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WACTE 70th Anniversary Pins for Sale!
By Larry Gee

To help commemorate 70 years of progressive growth and development, WACTE will be selling lapel pins at the WACTE Annual Conference. By purchasing a pin, you will be supporting one of the best professional educational organizations in the State of Wisconsin!

My WACTE Membership lapel pin always draws questions regarding the organization and its mission. The anniversary pin is another way we can communicate the benefits of belonging to our organization. Since there will only be 1,000 70th Anniversary Pins manufactured, this will be a limited edition, and quite honestly, a collector’s item!!

In addition, each local should consider buying a group of the pins to use as door prizes, gifts to people who come on campus, gifts to new members in your local, or motivation awards in your local. They are easy to store, carry, and present! Why not purchase a group of pins?

The pin is the brainchild of a creative thinking subcommittee composed of Jackie Cullen, Tim Greene, Terri Gogola, and Larry Gee. The committee has planned a wonderful 70th Anniversary celebration to be held the evening of Thursday, March 2nd, during the conference. The celebration will include birthday cake, punch, a DJ, and dancing!! This birthday celebration will be intertwined with the famed WACTE evening session where the raffle winners and silent auction recipients are announced.

So, order your 70th Anniversary Pins today!!!

CASH & CARRY RAFFLE

Tickets are now available from WACTE members for the 2005-06 WACTE Cash or Carry Raffle at the WACTE Annual Conference, March 1, 2, and 3, 2006. Tickets are $5 each or 6 for $20. There are wonderful prizes including cash, a TV, hotel packages, gas cards, a computer desk, sports memorabilia, artwork and more! If all members sell just 2-3 tickets we will make our goal.

If you need more tickets contact Bette Lou Esser at the WACTE office (608-833-5858). Also, we are still accepting prize donations. If you have more items to donate please contact Ann Marie Krause at 608-757-7750 or akrause@blackhawk.edu. Thank you for your support for this important fundraiser.
Continuous Improvement Committee Survey

By James Murray

During the Fall of 2005, the Continuous Improvement Committee surveyed members in an effort to gather input to establish Board goals. 252 people responded to our survey; 85.6% were involved in post-secondary and 14.4% were involved in secondary career and technical education. Results of the survey include:

**Respondents Occupation:**
- 39.9% instructors
- 12.3% administrative assistants
- 6.2% counselors
- 20.6% administrative
- 11.9% technical support
- 9% other

**Respondents Age:**
- 7.6% 60-69
- 14% 30-39
- 44.8% 50-59
- 4.4% 20-29
- 28.4% 40-49
- .8% less than 19

**Current WACTE Members:**
- 52.8% No
- 47.2% Yes

**Current Membership Length:**
- 45.4% Over 10 years
- 16% 6 to 10 years
- 38.7% Less than 5 years

**WACTE Mission is Relevant:**
- 92.3% Yes
- 7.7% No

**WACTE Vision is Relevant:**
- 90.5% Yes
- 9.5% No

**Attended WACTE Legislative Workshop:**
- 90.6% No
- 9.4% Yes

**Reason for Not Attending:**
- 38% Other commitments
- 10.9% Cost (self-funded)
- 10.9% No release time for this activity
- 8.7% Time of year
- 6.9% Travel budget cuts
- 21.7% Other: Did not know about it; Lack of interest; Too busy

**Would attend WACTE Regional Legislative Workshop in Your Area:**
- 54.9% Yes
- 45.1% No

**Which State Legislative Workshop Would You Attend?**
- 44.4% Regional
- 37.5% Neither
- 18.1% State

**Best Month for the WACTE Annual Conference:**
- 26.8% February
- 19.2% March
- 13.6% April
- 12.1% June

**Attended 2005 WACTE Annual Conference:**
- 85.8% No
- 14.2% Yes

**Reasons for not Attending Conference:**
- 35.6% Other commitments
- 12.7% Cost (self-funded)
- 12.4% Time of year
- 7.5% No release time for activity
- 7.1% Travel budget cuts
- 2.6% Cannot get a substitute teacher
- 22.1% Other: agenda not relevant to my work; did not know about it; lack of interest; new member; travel/location

A common general comment was that individuals did not know of an activity or more importantly, the Association.

