#### ACTEN BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING

**Saturday, January 21, 2023; 9 a.m.**

**Career Pathways Institute**

**1215 S. Adams St., Grand Island, Nebraska**

**9:00 AM**

**Call to Order:** Jon Cerny called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Dr. Cerny thanked members for taking the time to attend the meeting whether via Zoom or traveling to Grand Island.

**Board Members Present:**

Jon Cerny—President, Jean Condon—President Elect, Samantha Lavene—Past President, Ronda Ras—Secretary, Angie Chittick—BUS Rep, Miranda Bright—FCS Rep, Rick Painter—COU Rep, Dan Phillips—ADM, Adam Whitmore—TGY Rep, Michelle Galles—HEA Rep, Stan Haas—TRA Rep, Alicia Beck— FACS Rep, Alex Meyer—AGR Rep, DeLayne Havlovic—Treasurer arrived at 9:10

**Board Members Absent:**

Jodi Dierks—NRS Rep, Chrisinda Ritz—AGR Rep

**Ex-Officio Members Present:** Murleen Bellinger (ACTEN Executive Director), Katie Graham (NDE), Sydney Kobza (NDE)

**Ex-Officio Members Absent:** Deb Wolken, Webmaster

**Secretary’s Report:**

* The Minutes from October 22, 2022 Board of Directors’ Meeting were reviewed.
* **Adam Whitmore moved to approve the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Dan Phillips. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

**Treasurer’s Report:**

* With DeLayne Havlovic absent, Murleen Bellinger presented the Treasurer’s Report.

**There were no questions.**

**Motion by Rick Painter to approve the treasurer’s report, seconded by Stan Haas. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

**NDE Update--** Kate Graham/Sydney Kobza**:**

* Career and Technical Education Center Updates

Eric Snyder has joined NDE as a full-time coordinator for Educators Rising. Computer Science Specialist and Human Sciences and Education Specialist position interviews are upcoming.

* CTE Without Limits--NDE collaborated with Advance CTE to create a position statement advocating CTE for all students.
* Legislation

Legislative Bill 610 was introduced last week. The bill would guarantee each district at least $15,000 for CTE as well as more funding for post-secondary institutions. It would also provide funding for CTSOs. Funds would be distributed through NDE, first mirroring Perkins formula for January 2023. One question would be what the impact would be on Perkins consortium. Since this is a workforce effort, she is hoping the business community will also show support. Katie is hoping for support from ACTEN members.

New governor has indicated no funding from discretionary fund.

Perkins funds will now be tied to funding from the state.

LB 112 passed last year but had requirements that were difficult to meet in the time provided.

LB 520 Change provisions relating to high school graduation requirements and academic content standards and the Computer Science and Technology Education Act—would allow more flexibility on the provisions.

NDE is asking for our help in advocating for CTE.

* 2023 Conference Planning

NCE Conference June 5-8 in Kearney, Theme—CTE Without Limits, Dr. Temple Grandin Tuesday’s Keynote, Dr. Nicole Cobb, Featured in Monday’s Special Sessions; Price for pre-sessions and conference combined into one fee; Information available at <https://nceconference>.com/ (including hotel blocks)

ACTEN Executive Board Meeting – Monday, June 5, probably 4:30

ACTEN Annual Meeting – Wednesday, June 7, 7:15 am

Awards on Tuesday—NCE will merge overlapping awards with ACTEN awards

Dr. Cerny asked about school award deadlines—still open, decision to be made by the end of the month.

Legislative Day—Feb. 6-7

**ACTE Update – Jon Cerny**

* CareerTech VISION—2022

Record number (90) of Nebraska attendees, 57 ACTEN members

During AOD, the delegates voted on a Bylaw which was to combine two divisions. The Nebraska delegates were Jon Cerny, Jean Condon, and Angie Ehlers.

