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Association for Career and Technical Education

ACTE Region II Newsletter

Hello Region II Members!

What a great time it is to be a part of career and technical education! The opportunities awaiting us are boundless, and one avenue to these opportunities is membership in ACTE.

It has been a privilege thus far to serve on the ACTE Board of Directors as Region II Vice President. I assure you that the ACTE Board of Directors and staff members work daily to promote CTE and to support you, the members. One of my objectives is to communicate throughout the year not only with the leadership of the Region II states, but with the region members as well. This newsletter will help me meet that goal. The following are a few updates and reminders that may be of interest to you.

1. Quality Association State Award: Congratulations to the following states in Region II who will be recognized at the ACTE Annual Convention for earning the Quality Association State Award: Georgia, Kentucky, South Carolina and Tennessee.

2. 2010 Region II Leadership Conference, Louisville, Kentucky, Oct. 1-2, 2010: Kentucky ACTE is to be commended for hosting an outstanding conference. Included in the program was a successful leadership strand. President Gary Moore and Executive Director Jan Bray attended and presented. A highlight of the program was the awards dinner as state winners were recognized. Good luck to the following as they advance to the national level:

- Outstanding Career and Technical Educator -- Dr. Dale Winkler, Kentucky
- Outstanding New Career and Technical Educator -- Corey Nawolski, Georgia
- Outstanding Educator in Community Service -- Karen Summers, North Carolina
- Teacher of the Year -- Kristina Yarborough, North Carolina

3. Fellowship Program Applications Due Nov. 15: The ACTE Fellowship Program is now accepting 2011 applications. Information is available on the [ACTE Web site](#) in the Application and Guidelines document.

4. 2010 ACTE Annual Convention, Las Vegas, Dec. 2-4: The ACTE staff has worked hard to plan a conference that will meet the needs of all attendees. There will also be time for networking with fellow ACTE members from across the nation and participation in the first ACTE Day of Service in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity.

The following are a few convention related items:

- **Region II Policy Committee Meeting -- Wednesday, Dec. 1 -- 12:30-2:30 p.m. -- Room N235 -- Las Vegas Convention Center:** All Policy Committee members are to attend. This meeting is open to all others who wish to attend. The Region II Policy Committee is made up of one representative from each state in the Region, as well as your ACTE Reg. II VP. Each PCM serves a three-year term. Your current PCMs are:

Wes Grant Alabama	Sarah Raikes Kentucky	Ronnie Teague Tennessee
Tom Besaw Florida	Bena Weirs North Carolina	Sandy Jones Virginia
Julie Gilyard Georgia	Leonard Williams South Carolina	

*We are currently seeking representatives from the Bahamas, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

- **Annual Region II Business Session - Thursday, Dec. 2 -- 5:45-7:00 p.m. -- Room N249** -- **Las Vegas Convention Center: All Region II members** are encouraged to attend as we take care of official Region business.
- **ACTE Standing Committees/Task Force Meetings -- Dec. 1 -- 7:30-8:30 a.m. breakfast with meetings at 9:00 a.m.:** If you serve in these areas, you should have received information from [Lauren Lessels](#) by now. To locate your name on the standing committee or task force List, visit the [ACTE Web site](#).

Since assuming office July1, I have enjoyed being involved in many activities for the Region:

- Attended orientation for new ACTE Board of Directors members and the July 2010 ACTE Board meeting in Alexandria, Virginia
- Participated in a conference call with other Region vice presidents
- Collaborated with Kentucky ACTE to plan/facilitate Annual Region II Conference
- Prepared/facilitated annual Policy Committee Meeting, Louisville, Kentucky
- Made appointments to ACTE Standing Committees & Region II Standing Committees
- Attended two Georgia ACTE Board of Director's meetings and the Annual GACTE/Georgia DOE Summer Conference
- Attended Georgia DOE CTE Administrators' meetings concerning Perkins funding, CTE issues and activities

Ongoing Activities:

- Maintain weekly communication with Region II state leadership
- Communicate with Region members and leadership through e-mail and e-blasts
- Maintain communication with ACTE staff and other Board members
- Work on updating Region II Web site
- Review updates concerning advocacy and other pertinent issues
- Review quarterly budgetary information of the organization/Region
- Prepare for ACTE Annual Convention in Las Vegas (ACTE Board Meeting, Region II Policy Committee Meeting, Region II Business Session)

I welcome your comments, concerns, new ideas and success stories related to your CTE programs. Please contact me at any time if I may be of service to you or your state association.

Sincerely yours,

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