



NACTE NEWS

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Letter From President Jim . . .



This past week I met with the NACTE Treasurer, Mike Pointer, and we discussed our wows and dreams for the organization. At this point Mike showed me a white page about "THE BIG PICTURE."

"EUREKA!!! I just figured it out. I've been racking my brain for years over one question that has been repeated many times regarding our NACTE Organization. When asking educators, administrators, and counselors to become members of NACTE, I often hear, "What's in it for me as a professional member?" A valid question under any circumstance! We join organizations because they provide us benefits that have a direct impact on our jobs or private lives. In education, we join organizations because they negotiate more pay or better benefits for us personally. They work to better our teaching environment and make our jobs better.

On the opposite end of the spectrum, we join organizations that may never have a direct impact on our professional or personal lives because we believe in their "cause." Such an organization might be "Ducks Unlimited." I belong to this worthy organization but I "DO NOT" hunt. I belong because I understand that the money generated from dues goes to environmental programs to protect and preserve habitats for waterfowl. I believe that they do more to protect the future of waterfowl for future generations.

I have come to the conclusion that our NACTE organization is a perfect combination of both examples given above. NACTE provides direct benefits to members in the form of Professional Development through the annual Summer Conference (see our website-nacte.org – for more information). NACTE provides the forum through our conference to network with other CTE educators and hear presenters that will provide information that you can take back to your jobs that will hopefully have a positive impact on your students/jobs.

NACTE also works hard to provide benefits that may or may not have a "direct" impact on you personally. Such an example is our involvement at the state and national levels to seek and support legislation that will have a positive impact on our programs and students in CTE. At the last legislative session, we fought hard to get funding for CTE at the state level and worked diligently at the national level to seek passage of Carl D. Perkins reauthorization. Both are essential elements to the future success of CTE in Nevada. Sometimes we need to step back and ask ourselves what is the "Big Picture" of our organization. I believe that it is our "cause" to see that CTE has a future in public education and continues to be a viable course of study for our students. This can only be accomplished through the dollars generated from dues that fund our officers as they represent CTE in policy making at the state and national levels.

I believe in the "Big Picture" of NACTE and support our "cause" to insure the future of CTE in Nevada. Please join me in helping us better CTE for all students in Nevada."

Well put, Mike!

Jim R. Barbee

NACTE 16 Years Ago ...

Cindy Tedford, Historian

The Nevada Vocational Association Summer Leadership Conference was held in Minden, Nevada, August 14-16, 1990, at the Carson Valley Inn. The President of the Association that year was Jim Cooney.

Highlights from the year:

- Guidance Division was combined with the Administrative Division because of lack of guidance department members
- Janet Hay was the association's Executive Director
- Nancy Pierce asked for assistance from the membership to help her obtain historical documents regarding the association
- Joseph Guild was retained that year as the NVA legislative lobbyist
- Annual Barbeque was held at the Bentley Science Park with speaker Governor Bob Miller
- Nevada Department of Education representative on the board was Bill Trabert
- Ray Armstrong was elected President for 1991
- 1991 Summer Conference was scheduled to be held in Las Vegas in August.



Agriculture Division—Dennis Digenan, Spring Creek HS, Elko

On January 13 and 14, the Nevada Agriculture Teachers' Association met at Great Basin College in Elko, Nevada, for their annual winter meeting. On Friday, teachers from all over the state worked diligently on Agriculture Education Record books and Supervised Agriculture Education projects for students. Students are required to develop an SAE to help identify an agriculture career path.



Ag Teachers 2005-2006

Dennis Digenan served as chairman of the business session held on Saturday where teachers discussed the parameters of the state floriculture and agriculture mechanics career development events. Instructors also discussed the upcoming legislative session in Carson City and developed goals for this session. The Made for Excellence and Advanced Leadership Development conferences will be held in Winnemucca on February 12 – 13, and the State FFA Convention will be March 21-25, 2006. Please visit the agriculture education web page for Nevada Ag. Ed. updates at nvaged.org.

