**ACTEN Board Meeting**

Saturday, October 22, 2022, 9:00am

Career Pathways Institute, Grand Island, NE

MINUTES

**Call to Order:** Jon Cerny called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

President Cerny thanked Dan Phillips for hosting the meeting and congratulated Katie Graham for her national award.

**Board Members Present:**

Jon Cerny—President, Jean Condon—President Elect, DeLayne Havlovic—Treasurer, Ronda Ras—Secretary, Angie Chittick—BUS Rep, Miranda Bright—FCS Rep, Rick Painter—COU Rep, Alicia Beck—FACS Rep, Alex Meyer—AGR Rep, Dan Phillips—ADM, Chrisinda Ritz—AGR Rep

**Board Members Absent:**

Samantha Lavene—Past President, Michelle Galles—HEA Rep, Adam Whitmore—TGY Rep, Jodi Dierks—NRS Rep, Stan Haas—TRA Rep

**Ex-Officio Members Present:** Murleen Bellinger (ACTEN Executive Director), Katie Graham (NDE)

**Ex-Officio Members Absent:** Deb Wolken, Webmaster

**Secretary’s Report:**

The Minutes from June 6, 2022 Board of Directors’ Meeting were reviewed.

**Angie Chittick** **moved to approve the minutes as presented.**

**Dan Phillips seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Treasurer’s Report:**

**DeLayne Havlovic presented the Treasurer’s Report.**

**There were no questions, and the budget was approved as submitted.**

**NDE Update:**

Legislation:

Katie Graham presented information about the National CTE initiatives and how proposed grants and financing could work. She foresees a stagnation of policy advancement at this point. She highlighted the importance of continued lobbying efforts.

Consolidated Annual Report data from last December has not yet been released but is expected soon. She shared the 2021-22 Nebraska data:

* 117,272 7-12 students took at least one CTE course.
* 29,784 students were CTE concentrators—opportunity to increase this number
* 13% growth in work-based learning opportunities
* Most districts offered programs in business management, least in healthcare
* Most students also participated in business management, least in education and training.

State Policy Update:

Proposal being developed by David Slattery of the Hospital Association concerning categorical CTE funding. Question raised about the opportunity for ACTE to partner with the hospital association. Katie Graham indicated that she believes the partnership would be productive. Jon Cerny requested the contact information for Mr. Slattery, and it will be forwarded. He also highlighted the importance of testimony. DeLayne Havlovic suggested connecting with ACTE on the national level.

2024-28 Perkins V State Plan is in the works.

State Office Update:

* Full-time Educators Rising State Advisor will begin Jan. 3.
* Computer Science and Human Sciences and Education positions will be posted in mid-December.
* CTE Center has a new flyer to highlight ways to connect to CTE. Professional learning opportunities are posed online. CTE Leadership Academy will be resumed.
* OER hub provides free resources aligned to standards.
* Nebraska Career Cluster videos available with teacher resources. Videos are being updated with new videos to come.
* ENGAGE! Curriculum has been updated and redesigned and published on Canvas or to be downloaded from the OER hub.
* Without Limits developing opportunities for students with disabilities to transition with CTE.
* ReVision will have no significant changes. Results will be released soon. New timeline is posted online.

2022 Conference Review

Pleased with attendance for first time back from Covid

2023 Conference Planning

* Will be the 50th annual
* Format will be similar to what it has been
* Dr. Temple Grandin has agreed to deliver a keynote.
* Increasing ACTE involvement ideas were explored—Possibly to wrap ACTEN dues into NCE conference registration.

**CareerTech VISION 2022 –** Conference November 30 to December 3; Las Vegas, NV

* Delegates are Jon Cerny, Jean Condon, and Angie Ehlers (Angie Chittick, Alternate)—Jon Cerny will pick up delegate ribbons and distribute them.
* State Leadership Breakfast is December - Max. of 10 guests – Murleen Bellinger will register ACTEN's guests which includes Jon, Dan, Jean, Miranda, Angie Ehlers, Angie Chittick, and Murleen
* Jon Cerny will accept the ACTE Quality Association Standards Award.

