

ACTE Board Report

Region or Division: WBL
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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

The main focus areas for the WBL Division over the last several months have been Member Value and Engagement and Professional and Leadership Development. WBL continues to develop a strategic plan that will focus our efforts for the next 3-5 years. As a new division, we have been gathering feedback on the strategic plan from policy committee members as well as other division members.

WBL continues to host monthly WBL Webinars on the last Thursday of each month. Attendance to these webinars has consistently been over 100 participants and the content provided has been well received.

The National WBL Conference provides additional professional development for WBL professionals. We received over 100 proposal submissions and will have 54 concurrent sessions and 10 roundtable presentations at the upcoming conference. For the second year in a row, the WBL Conference has maxed out the capacity of the venue and we've had to close registration early. We are excited to welcome over 600 participants to the 2023 WBL Conference.

We are still working to develop a system of collecting and sharing resources with division members. This is a request that continues to be heard from many members. We would love any help or suggestions from ACTE of how we can facilitate this effectively.

List the strategies that have been completed.

Monthly WBL Webinars were scheduled for the entire 2022-23 school year and have been well attended thus far.

The National WBL Conference has been well received. This year we included an innovation component to the Call for Proposals and we look forward to hearing about many innovative programs at the conference.

WBL Division has been able to secure many sponsorships to help with the work we are doing. We continue to have discussions with organizations interested in partnering with WBL.

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.

ACTE WBL Division hosted the following webinars over the past 4 months:

November 17 - Employability Skills Development

January 26 - Addressing WBL Barriers

February 23 - Large-scale WBL Event Planning

We have consistently had over 100 participants at these monthly webinars and been able to build connections for our members.

We also have a Zoom meeting for WBL Division members (and potential members :) every other month. This has provided an opportunity for the WBL Division to share information with members. The last two meetings (November 10 and January 11) also included some time in breakout rooms with the WBL Policy Committee members. These breakout rooms provided opportunity for participants to share successes and ask questions of each other. We plan to continue to have these breakout rooms during the Division Zoom calls. On the March call the breakout rooms will focus on the strategic plan areas to get feedback and ideas from members to develop a really strong strategic plan.

As I mentioned above, the ACTE National WBL Conference has seen an overwhelming response both in proposal submissions and conference registrations. We look forward to connecting with all of these WBL professionals and stakeholders in Atlanta, Georgia on April 26-28, 2023.

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.

We included an innovation strand in the Call for Proposals for the WBL Conference this year. We are excited to hear about how WBL professionals are innovating to provide more opportunities for students. I will have a better list for this after the conference. We plan to highlight these innovative programs in the WBL Division newsletters as well as future monthly webinars.

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)?

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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?

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.)