



# NACTE NEWS

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## Letter From President Jim . . .



See you in KC!

Hopefully you have made travel changes for this year's national ACTE conference from New Orleans to Kansas City, Missouri! I look forward to returning to Kansas City for the first time since the 1996 National FFA Conference. I hope that the last minute change does not affect the registration numbers. Each of us must do all we can to support the national conference, because this is a large part of the revenue for the association which supports our many legislative activities.

Be sure and mark your calendar for the 79<sup>th</sup> Annual NACTE Conference held July 26 - 28, 2006, in Crystal Bay, North Lake Tahoe. Our board is currently developing the agenda and more information will come soon. To keep track of the upcoming conference, go to [www.nacte.org/state\\_conf.html](http://www.nacte.org/state_conf.html).

The following information was taken from the National ACTE web page and is an update on federal legislative activities that affect career and technical education. To stay up-to-date keep track of changes at [www.acteonline.org](http://www.acteonline.org).

On Thursday, October 27, the Senate voted 94-3 to pass H.R. 3010, a bill to provide FY 2006 funding for the U.S. Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services (HHS), and Education. The Senate bill would provide \$1.923 billion for the Department of Education's Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE), including \$1.194 billion for Perkins Basic State Grants, nearly \$9.3 million for national programs, and nearly \$106 million for Tech Prep. Unfortunately, funding for Occupational and Employment Information and the Tech Prep Demo was eliminated. ([www.acteonline.org](http://www.acteonline.org)).

Next, key House and Senate Members must meet in a joint House/Senate "Conference" to reconcile the differences between the House- and Senate-passed bills. Whether the "Conferees" can produce a compromise bill by Nov. 18 (when the bill that provides temporary funds beyond Sept. 31, 2005 expires) is unclear because this year's appropriations process depends upon whether Congressional leaders give priority to the Budget Reconciliation process (a process sometimes used to find cost-saving measures to reduce mandatory spending) or finishing the FY 2006 appropriations process. ([www.acteonline.org](http://www.acteonline.org)).

Although an across-the-board cut was not included in the House- or Senate-passed bills, the prospect is high that Congress will apply an across-the-board cut to all FY 2006 discretionary spending (except for Defense and Homeland Security) to offset emergency spending for disaster response efforts in the Gulf Coast. Beltway insiders speculate that such an across-the-board cut could be as much as 2 percent. ([www.acteonline.org](http://www.acteonline.org)).

*Jim R. Barbee*

## NACTE 10 Years Ago . . .

Cindy Tedford, Historian

*It was 1990 something, in the State that we reside in . . .*

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Elko Convention Center was the site of the summer conference August 9-11, 1995. The keynote speaker was Grant Taff who spoke on 'Coaching in the Classroom'. The Agriculture Division hosted their annual barbeque at the campus of the Northern Nevada Community College. Janice Brown, SNVTC Cosmetology teacher, was selected as the Outstanding New Vocational Teacher of the Year. A highlight of the conference agenda was a tour of the Carlin Trend Mine, a division of the Newmont Mining Company.



1995 President Dennis Digenan handing over the gavel to incoming President Elect Roger Routsong.



Auctioneer and NACTE Past President, Gary Sundseth, Ag. Ed. Instructor Great Basin, at the summer conference annual barbeque and auction.

## Agriculture Division—Dennis Digenan, Spring Creek HS, Elko

Nevada FFA students recently returned from the National FFA Convention with three gold emblems, two state awards, and tons of memories. The 78<sup>th</sup> convention was October 26 – 29 2005, and marked the end of a seven year stay in Louisville, KY. The convention included 23 career-based competitive events, ten leadership-based sessions, a career show, and FFA shopping mall.

The Nevada Agriculture Teachers' Association will be holding its annual Winter Meeting in Spring Creek, January 13 through 14, 2006. The agriculture instructors will start work on the second round of Curriculum Guide development and receive in-service credit on student record book use with work-based student projects.

The Nevada FFA Foundation held a successful first annual Sporting Clay Shoot in Reno on October 2. Funds generated from the event will support agriculture education activities.



Nevada school administrator, Michelle Lewis, getting game instructions.

## Administration Division—Garry Wyatt, Nevada Department of Education

The fall administrator's meeting was held on November 18th at the Atlantis Hotel in Reno. Approximately 40 CTE instructors and administrators attended. Discussions included information on the new \$1 million AB580 state grant, skills standards writing endeavors, program quality criteria needs assessment survey and plans for upcoming professional development.

Currently, the State CTE office staff is working on approving the AB580 grants, closing out the Final Report of Expenditure reports and planning and scheduling for statewide site monitoring visits beginning in January 2006.