The Committee will be conducting focus groups at the Legislative Seminar. The purpose of the focus groups will be to gather additional information for the Board to establish one-, three-, and five-year goals.

To further enhance the effectiveness of Association Committees, meetings will be scheduled during the summer to explain the Board and Committee Goals.
Proposed Bylaws Change 2006-1
Article IV Officers, Section 1 Duties of Officers, Subsection C, Past President

Current:
Past President. Should the President-Elect not be capable or available to perform the assigned duties of that office, the Past President will assume the duties of that office until such time as the President-Elect is able to resume such duties or until the Board of Directors appoint a person to complete the unexpired term of office of the President-Elect.

Proposed:
Past President. Should the President-Elect not be capable or available to perform the assigned duties of that office, the Past President will assume the duties of that office until such time as the President-Elect is able to resume such duties or until the Board of Directors appoints a person to complete the unexpired term of office of the President-Elect. The Past President will perform duties as prescribed by the President and the Board of Directors.

Rationale: This addition has been recommended by Parliamentarian Gerald Matteson to add clarity to the Bylaws.

Proposed Bylaws Change 2006-02
Article VI, Board of Directors, Section 3 Vacancies on the Board
Vacancies on the Board

Current:
Vacancies for the offices of President and President-Elect will be filled as set forth in Article IV, Section 1B and C or by a special election as set forth in Article V, Section 2 of these bylaws. The unexpired term of any other Board Member will be filled by appointment by the president, with approval by the Board, until the next annual meeting of the Association, at which time such vacancy will be filled by election of a member for the unexpired term as prescribed in Article IV, Section 3.

Proposed:
Vacancies for the offices of President and President-Elect will be filled as set forth in Article IV, Section 1B and C or by a special election as set forth in Article V, Section 2 of these bylaws. The unexpired term of any other elected Board Member will be filled by appointment by the president, with approval by the Board, until the next annual meeting of the Association, at which time such vacancy will be filled by election of a member for the unexpired term as prescribed in Article IV, Section 3.

Rationale: This addition has been recommended by Parliamentarian Gerald Matteson to add clarity to the Bylaws and insure that the Board Member is an elected member.

Proposed Bylaws Change 2006-03
Article VII, Committees, Section 1, Standing Committees, Subsection C, Guidelines for Standing Committee

Current:
Guidelines for standing committees will be:
1. The minimum number of members will be six (6) in any given fiscal year.
2. No more than two (2) members will be from the same Local association.
3. Members will be appointed for two (2) year terms half (1/2) to be appointed each fiscal year.

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4. Duties of the committees are listed in the Board of Directors Handbook.

Rationale: This addition has been recommended by Parliamentarian Gerald Matteson to add clarity to the Bylaws.

Three resolutions will also be proposed to the House of Delegates at the Conference:

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Membership Privileges and Responsibilities

By Terry Simmons

A WACTE membership comes with numerous privileges and benefits. Some are tangible, such as: awards, newsletters, lapel pins, monthly magazine, and national affiliation. Some are not so tangible, such as: legislative advocacy, professional development opportunities, networking events and the national support of the profession.

Tangible or not these are the privileges and benefits members receive from a 70-year-old strong professional organization created to support, promote and improve Career and Technical Education (CTE). As members we know, privileges and benefits dictate associated responsibilities.

Members have three responsibilities:

(1) Support the organization through participation and attendance at the various organizational events and activities. WACTE delivers several excellent professional development opportunities, such as, the legislative seminar, counselors, and support staff workshop.

(2) Members have a responsibility to stay informed about changes affecting CTE. WACTE provides opportunities and affiliation with the state, regional, and national organizations. Members support CTE by attending conferences and conventions that provide an opportunity to learn about the current news, issues, and changes affecting CTE.

(3) Recruitment of new members. WACTE is a grass roots movement and in the strength of the organization are the Locals. The Locals are made up of individuals working together to support, improve, and sustain CTE. Many non-members are receiving some benefits and privileges of membership without having any of the responsibilities. In order for WACTE to stay strong, membership must continue to grow.

Therefore, I challenge each member to recruit one colleague. Encourage them to attend the 70th Annual Conference in Green Bay, March 1-3, 2006. Share your personal story of how you benefit from your membership and explain to them the host of benefits and opportunities that come with a WACTE membership.

