

Dear Region II ACTE Members,

This is the most difficult newsletter I've ever written. While I'm eager to share useful information, I'm more concerned with the health and well-being of our members. As some of us overcome work-related challenges like furloughs and decreased work hours, others are having to learn a new way to teach. Some are confined to their homes and unable to visit those they care about, and others may be battling illness or supporting someone else who is sick. Nothing I write will eliminate any fears, stress or concerns; I know that. So with this message, I'm sending hope to you and your families for health and prosperity in the days, weeks and months to come.

In elementary school, I remember hearing that if March comes in like a lion, it goes out like a lamb. Though it is lambing season for many farmers, I'm still waiting for the lamb I was promised by my third grade teacher. If anything, March came in like a pack of lions this year. None of us are immune to challenges introduced by the COVID-19 pandemic. In this newsletter, I'll share some resources that might be helpful to many of our members. There's some other information you might find helpful, as well!

Vacancies on the ACTE Board of Directors

ACTE is currently accepting applications for several Board of Directors positions, including applicants for the Region II Vice President-Elect. The following positions are open for the 2021 election:

 President-Elect: Serves a one-year term beginning in July 2021, followed by one-year as president and one-year as past president.

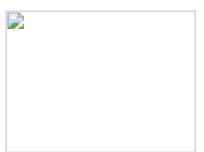
- Agricultural Education Division Vice President: Serves a three-year term beginning July 2021.
- Health Science Education Division Vice President: Serves a three-year term beginning July 2021.
- **Region II Vice President-Elect:** Serves a three-year term beginning July 2022.
- New and Related Services Vice President-Elect: Serves a three-year term beginning July 2022.

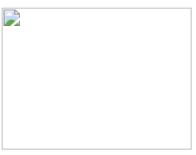
Applications are due **June 15.** Please contact Lauren Lessels for additional information, or visit the website.

ACTE Response to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

ACTE has dedicated space on their website to communicating information regarding COVID-19. As states implement varying policies regarding school, travel, etc., check this site for updates from ACTE regarding upcoming events.

For those tasked with distance teaching and learning, ACTE has leveraged a partnership with MaxKnowledge, who opened six paid courses about teaching online. For more information, take a look here. In addition, ACTE has compiled other Distance Learning Resources that may be helpful to you.





INCLUSION, ACCESS, EQUITY and DIVERSITY

Building upon the work of the Diversity Task Force, the ACTE Board of Directors developed the following Board Statement to address diversity and inclusion: ACTE promotes high quality CTE programs for diverse audiences. We continue to build an inclusive culture that encourages, supports and celebrates the diversity of the CTE community. We are committed to equity, access, inclusion, and diversity throughout our organization.

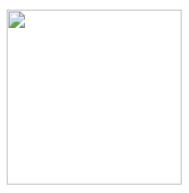
ACTE is asking you as an ACTE member to showcase our collective dedication to Inclusion, Access, Equity and Diversity (IAED) by:

- Contributing resources to and submitting IAED speaker names for inclusion on the ACTE IAED website
- Recommending ideas for the IAED column that will be included in the 2020-2021 Techniques editorial cycle
- Referencing the Access and Equity element in the Quality CTE Program of Study Framework and encouraging your CTE colleagues to follow suit
- Signing up to be a part of ACTE's IAED Advisory Group

ACTE Region II Conference

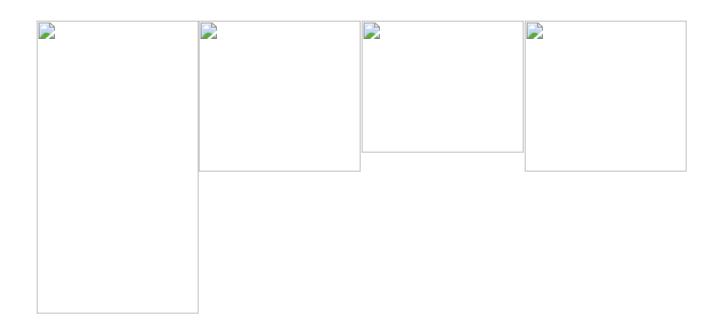
The Region II Conference will be held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina this year on **Oct. 1-3** at the Embassy Suites, Kingston Plantation. The Call for Proposals is out with a due date of **June 16**.





Region II Standing Committee Appointments

In our last newsletter, we introduced the members of our newly formed Social Media Committee. Since then, we have also worked to appoint members to other Region II Standing Committees. A list of our standing committees and the members who serve on the committees is below. Some committee positions remain vacant — if you are interested in serving in a vacant spot, please send me an email and let me know which position you are interested in!



Region II on Social Media Committee

Our social media presence continues to expand. In our Region Facebook group, members have shared professional development opportunities and stories of adapting to teaching from a distance. If you'd like to join the private Facebook group, request membership by clicking this link.



You can also follow us on Twitter @ACTERegionII, and be sure to tag us with exciting things from your program or state so we can retweet and spread the word!



Sincerely,

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