Like all CTE teachers in all divisions, Nevada Agriculture Teachers find themselves facing added pressure from those outside of teaching. Next year the National FFA is moving the site of the national convention to a new city. This adds new pressures to the advisors as they must now relocate housing and move students in a city most have never been in before. This change, on top of the new restriction to fund raising, makes a tough job even more so. However, we, like all of you, will find a way to serve the students in our programs.

The Agriculture division has a exciting program this summer at conference with new programs from the National FFA that will help the Agriculture teachers better serve their students. Most important to all ACTE members, the agriculture division is committed to hosting a fantastic BBQ with a fun-filled evening of auctions, dancing, and an opportunity for members to relax and enjoy the beautiful surroundings of Lake Tahoe.

Business Division—Jolene Ashcraft, Jackpot HS, Jackpot



*Stan Gardner, ATech, Las Vegas, NV
Glencoe CCSD Business Teacher of the
Year 2005*

Get ready for the FIRST NVBEA (Nevada Business Education Association) State Conference — **“Getting Started — One Step at a Time”** — to be held July 25, 2006—the day before the NACTE conference. Plan on spending July 25th making history at our first NVBEA conference and then stay for the NACTE Conference and learn more about CTE in our state.

Look for additional details and registration materials to come soon. Those teachers in rural areas of Nevada, NDE has funding to get you to the conference — contact Rob Campbell, IT consultant @ 775-687-9219 for details. Tentative sessions to be offered: Using Voice Recognition in your Classroom; Online Keyboarding Class; Financial Literacy, Office 12 Features; and Microsoft Resources.

Counseling Division—Sue Ennis, ATTC, Las Vegas

This is the time of the year when the Counseling Department will discuss with student's their career and post-secondary opportunities.

The Las Vegas Review Journal, Thursday, January 19, 2006, featured an article which states, **“Students who take tech classes graduate at higher rate,”** as reported by the Department of Education. Let us continue to inform our students about the many choices they have when planning a career.

Join NACTE counselors at the 79th Annual NACTE CONFERENCE in July, 2006, and learn about the Career and Technical Education courses offered to our students.

Administration Division—Garry Wyatt, Nevada Department of Education

The Spring Administrative meeting is currently being planned — watch for registration and details from Garry.

Our Administrative Division has grown over the years, and I would like to know what “topics” and “guest speakers” you would like to see offered at the NACTE conference. Send me your topics and suggestions of what you would like offered at this year's conference. Contact me via email—gwyatt@doe.nv.gov.

Information Technology Division—Warren Hioki, CCSN, Las Vegas

On January 12-14, 2006, CCSN hosted the National Center for Telecommunications Technology's (NCTT) Mid-Year Partner Meeting. NCTT, headed by Principal Investigator Gordon Snyder, is one of 14 National Science Foundation (NSF) Advanced Technological Education (ATE) Resource Centers of Excellence, each one organized around a specific technology focus. NCTT is charged with leading a national collaborative of business and education partners to develop and disseminate an always relevant, industry-driven curriculum to teach and train tomorrow's Information and Communications Technology (ICT) technicians and technologists. Regional NCTT partners from colleges around the United States gathered to attend workshops on new and emerging technologies. Presentations included: GIS, C-Sharp, Digital Forensics, Radio Frequency Identification (RFID), NCTT, Cisco System's SME's on Voice Over IP, Metro Area Networks, WiMax, and Optical Broadband Delivery and Services. Lieutenant Governor Lorraine Hunt delivered the keynote address entitled: "Preparing the 21st Century Workforce."