Plans for the NACTE Summer Conference continue to progress. The Administrative division would like this year's conference to be every bit as memorable as the 2005 conference. If any of you have guest speakers or topics you would like to have included during summer conference please contact Garry Wyatt at (775) 687-9197 or by e-mail at [gwyatt@doe.nv.gov](mailto:gwyatt@doe.nv.gov).



Stacie Peterson, Galenda HS teacher and NVBEA Northern representative having fun learning MovieMaker at the summer conference.

## Business Division—Jolene Ashcraft, Jackpot HS, Jackpot

### Nevada Business Education Association (NVBEA)

2005—2006 Officers -

President—AnnMarie Skrzekut, Clark HS

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Newsletter Editor—Robert Bencevinga, Basic HS

Membership—LuAnn Amburn, retired

Nevada business teachers increased their national membership by 156% last year. Way to go Nevada! Our next state meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2005 in Las Vegas. Prentice Hall Publishing will be hosting and presenting at this meeting.

In February, state officers will be attending the WBITE (Western Business Information Technology Educators) conference in Hawaii. NVBEA will be presenting a proposal to host the WBITE conference in Las Vegas in 2010.

### Interested in joining NVBEA —

Membership dues = \$20.00

Dues go towards a scholarship for a business student in the state.

Contact: LueAnn Amburn, Membership Director at [lamburn@interact.ccsd.net](mailto:lamburn@interact.ccsd.net).

**NVBEA State Conference -  
July 25, 2006—Cal Neva**



Summer Conference at CalNeva hotel & casino. Take the tunnel tour used by JFK, Marilyn Monroe, and Frank Sinatra.

## Counseling Division—Sue Ennis, ATTC, Las Vegas

### SMART GRAD COUNSELORS!!!

What courses will you advise your freshmen students (Class of 2009) to target while in high school? Are you knowledgeable of the Tech Prep courses offered at your school? Why not join NACTE—Nevada Association for Career & Technical Education. CTE programs focus on academic skill attainment. Many students successfully complete secondary and post secondary diplomas, credentials, and certificates. Visit <http://www.nacte.org/> and find out what NACTE can do for you. All secondary counselors are invited to participate.

Nevada's 79<sup>th</sup> annual Association for Career & Technical Education Summer Conference will be July 25-28, 2006 in Lake Tahoe. Our CTE directors, (Janet Hay, Washoe County and Kathleen Frosini, Clark County) through Perkins funding, will pay for several counselors to attend the conference—that means CTE will pay for registration, hotel, and airfare. Join NACTE and attend the conference.

## Information Technology Division—Warren Hioki, CCSN, Las Vegas

The Community College of Southern Nevada (CCSN) has recently submitted a \$3-million Advanced Technology Education (ATE) grant proposal to the National Science Foundation (NSF.) If awarded, funding will permit CCSN to implement a Regional Center of Excellence on IT for the state of Nevada. The Center will be an effective and sustainable vehicle to carry out action strategies to diversify Nevada's technology economy beyond its broad and thriving base of tourism, hospitality, and gaming. Specifically, this includes 21st Century IT education programs to all of Nevada's community colleges and high school students to ensure they meet the growing needs of Nevada's technology-enabled and technology-producing employers.

This challenging statewide task cannot be implemented by CCSN alone. Instead, the Center will concentrate the forces of the State's four community colleges, Nevada State College, secondary education, Nevada business and industry partners, and the Department of Education to develop and implement systemic reform of Nevada's secondary and postsecondary education systems. Working together, the Center will coordinate information and communications technology education, professional development, target increased enrollment, align curriculum with industry needs and national standards, and develop a much-needed statewide articulation and curriculum standardization system. Professional development will be aligned to state and national IT standards.



IT Division attending workshops at the 2005 summer conference.

## Post-Secondary Division—Norma Bucelato, CCSN, Las Vegas

NACTE has created a new Postsecondary Education Division. The division was created to enable NACTE to better represent the needs of postsecondary CTE education. Norma Bucelato, Director of Resource Development for the Community College of Southern Nevada has been appointed Member-at-Large to the NACTE Executive Board to represent this division.

Over 300 postsecondary CTE instructors are employed at the four community colleges in Nevada. A group of faculty attending the 2005 NACTE conference expressed a lack of workshops that addressed the needs for postsecondary training, spurring the creation of the new division. The division will focus on creating professional development opportunities at the NACTE annual conference that will address postsecondary training needs as well as issues for increased collaboration between secondary and postsecondary CTE instruction. A higher level of participation of postsecondary faculty workshop presenters will be encouraged, and soon a call for presentations will be issued to all community college CTE faculty in the state. Increased representation of postsecondary faculty will also be stressed, with a campaign to increase NACTE membership.



Post-secondary instructors enjoying the annual barbeque.

