

**ACTE Retirees Session
Boardroom at Westgate
December 2, 2022
2 – 2:45 pm
Notes**

Welcome to ACTE Retirees Session – LeAnn Curry, ACTE Executive Director

LeAnn welcomed everyone to the Retirees Session. She explained that there are about 500 retirees who are members of ACTE of which 300 are from Oklahoma.

Introductions with “Why are you here?”

Attendees introduced themselves and answered the question. Responses included loving policy work, wanting to learn more about retiree benefits, and continuing to be passionate about CTE.

DJ Bowker; OK, teacher/administrator retired Feb.
Debbie Chapman, President of WV
Karen Derrick, OK
Marie Elliott; NY past FCS President
John Kirkman; NC Executive Director
Tim Knue; WA Executive Director
Dr. Robert L. Marraccino, NY
Sandy Miller, IA Executive Director
Jennifer Snyder, Past President of AR
Lisa Stange, IA

Additional attendees were Skye McNiell, Lorri Carlile, Dazsa Carter, Brian Law, Steve DeWitt, Alisha Hyslop, LeAnn Curry, and Kelli Diemer.

Goals for the Session

Making sure our retirees find value in their memberships.

Legislative Policy Update – Alisha Hyslop, ACTE Sr. Director of Public Policy

The RAISE Act would provide tax credits to teachers as a way to boost their salaries. We are also working on efforts to repeal the Social Security GPO and WEP provisions, which reduce social security benefits for some career changers entering teaching in 15 states.

ACTE Retirees Survey Review

After having sent out the survey, many were not aware of all benefits for retirees from ACTE like discounts on events, Techniques, etc.

Open Discussion

Open discussion was held on ideas for added benefits or opportunities for retired members to be involved. The list of retiree ideas is included below along with suggested actions from ACTE staff:

- Learning opportunities (CTE Learn) at a reduced rate? *Staff-Many CTE Learn modules are free and we can provide a discount to retirees for those with fees. We would also like*

retirees to consider potentially authoring new courses in CTE Learn. This could generate royalties to retiree authors.

- *Mentoring boards. We could pair you to help with this. Staff-Will provide potential opportunities and communications out to members of retiree mentors. Could also suggest retiree mentors to our National ACTE Fellows.*
- *Making sure retirees know that they can still be involved. Staff-Suggest a quarterly ACTE Retiree Newsletter to include all of the opportunities for Retiree involvement.*
- *Advertising the reduced rate for events. Staff-This information could be included in the quarterly ACTE Retiree Newsletter.*
- *Networking activity for retirees at National conference by providing space and opportunity to connect. Staff-Space will be secured at all future VISION Conferences and communicated.*
- *Finding ways for retirees to connect virtually. Staff-ACTE will offer our ACTE Zoom account be available for virtual ACTE Retiree meetings.*
- *Helping make contacts with industry. Staff-We greatly appreciate retirees' willingness to provide industry contacts to us. We will be asking that information be provided to ACTE Strategic Partnership staff.*
- *Assisting at conferences at various levels of involvement (national, region, or state conferences) Staff-We would love to take retirees up on this offer! Perhaps we could compile a list of retiree volunteers who are interested and make the appropriate connections/assignments.*
- *Serving as facilitators or moderators (bigger view from experience) Staff-We would love to take retirees up on this offer too! Perhaps we could compile a list of retiree volunteers who are interested and make the appropriate connections/assignments.*
- *Adding retirees' components to all our events Staff-Once the Virtual Retirees Advisory Group is established, we will work with them to coordinate these activities at events.*
- *Collecting information about retirees' skills through a survey. Staff-We will develop a retiree skills survey and include a link to it in the first addition of the quarterly ACTE Retiree Newsletter.*
- *Setting up a **Virtual Retirees Advisory Group** Staff-We will initially ask those that attended this VISION session if they would like to serve. We will then allow the Group to decide if they would like to expand for additional participants.*

The **Virtual Retirees Advisory Group** could help guide these added activities.

- A member of the Retiree Virtual Advisory group would present an annual update to the ACTE Board of Directors during VISION.
- Check contact information for retirees.
- Clarify the definition of retiree in the Bylaws
- Send out information to retirees about meetings
- Ask state and region if they offer a retired rate (or share good examples from other states, etc.)
- Help with setting up ad hoc committees at the state level
- Maintain an ACTE webpage for retirees
- Set up a Facebook sharing group for retirees

Next Steps:

- Sending out notes to retirees.
- Sending information out to states

- Asking states for ideas
- Asking for volunteers for the **Retiree Virtual Advisory** group with a volunteer retiree lead to coordinate these activities through

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