

# ACTE Board Report

Region or Division: Agriculture  
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## A. Strategic Plan

Provide an update as to the progress /implementation of the Strategic Plan.

- Actions you have taken
- Successes you have had
- Support you still need

Member Value & Engagement: Attended The Council for Agricultural Education meeting in October to report on the ACTE activities and initiatives.

Fund an AE Division Fellow and recruit applicants.

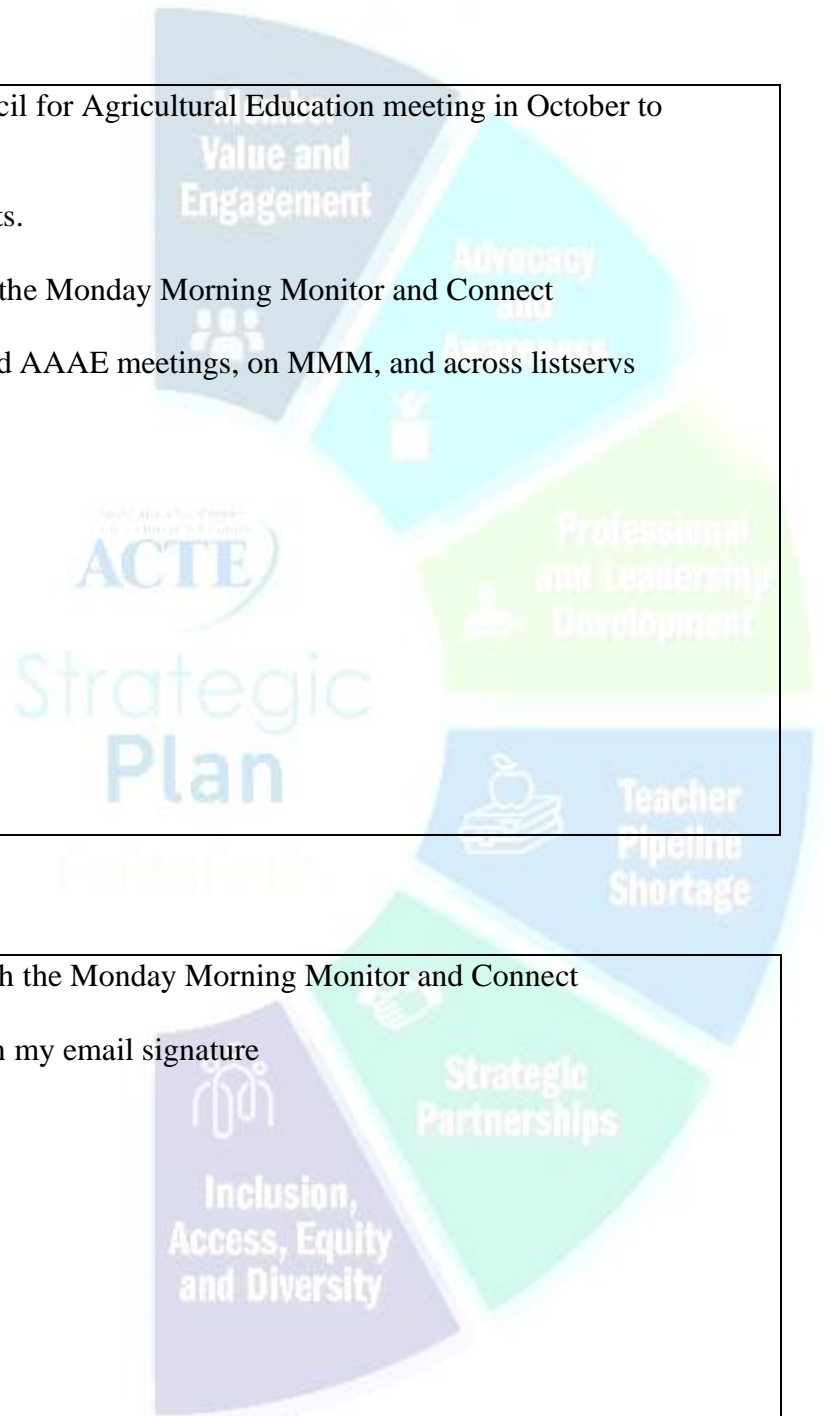
Advocacy & Awareness: Promote ACTE through the Monday Morning Monitor and Connect

Promote benefits of ACTE at NASAE, NAAE and AAAE meetings, on MMM, and across listservs

List the strategies that have been completed.

Promotion of ACTE Vision Convention on through the Monday Morning Monitor and Connect announcements

Added a Register for ACTE Vision information on my email signature



## B. Contributions to Region and Division Members

Please remember the importance of engagement of members during this time and let ACTE know how we can help engaging your members with you! Please also let us know how you have engaged ACTE members within the past 4 months. Indicate if the work falls under any of the Strategic Plan.

There have been limited opportunities to directly engage ACTE members within the past 4 months. However, I continue to represent ACTE members through my professional associations and meetings. For example, I represent ACTE on the National Council for Agricultural Education. During our fall meeting (October. 3 & 5), I communicated to the members the recent activities of the Association and secured and responded to questions, inputs, and comments. In addition, I have also supplied relevant ACTE information to the Monday Morning Monitor editor, a broadly distributed electronic news feed for agricultural education.

ACTE is working to communicate and disseminate innovation at the forefront of all Regions and Divisions as an effort to support other CTE professionals around the nation. We anticipate highlighting the innovations in ACTE's publications, blogs, and webinars and other similar activities. Please highlight any recent innovative ideas within your Region or Division.

At this point, I am unaware of program/teacher innovation highlights within the Region or Division. However, I will highlight a teacher-recruitment program in AZ that seeks to engage SBAE teachers, Alumni, the State Dept of Education, the state FFA Foundation, and the AZ Teacher Education University (UA) in collectively securing names of high school jr/sr students who demonstration prospective teacher-like qualities. Each year, the University solicits student names from SBAE teachers to begin cultivating a recruitment relationship with students, by recognizing each with a congratulatory letter, certificate, and pin. Students recognize at their local FFA Banquet in a public way allowing peers, parents, and community members to acknowledge and celebrate the recognition. Other members of AZ Team Ag Ed also send a congratulatory letter to students. After this, a two year courtship occurs with these students by the University to inform the student about the benefits and rewards of teaching and highlight the financial resources available. This is repeated yearly.

## C. Succession Planning

Do you have any information you wish you had been provided during your new Board Orientation (what you know now that you wish you had known then)?

Succession Planning: I am about to complete a full year as VP for Agricultural Education Division. Within the Agricultural Education Division, there is a rotation schedule for ascending into the VP position. The position rotates among three agricultural education groups, teacher education (AAAE), state staff/supervision (NASAE) and school-based agricultural education teachers NAAE. I replaced Scott Stone (NAAE) and currently represent the AAAE group. Next in the rotation is the NASAE group. I will be reaching out to the NASAE leadership to make them aware of their rotation in the ACTE VP position in the next 12 months to secure a minimum of two candidates for election.

## D. Region/Division Concerns

What are your concerns for your Region/Division specifically	What are the implications for ACTE?	In what capacity can ACTE assist in addressing this issue?
No Concerns	None	N/A

**E. Items to be placed on the Board Agenda for Discussion**

(Only include items that require Board discussion or action. These will be placed on the Board meeting agenda.)