## Trade & Industry Division—James Cooney, North Valley HS, Reno

Trade and Industrial Education programs in Nevada continue to flourish, given the high overall enrollments reported each year. The program offerings under the T&I umbrella include disciplines that serve very diverse economic sectors, from human services to manufacturing. Developing a common bond for teachers among such diversity is challenging, especially when trying to focus professional development at events like the Nevada ACTE Summer Conference.

One common bond is the emphasis on technical, hands-on training along with the need to incorporate the "soft skills" training in curricula, something common to all CTE disciplines. Another bond among T&I teachers is SkillsUSA. The numbers show a trend in increasing interest that will hopefully continue to rise. Consider that membership last year exceeded 2,800 and the attendance at the 2005 State SkillsUSA Championships neared 900. It should not be too long until the state conference reaches the 1,000 member mark. That will be something to celebrate! Within SkillsUSA, one of the most important goals for teachers is developing student leadership. Those skills were on display at the annual fall State Leadership Conference held October 25-27 at the Henderson Convention Center in Henderson. 195 members from 14 chapters participated in this year's conference, where local chapter officers developed and demonstrated leadership skills in project planning, budgeting, committee work, business meetings and public speaking.



Barbeque cooks taking a break!  
Great Food—Great Company!

## Family Consumer Science Division—Sue DeLong, Billingshurst MS, Sparks

The Family & Consumer Sciences Division would like to grow. We'd like to have every FACS teacher in Nevada join us. In order to gain strength, focus, and make a larger impact on Nevada education we need your help. We understand you would want to participate if the program fulfills the "what's in it for me factor." Please tell us what it will take to have you join us in 2006.

A highlight from the FACS Division at NACTE 2005 included a day of hands on experiences with the Family Economics and Financial Education program from Montana State University.

There are a variety of programs available for us to provide, but we need to know what would be a benefit for you. Several ideas include: Workshops on the focus you would like to see for Nevada FACS, State FACS Standards, Program Quality Criteria and program funding, Integrating FCCLA into the classroom program, Where FACS fits in Career Paths, Content area workshops, Business and industry tours

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President Gary Sundseth presenting ATTC Hospitality teacher Karin Erickson the 2005 Outstanding New Vocational Teacher of the Year Award.

## Board Members — 2005-2006

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## What Can NACTE/ACTE Do For You?

- Keep you up to date on legislation pertinent to you as a CTE teacher both within the State and at the Federal level. Perkins is presently up for reauthorization and funding, and that affects all of us. Keep abreast of what is going on and get involved in the legislative process to ensure your students do not lose out in the dollar shuffle.
- NACTE represents your interests at the State Legislature and State Board of Education hearings related to Career and Technical Education.
- ACTE is offering an online “Communities of Practice” to help you gain access to online discussion and information specific to your professional interests from other CTE professionals around the country.
- Quality networking and professional development at the NACTE conference (state) and the ACTE conference (national).
- Professional recognition. Whether you are an educator, administrator, or business leader, the NACTE and ACTE Awards Programs gives you the opportunity to nominate a colleague or personally receive recognition on the state or national stage for your professional accomplishments and dedication to career and technical education.
- Classroom help: ACTE has an online lesson plan library which allows you to search a list of career and technical education lesson plans by topic. You can even help your colleagues by posting a lesson plan of your own.
- ACTE offers a \$25,000 policy for common carrier accidental death and dismemberment insurance to all members within the first year of annual membership. The policy increases by \$5,000 annually with continuous renewal of membership (up to a maximum of \$50,000) plus you get access to affordable insurance options through ACTE’s group buying program.

**ACTE** — Association of Career & Technical Education — <http://www.acteonline.org/>  
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**CTE Week — February 12-18, 2006**  
**NACTE 2006 Summer Conference**  
**July 26—28, 2006**  
**Lake Tahoe**



# NACTE

## Nevada Association for Career & Technical Education

### Membership Application

- New                       Renewal                      Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- State Membership (\$10.00 will go to your division dues)                      \$40.00  
 Retired Membership                      \$10.00  
 Student Membership                      \$10.00  
 National ACTE & NACTE Membership                      \$100.00  
 NVATA & NACTE Dues (Agriculture Division only)                      \$95.00  
 NVBEA & NACTE Dues (Business/Marketing Division only)                      \$60.00
- Bill me Later                      Total Amount Enclosed:                      \$\_\_\_\_\_00

#### Membership Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_, State: \_\_\_\_\_, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
School or Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### Job Title:

- Teacher                       Administrator/Supervisor                       Counselor  
 Middle School                       High School                       Post Secondary                       Other

#### Division:

- Administration                       Agriculture                       Business/Marketing  
 Counseling                       Family & Consumer Science                       Information Technology  
 Trade & Industry                       Other

#### Would you like to serve on any of the following committees?

- Awards                       Public Policy                       Newsletter                       History  
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 Constitution & Bylaws

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