#### ACTEN BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING

**Monday, June 5, 2023**

**Younes Convention Center, Ruby 2**

**Kearney, Nebraska**

**4:30 PM**

**Call to Order:** Jon Cerny called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

Dr. Cerny welcomed members and asked board members to introduce themselves. He also thanked new members for volunteering to serve.

**Board Members Present:** DeLayne Havlovic—Treasurer, Ronda Ras—Secretary, Jon Cerny—President, Angie Chittick (BUS), Alicia Beck (FAM), Miranda Bright (FAM), Adam Whitmore (TGY), Rick Painter (COU), Jodi Dierks (NRS), Stan Haas (TRA), Jean Condon—President-elect, Alex Meyer (AGR),

**Board Members Absent:** Samantha Lavene—Past President, Chrisinda Ritz (AGR), Michelle Galles (HEA), Daniel Phillips (ADM)

**Ex Officio Members Present:** Michael Connet—ACTE Representative, Murleen Bellinger—Executive Director

**Ex Officio Members absent**: Katie Graham (NDE), Sydney Kobza (NDE), Melissa Bonifas (NAEA President), Angie Ehlers (FCSTN President), Deb Wolken (Webmaster), Matt Bova (NASTSE President)

**2023-24 Board Members in Attendance:** Crystal Feik, Shelby Wallick, Carol Erwin

**Greetings from Michael Connet, Assoc. Dep. Director of Outreach & Partner Development​ at ACTE:**

Good news—membership is up, and he congratulated the Nebraska association for its progress. He also highlighted awards available and asked that Nebraska consider nominating individuals for those awards.

Mr. Connet explained that one emphasis of ACTE is recruitment and retention of CTE teachers. He shared that ACTE has numerous resources to assist with recruitment and retention.

He invited members to attend CareerTech VISION in Phoenix and thanked Murleen Bellinger for her work beyond Nebraska.

**Secretary’s Report:**

The minutes from the January 21, 2023, meeting were reviewed.

Adam motioned to approve. Angie seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Treasurer’s Report**:

DeLayne Havlovic presented the April 30, 2023, financial report. Mr. Havlovic advised that much of the fundraising is done at this conference. He also highlighted key items listed on the report. There were no questions and the report was accepted.

**2023 ACTE Region V Conference Update, Fargo, ND:**

Jennifer McConville represented ACTEN at the Region V Conference, but she was unable to attend today.

Upcoming conferences--April 9-12; 2024 Honolulu, Hawaii

Delegates for 2023 CareerTech VISION for Assembly of Delegates – ACTEN President-Jean Condon, President Elect-Rick Painter, one delegate & one alternate will be voted on at AOD.

**National Policy Seminar** **2023:**

Jon Cerny reported on meetings with congressional staffs. He said he believes members of Congress are very supportive of CTE, but they are not as eager to appropriate funds.

**NDE Update:**

Katie Graham and Sydney Kobza were unable to attend. Jon Cerny reported on the increased funding passed for CTE programs in LB 814. Dr. Cerny thanked everyone who put in written testimony and schools who sent students to CTSO day to lobby senators. He thanked everyone for the effective lobbying.

Dr. Cerny summarized the modifications to the technology course requirements for public schools.

Dr. Cerny reported on Revision grants presented.

NDE welcomed Miranda Bright to their team and Dr. Cerny congratulated her on her new position and thanked her for her work with ACTE.

Murleen reported that Shawn Young was hired as a new technology specialist at the NDE.

**Committee Reports:**

 **Audit 2021-22:** Angie Chittick reported that the financial records were audited by Kris Gaebel, and no issues were found.

**Budget:** DeLayne Havlovic presented the budget and highlighted key areas. There were no questions, and Dr. Cerny thanked DeLayne for his work.

**Bylaws** – There were no changes to the bylaws.

**Legislation/Resolution**: This was discussed during the NDE update

**Membership** – DeLayne Havlovic noted that there are several areas of membership that are down and encouraged members to recruit more for the lower members. FCS has been recruiting more members. Miranda reported that their strategy has been increasing membership by getting members who had left to rejoin. Murleen and Dr. Cerny explained that Ag and FCS have included ACTE membership dues into their membership fees. They would like to see business do the same.

 The breakdown of membership as of April 30, 2023 was included in the packet.

**e-Newsletter:** Dr. Cerny invited members to write articles to be included in the newsletter.

**Nominating/Awards** – Murleen presented the report on awards in Samantha Lavene’s absence. With the transition to joint awards with NDE, there were few applicants, and there was only one award winner. The awards are now Career and Technical Education Awards, and winners do not have to be members.

**Program of Work for 2023-24**:

Jean Condon explained that the Program of Work was included in the packet. There were no questions, but Murleen pointed out that we will need to align it with the national Strategic Plan.

**Public Relations:** Miranda Bright reported on sales of 122 CTE shirts.

**Website**: Deb Wolken was absent, and there was no report.

 **Election of Officers/Representatives for 2023-24:**

Dr. Cerny announced election results: President-elect, Rick Painter; Treasurer, DeLayne Havlovic; New and Related Services, Shauna Paolini; Postsecondary, Adult and Career Education, Carol Erwin.

New members: Jennifer McConville will finish Dan Phillips term—2 years of a 3-year term; HEA Michelle Galles no longer a member of that Division term ends 2024, Cyrstal Feik will complete Michelle’s term.

**Other Business:**

**Strategic Plan/Program of Work Update**: Jon Cerny gave a positive overview of the year’s work and commented that he looks forward to another successful year.

**ACTEN Awards:** Awards will be presented Tuesday, June 6, 11:45 Luncheon (Crystal 2, 3, 4)

**Assembly of Delegates:** Wednesday, June 7, 7:15am (Diamond 10)

**Tickets for Split the Pot Fundraiser**: Members are to sell and return to Murleen before the General Session on Wednesday morning

**Board Member and Delegate Ribbons:** Ribbons were distributed at today’s meeting.

**Reminder about 2023 CareerTech VISION**: November 29 to December 2, Phoenix, AZ

**Committee assignments:** Assignments have not yet been determined.

**Legislative Day**: Jon Cerny reported that he addressed CTSO students and that the students had then visited with senators about CTE funding. He received reports about how well the students represented the organization.

**State Discipline Association Reports:** Murleen encouraged Discipline Association

 Representatives to speak at their banquets and promote ACTEN

**Next Meeting:** October 7, 9am, at the Career Pathways Institute in Grand Island

**Adjournment:** Jon Cerny adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.