI (21 – 24)
 - b. Awards Debbie MN (21 – 23)
 - c. Bylaws – Dr. Katy Blatnick-Gagne, IA (20 – 22)
 - d. ACTE Fellows – Kaleb Smith IL, Carmel ????
 - e. Postsecondary Leadership Fellows Brad Kinsinger, Moira Lafayette, Brian Rick, Dr. Ashlee E. Spannagel
 - f. Region III Conference 2022– Iowa
 - g. Region III Policy Committee Members –
 - i. Class to complete term in 2022: Dawn Sullivan (IL), Kandy Smitha (IN)
 - ii. 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 Rankun (MN)
- X. Region III 2021 Conference wrap up - Robb Lowe (MN) 80 in person 14 virtual, love the polo, \$1,837 profit goes to Region III, raised over \$1,100 at auction
- XI. Region III 2022 conference updates - Greg Kepner (IA)

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Region II and V have 1st time attendee incentives to get people in the door, then they will experience member value, states offer monetary incentives (\$200, \$500) Should we do this? Would need to do a great job marketing it. Need a motion because it is going to cost money. We'd need an MOU so people go to every session \$225 by May 15th, \$250 after

- XII. State Updates and upcoming events
 - a. Illinois - Dawn Sullivan 92nd Annual IACTE Conference February 17 – 18, did New CTE Teacher Training in August. Target audience is for those coming from Business and Industry. 22 people attended, main topics are lesson planning, classroom management, pedagogy, IACTE obtained 14 new members from this event
 - b. Indiana Kandy Smitha state conference was in sept, ended up virtual, 250+ attendees, Shelley Rust focusing on state, then Region III, then Nationally, recruitment retention program, not only difficult finding but also losing CTE teachers start a program to give resources to stay there, free pro dev, mentors as well as coaches. Have been on a 5 year plan going to restart it, creating connections through th
 - c. Iowa – Greg Kepner worked on bylaws; starting a couple of new divisions; had a Presidential Scholar, Region III Award recognition, gave a teacher preparation scholarship; pleased with in person state conference in sept, 187 registrants; hosted the work base learning conference earlier this year, involved in several advocacy activities doing CTE at the capital in February with about 100 students; governor is going to sign a declaration for CTE month
 - d. Minnesota Robb Lowe – working on bylaws, policy agendas, trying to increase CTE revenue, attempting to get high school CTE classes, applied for a \$50,000 mentorship grant, state virtual conf 250 attendees, in person usually about 500; have advance ACTE

grant for recruitment; have a strong mentorship program through affiliates, reaching out to Brandon to coordinate with Region III, works in process for QAS; 16 policy fellowship people were chosen to represent all areas of CTE Robb developed an extensive policy handbook

- a. Missouri Martin Hanley – great in person summer conference in July, over 900 attended, Governor was there and did keynote, a big supporter of CTE, he did a press tour, he designated federal stimulus monies to CTE, buzz about more funding coming to CTE, legislative day coming up in February
 - b. Wisconsin Matthew Simoneau – ACTE organized a virtual conference for them
- II. Teacher Shortage work Katie Feuerhelm – updates as she wraps up the project
- a. qualitative research presented in July,
 - b. quantitative data interviews, focus groups, looking for who to go to/access data, number of endorsed teachers, people are saying it is difficult to find data, struggling gathering data on endorsed teacher numbers, it finding it difficult to get numbers, cindy will find out and communicate with katie,
- III. Strategic plan review
- a. Create a mentorship
 - b. Increase the number of region members engaging in federal advocacy activities in the ACTE Action Center; IL and IN high numbers; legislative update will be in Business Meeting
 - c. Complete at least 3 activities per year designed to increase public awareness of CTE if you know of great PR going on reach out to the person to present
- IV. Teach CTE judging
- a. Videos can be found at:
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1TnCenootZBo9r1oeoH-sIWO1eYDtZ3g?usp=sharing>
- V. Brandon and team gathered information, finalizing in a google format and exp 12/21 1 pm via Zoom if you know anyone interested in the mentor program let them know about the upcoming meeting
- VI. moved to adjourn, seconded by (did not get motioned and seconded, just ended by Lisa)

Respectfully submitted,
[Dawn Sullivan](#)