



ACTE Virtual Retirees Advisory Group
12:00 – 1:00 PM ET
Thursday, March 9, 2023
Notes

LeAnn Curry welcomed all attendees to the Virtual Retirees Advisory Group.

Attendees: Retirees Debbie Chapman, Karen Derrick, DJ Bowker, Sandy Miller, John Kirkman, and Lisa Stange attended the Zoom. Lorri Carlile, Dazsa Carter, Brian Law, Kelli Diemer, and LeAnn Curry also attended.

Background: LeAnn summarized the meeting from VISION 2022 in Las Vegas. Issues discussed included a legislative and policy update from Alisha Hyslop, the results of the retirement survey, and the current opportunities through ACTE.

- CTE Learn
- Serving as mentors
- Newsletters with reminder of benefits
- Space for retirees to meet at VISION or NPS or virtually to network.
- Help by providing contacts with business representatives.
- Volunteer at state, regional and national ACTE events (Registration help, room hosts, Facilitator, Panel moderator, etc.)
- Coordinating additional activities

Suggestions:

Send out a Retirement skill survey to gather information from retirees about their skill set. Make Retiree benefits more visible. For example, it was noted that discounts are hidden for events. It is important that we are more prominent in informing our retirees of benefits. We need someone to volunteer to lead this initiative and more to serve as an advisory to ACTE.

We are officially forming the **Virtual Retirees Advisory Group** and all participants on the call were invited to join.

We are also needing to identify a leader who could drive this initiative and keep the group on task with these commitments which include reporting out to the BOD, tracking mentorships, overseeing the newsletter, communicating with retirees about upcoming elections, and informing retirees of benefits of membership in ACTE.

Work with NEDA to help us collect information about state retiree association benefits.

Set up ad hoc committees as needed to help with these initiatives.

Work with ACTE to set up a retirees' webpage and Facebook page.

Put in a May Techniques advertisement about the ACTE Virtual Retirees Advisory Group and about updating information in their ACTE profile when they retire.

LeAnn asked the retirees for their input including asking for someone to lead the group.

DJ Bowker – Communicate with retirees to encourage them to change their profile information to their personal email address. Send out this information to more retirees. Ask our current members for names of retirees. Make information about being a member as a retiree on the ACTE website more visible. Ask for their involvement. Send communications out to the membership if you are planning to retire, to collect their information and inform them, update their profile to their personal email address,

Sandy Miller – Iowa does not have additional benefits for the retirees. This is an untapped opportunity for assistance.

John Kirkman – Realized that their state lifetime award nominees were not current members. States must do a better job of letting people know that they can maintain their membership and stay involved. Many don't realize they can join as a retiree.

Karen Derrick – Make sure support staff know they can be a retired member to stay active in ACTE.

Deb Chapman – Send out another email to invite retirees to a virtual meeting to continue the discussion. Retirees could connect at region events and/or help at the event. Region VPs will be asked to share out information about the Retirees Advisory Group and encourage others to join. Add this communication to the regional events.

Lisa Stange - Volunteered to lead the ACTE Virtual Retirees Advisory Group. Lead will report back to the BOD on action this group takes.

The group requested the definition of retiree in the Bylaws

ACTE Bylaws

Article III -- Membership

Retired Membership

- a. Individuals who are retired from active employment in career and technical education and have been an ACTE member for at least one (1) year.
- b. Retired members cannot be employed either full or part time.
- c. Retired members must notify ACTE should they regain employment and renew at the Professional Membership rate.

Next steps –

- Notes from this meeting will be sent out to participants.
- Send out communications to all retirees about the **Retiree Virtual Advisory** and ask for additional volunteers.

- Work with NEDA to get information about state retiree benefits.
- Draft a list of ways for retirees to be involved.
- Set another meeting for the **ACTE Virtual Retirees Advisory** Group
- Develop information to be sent out to all members about ACTE retiree benefit.

Draft list ways to be involved:

- Facilitate a session at VISION.
- Serve as a mentor for a new teacher.
- Mentor a fellow.
- Provide content for the newsletter.
- Work on designing an ACTE Retirees webpage & Facebook page.

A corrected list of ACTE Retirees per state is attached. The list shown during the call was of the lifetime members.