**2023 (2025) ACTEN Awards**

* Need more nominees—Jon Cerny highlighted the need to promote the program to colleagues
* Conversations are in progress about collaborating with NCE for awards—probably something for next year.
* Discussion about continuing to pay ACTEN awards winners’ dues—Consensus was to continue with this.

**CTE Month—Feb. 5-6**

* CTSO students arrive on the weekend and remain for meetings with legislators on Monday.
* DeLayne Havlovic suggested that ACTEN should have a presence to connect students with the organization—possibly a catered meal not at the hotel. Budget for this type of publicity discussed.
* NDE is available to assist with CTE month.
* FCS Legislative Day is February 8.

**Miranda Bright motioned to allot $1,000 for a meal for CTSO officers on Feb. 5, CTE Legislation Day. Rick Painter seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

* Miranda Bright is spearheading publicity for CTE Month, asked for suggestions—Consensus was to focus on expanding membership.

**Region V Conference**

* + April 12-15, 2023, Fargo, North Dakota, Delta Hotel by Marriott
  + Upcoming conferences—2024 in Hawaii
  + Assisting award winners with continuing to the regional competition was discussed.

**Other Business:**

**Committee Members**

* Murleen Bellinger inquired about committee structures and membership and suggested that the duties be updated in the bylaws.
* Members reviewed the makeup of the committees.
* Bylaws committee chair vacancy was discussed. Consensus was that Past President would serve as the chair.

**Program of Work**

* Previously discussed activities are part of this.
* Advocating legislation to support CTE is also underway--Officers may be asked to write a statement or testify when legislation is in committee. Discussion ensued about collaborating with other organizations in this effort. DeLayne Havlovic will gather more information about what has been done about similar situations in the past.

**Public Relations**

* Murleen Bellinger inquired about interest in T-shirts.
* Miranda Bright suggested establishing an online store where members could order publicity items. She will take care of setting it up.
* Murleen Bellinger requested approval to order more pens to promote ACTEN. Members will gather more information about vendors.

**Newsletter**

Newsletter is online, consisting mainly of information put out to members via e-blast. Murleen Bellinger asked for suggestions of anything for inclusion.

**Website**

Website is being updated. Murleen Bellinger asked for information for updates.

**Promote CTE Learn with your colleagues**

* CTE Learn provides for-credit courses to educators as well as free courses on various topics.
* CTE Learn is now starting a Career Ed Lounge, a chatroom for CTE professionals. Murleen Bellinger presented the opportunity for ACTEN to set this up for ACTEN members and asked for input. She will gather more information about the platform and how it works.

**New Business:**

**Meeting schedule for 2022-23 and Calendar for 2022-23**

* January 21, 9:00 a.m., CPI Grand Island
* June 5, 4:30 p.m., ACTEN Conference
* June 7, 7:30 a.m., Assembly of Delegates

**2022-23 Leadership Handbook**

* Copies distributed to members
* Murleen Bellinger suggested duties for division reps might need to be reviewed.
* Elections may cause the need for updates.

**Quality Association Standard**

Copies distributed to board members for review.

**Form 990**

Murleen Bellinger has filed the paperwork for the organization and received approval.

**School administrator addresses for letter of commendation**

Members will get information to Murleen Bellinger.

**State discipline reports by rep or president**

* Angie Chittick reported on NSBEA activities, which includes their Fall Conference on October 29.
* Miranda Bright reported on a New Teacher Workshop to be held Nov. 7.
* Alex Meyer reported on the P2C Ag Workshop Nov. 11-12.

**Next meeting date:** January 21, 9:00 a.m., CPI Grand Island

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:42.

President Cerny again thanked Dan Phillips for hosting and board members for attending.

Respectfully submitted by

Ronda Ras, Secretary