We currently have 870 members in good standing and we are still working hard toward 1000 Strong. Fulfilling your membership responsibility of recruiting a new member is a wonderful way to start the New Year. Hope to see you and a new member at the “70th Annual WACTE Conference!”
REGION III UPDATE
By Ann Marie Krause

Several WACTE members recently returned from the ACTE annual convention in a snowy and cold Kansas City, Missouri. While the weather created some travel headaches, the conference sessions were wonderful. Here are a few highlights:

- Opening speaker Dr. Jennifer James, cultural anthropologist, challenged, entertained, and motivated attendees with her feelings on coping with change. She noted that the public will need increased access to information, more inclusiveness and more communication.

- Beto Gonzales, acting assistant secretary for the Office of Vocational and Adult Education, challenged career and technical educators to re-think career and technical education, assuring students of both academic and vocational skills education, and providing better access for all students.

- The originally scheduled closing speaker was unable to attend due to snow in Boston, so Kansas City native and comic, Mary Freeley shared a funny message with the attendees.

- Tom Vander Ark, Executive Director of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, shared his thoughts on career and technical education highlighting some progressive schools.

- ACTE announced its high school reform initiative, presenting a draft of the proposals to the group, and stating its intent to publish a white paper on high school reform in Spring 2006.

- Region III Outstanding New Career and Technical Teacher, Betsy Jenkins from Minnesota, was named ACTE New Career and Technical Teacher of the Year.

- The Region III policy committee voted to put $1500 toward the costs for the keynote speaker, Hans Meeder, for the ACTE Region III Leadership Conference in June 2006.

- The candidates for ACTE President-Elect were announced and made several presentations to attendees. The candidates are Dan Smith from Minnesota and Colleen Keffeler from South Dakota. Voting will be done electronically again this year, so don’t forget to cast your ballot when the notice is sent.

- The House of Delegates voted to decrease divisional status from 1200 to 1000 members, to change the name of the Health Occupations Division to Health Sciences Technology, and to change ACTE membership categories.

- ACTE finished the fiscal year in the black.

- The ACTE re-organization committee presented a draft of their ideas. Members will be able to comment on the proposals on the ACTE website. John Frank, CVTC, is on the committee and was a major contributor to the proposals. (Thanks, John!).

The ACTE Region III Leadership Conference will be held June 21-23, 2006 in LaCrosse, WI. Minnesota has challenged Wisconsin to have more attendees from their state. We are prepared to take on this challenge! Hans Meeder, a leader in high school reform, will be the keynote speaker. Lots of great sessions, tours, and fun are planned so don’t miss this great opportunity. Complete information is on the WACTE website (www.wacteonline.org). This conference only gets to Wisconsin every six years!
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MARGARET ELLIBE– Local 18

I believe that my career in CTE which includes secondary and postsecondary levels, research, and state leadership will make a positive impact on our organization and to the people we serve - secondary and postsecondary CTE professionals - and ultimately our students.

WACTE is a cornerstone to a strong and viable Wisconsin CTE system. As a strong and viable organization, we must continue to strengthen our unified spirit to ready our secondary and postsecondary programming for not only new initiatives, but to continually evolve our quality CTE that is currently in place. In that, WACTE must continue to embrace the dynamic educational and economic contexts of the future. The goals I see for our organization are the same that many of our members are seeing. Growing the organizations’ leadership and membership capacity with innovative and timely services; working as a strong coalition of CTE professionals to advance quality CTE in both policy and practice; and providing quality professional development. These goals will move us to consider our past and work with the future in mind for successful results.

I have a passion for our work and I see the real capacity that CTE programs afford to youth and adults - both educationally and economically. In this leadership capacity, I would like to contribute to our association an insight and vision that could be helpful in moving CTE to new levels of quality, effectiveness, and collaboration.

TERRY SIMMONS - LOCAL 20

Thank you for the honor of being nominated for the important position of President Elect of WACTE. I have been involved with Career and Technical Education since 1989. However, it was not until I became a member of this professional organization that I realized what CTE was all about. It spans from secondary education through post secondary education, into our communities and beyond. I also came to realize how great it is to have a professional organization that supports and advocates for its members and its profession. The more I get involved the more I benefit, the more I benefit the stronger I realized the value of this professional organization.