Lt. Gov. Lorraine Hunt, Warren Hioki, CCSN,
and Peg Pankowski, CCSN IT Dean

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

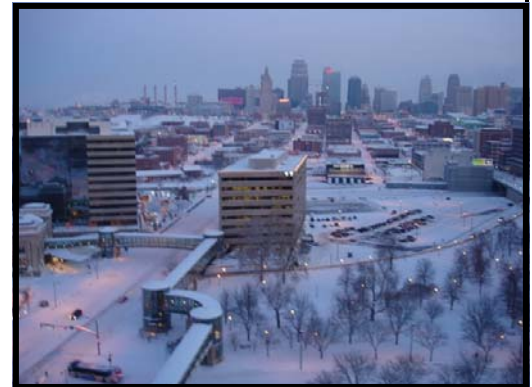
We are preparing for the summer NACTE conference: **P**ACE; **P**rofessional Development; **A**dvocacy; **C**ommunication; and **E**thics, July 26-28th at Cal Neva in Lake Tahoe. We already have some exciting workshops planned including: *Infusing Employability Skills into Your Curriculum*; *How to Start and Improve your CTSO's*; *ABCS of Credit Card Finance for Your Students, Re-certification and Options Regarding Certification and Licensure*; *Community College Update - CTE Programs*; *Fostering Business and Industry Collaboration*.

We are seeking more topics and presenters in **PACE** topics for the general workshop sessions on Thursday, July 27, 2006 at the CalNeva in Lake Tahoe. The workshop sessions are 1 ½ hours in length. If you are with a school district or community college, there are likely funds to pay for your travel expenses.

If you can present a workshop

contact **Noram Bucelato**, email: norma_bucelato@ccsn.edu
phone: 702-651-4485

Topics should relate to Career & Technical Education.



2006 ACTE Conference—Kansas City
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Trade & Industry Division—James Cooney, North Valley HS, Reno

I hope you are planning to attend the summer conference at the mesmerizing location of North Tahoe! It will be another great conference that you will not want to miss. We are in the planning stages right now and are trying to get a program together that will encompass all aspects of our division like Skills USA. I'm trying to confirm more training with Thomas Patton and Associates for AutoCAD or Master Cam through a luncheon again, as well.

This will be a time that you will be able to meet other instructors, talk about issues, and find ways to work around or deal with the situations. You will gain valuable professional development training that will help you for the rest of your career.

It is a great time to become active and get involved both politically and professionally. It is up to you to keep us a viable and complete association that can help out with county and statewide issues that are hurting and helping Career and Technology teachers today.

Family Consumer Science Division—Sue DeLong, Billinghurst MS, Sparks

What NACTE Did For You In 2005 . . .

Your association was very active in the Legislative Process and Session during 2005. Prior to, as well as during the Session, NACTE worked to insure your voice was heard and Career and Technical Education received the attention it deserved. I believe that we were very successful in this venture. Here are some of the accomplishments that were achieved in 2005.

- Registered two lobbyists for session (Jim Cooney and Heather Dye).
- Represented NACTE at the Education Coalition Group every Monday during the session.
- Helped to develop bill drafts for Career and Technical Education and worked with legislators to build support.
- Lobby efforts increased legislative awareness of Career and Technical Education’s needs and importance.
- Formed coalitions with several other lobby groups (NSEA, Nevada School Boards Association, Nevada Manufacturers Assoc., Nevada Mining Assoc., Nevada Retailers Assoc., Nevada Cattlemen’s Assoc., Nevada Farm Bureau Assoc., Trade Unions’ Assoc., School Administrators Assoc., Clark County School District, Washoe County School District, Barrick Goldstrike) as well as several others.
- CTE lobbied and followed 7 bills during the 2005 session: AB 48, AB 388, AB 279, AB 294, SB 286, SB 406, and AB 580.
- Implemented a name change in statute from Occupational Education to Career and Technical Education.
- Developed outstanding support for Career and Technical Education with business and industry leaders in Nevada.
- Supported the development of CTE advisory committees in all school districts in Nevada.
- Developed an understanding of increased funding needs for Career and Technical Education.
- We were successful in securing funding through AB 580 for \$2,000,000 of additional funding for CTE over the 2-year biennium. These funds have been distributed to School Districts and are currently reaching students in Nevada Schools.

I think that we (NACTE) were very successful during the 2005 session of the Nevada State Legislature and that with increased public awareness, member involvement, and a continued involvement, NACTE will be a driving force to set the **PACE** for the 2007 Nevada State Legislative session. Your Executive Board will be working very hard to insure that your program’s needs are addressed in our Legislative Action Plan that is currently being developed.

We look forward to visiting with members during the coming months and during our summer conference. Good luck and great teaching, Jim Cooney, Legislative Representative.

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