* National Policy Seminar, March 19-22, Washington DC

Early bird registration by February 17 is $385

* Region V Conference, April 12-15, Fargo, ND

Delta Hotel

**2023-24 ACTEN Election of Officers and Representatives-- Samantha Lavene:**

* Officers needed: President Elect and Treasurer
* Samantha asked DeLayne Havlovic if he would be interested in continuing to serve. He said he is willing but would also like to give others an opportunity. Murleen will send out an email promoting the opportunity.
* Discipline representative position opening up in June: New and Related Services. Also needed: Postsecondary, Adult and Career Education; Murleen needs nominees by April 1
* Ballots - A message will be sent to each voting member with a link to the ballot for their discipline or the general ballot in April.

**2023 ACTEN Awards-- Samantha Lavene:**

* Deadline to apply is March 1, 2023.
* Nominating & Awards committee members will receive a message from the Awards Portal with their password to access/review/judge the ACTEN Applications after the March 1 application deadline has passed.
* Murleen added that since awards are being merged with NCE awards the board might considering allowing non-ACTEN members to apply. Ensuing discussion was that it might encourage people to be members.
* **Motion by Adam Whitmore, seconded by Rick Painter to allow non-members to apply for ACTEN awards; Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

**Career and Technical Education Month (February 2023):**

* February 6-7: CTSO students arrive on the weekend and remain for meetings with legislators on Monday at 5:00 pm
* ACTEN will cover the cost of the Monday night meal.
* ACTEN members attending: Jon Cerny, DeLayne Havlovic and possibly Miranda Bright, and Alicia Beck
* FCS Legislative Day is February 8
* Other ideas—

Miranda Bright reported on t-shirt sales. The shirts are selling well with over 70 sold at this time.

**Bylaws Committee:**

Samantha Lavene reported that there were no proposed changes to ACTEN by-laws.

**Public Relations:**

Miranda Bright reported that the focus has been CTE month. She welcomed any ideas. She will connect with Sydney to brainstorm some ideas for CTE Month.

**Strategic Plan:**

* ACTE has implemented a new Strategic Plan—Members discussed that we may need to set up a meeting to align our plan with ACTE’s. Murleen will forward the plan to Jon Cerny for review.
* Newsletter process discussed—consensus was that it works well as it is.

**Website:**

Deb Wolken (replacement for Deb)—Murleen reported that Deb is willing to continue, and the consensus was to accept the offer.

**New Business**

**Updates Murleen Bellinger:**

* 2022-23 ACTEN Leadership Handbook is updated.
* Membership lists for discipline reps distributed for use for nominations and awards

**NCE Conference June 5-8, 2023:**

* ACTEN Executive Board Meeting – Monday, June 5, 4:30
* ACTEN Annual Meeting – Wednesday, June 7, 7:15 am
* ACTEN Awards now open to non-members, will be presented by Jon Cerny and Jean Condon
* ACTEN Split the Pot—DeLayne Havlovic advocated for keeping this fundraiser
* ACTE representative to conference will be Michael Connet

**Outstanding Member of the Year Recipient 2023**

Board members are to give names of possible recipients to Jon or Murleen. Murleen will then submit the names via email to the board members for online voting. Mary Lou Vossler was mentioned as one individual to receive the member of the year award.

**ACTEN Executive Director Evaluation—Jon Cerny**

Dr. Cerny reported that all evaluations were positive and shared written summary with Murleen.

**CTE Learn Grant—Murleen Bellinger**

Murleen reported about a possible grant that could fund Nebraska CTE teachers to take CTE Learn courses for professional development. She will meet with Michael Connet to obtain more information about the grant process.

**Succession Policy—Murleen Bellinger**

Murleen shared that one organization had nothing in place when their leader was not be able to fulfill duties as Executive Director. Dr. Cerny advocated for establishing some sort of plan. Murleen will report on what other states do.

**State Discipline Association Reports:**

Miranda Bright—(reporting for Angie Ehlers—FCS): FCS Team and Legislative Workshop is Feb. 8.

**Next Meeting:** NCE Conference in Kearney, Nebraska; Monday, June 5, 2023

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37.

Dr. Cerny again thanked everyone for taking the time to attend, wished all a good CTE Month, and urged members to testify when legislative issues arise.

Respectfully submitted by

Ronda Ras, Secretary