As President Elect, and with the help of the Board of Directors, the Locals, and each Member, I will strive to provide opportunities for the membership to realize the significant value of a strong professional organization. I will continue to increase membership through recruitment and retention strategies to achieve and exceed our goal of 1000 strong. I will work to build and strengthen our partnerships with secondary education CTE professionals and the Career and Student Organizations both secondary and post secondary. Last, but most important and because I believe it is essential that each member understands the big picture of CTE, as president elect, I will challenge each member to communicate to the board what they want from their professional organization. The membership is the voice of this great organization and YOUR VOICE needs to be heard. Again thank you for the opportunity to serve this valuable professional organization.              (Continued on Page 10)
2006 Slate of Candidates - Board of Directors

BILL BRENDDEL – Local 09

Even though I entered technical education later in my career, I believe I bring a unique perspective. Career and Technical education is important on two fronts. First, the ever increasing demand for educated and qualified professionals is at an all time high. Also, the increasing demand for accountability and documented learning gives career and technical education a unique opportunity to demonstrate the ability of contextual learning to improve overall student success. WACTE is a vital part of technical education’s future. The organization must strive to promote the achievements and help position career and technical education as a recognized tool to improve student success.

My qualifications include 8 years in technical education both as an instructor and administrator at Western Wisconsin Technical College. I am also a member of the Wisconsin Association of Agriculture Educators. I would look forward to serving on the WACTE board.

ROSE ELLINGER – Local 28

Career and Technical Education must be a quality option, based on the same principles as those for high school reform in general; academic rigor and pathways to further education and careers paying family supporting wages. (Ann Lewis, Techdirections, December 2005).

My goal is to make sure students receive that quality option. One of the ways I can do that is to continue working as a member of the WACTE Board of Directors with these goals in mind:

- Expansion of partnerships with Educational, Business, and Community Leaders.
- Communicate legislative issues and professional development opportunities.
- Provide the necessary leadership to make a difference for students, educational and business leaders and community.

Thank you for your help and support.

DAVID SHONKWILER – Local 27

I am honored to be nominated as a candidate for the WACTE Board of Directors. I still consider myself to be a relative newcomer to both WACTE, ACTE and the WTCS, having moved to the state and Madison in 1990. There are many others in CTE with much longer and more notable careers than mine and yet, I find myself in a position to be able and willing to step up to the plate on behalf of my peers, my predecessors and my passion.

My current position is Administrative Dean of the Agriscience, Apprenticeship, Technical & Industrial Division at MATC-Madison. Our Division offers 13 Associate Degree programs, five 2-Year Technical Diploma programs, seven 1-Year Technical Diploma programs and 27 active Apprenticeships, plus several more certificate and Less-Than-1-Year Diploma options. We are all about CTE, every day, every week, every semester, and every year! We provide the ideal blend of theory, hands-on, real world applications for our students and their employers with an increasing number of transfer options to UW-System and private universities across the state. We are at the heart of brain-based learning....and the research is finally catching up to validate what we have always known to be self-evident: For the vast majority, deep learning occurs when the mind can relate concepts to outcomes, when the application and context of the concepts take on real world meaning and when multiple senses are engaged.

We must survive and thrive. We are the true driver of the recovering economy in Wisconsin. We cannot allow WACTE to fade into the sunset, because there is no other entity to carry the message and deliver the goods. I do not have the answers to our problems and issues. But I do have willingness and a passion to take the issues on headfirst, to work together to find solutions and to keep CTE in the spotlight.
HEAR YE, HEAR YE!

Governor James Doyle has declared February 12-18, 2006 as Career and Technical Education Week and recognizes WACTE’s 70th Anniversary. The Theme for Career and Technical Education Week is “Education for Success”.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Week is a time to honor the work CTE Instructors do to develop a skilled workforce. Career and Technical Education is all about helping students, workers and lifelong learners of all ages fulfill their working potential. First and foremost it’s about high school and college education that provides students with:

* Academic subject matter taught with relevance to the real world, often called contextual learning.
* Employability skills, from job-related skills to workplace ethics.
* Education pathways that help students explore interests and careers in the process of progressing through school.

Find out what your school or business is doing to promote Career and Technical Education Week or go to http://www.actonline.org for ideas and activities to promote CTE Week.
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Terry Simmons, Membership Chair

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April 20th, 2006
By Darla Burton

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