



**GACTE Meeting of the Assembly of Members  
Minutes of July 15, 2014**

**Call to Order**

The meeting of the Assembly of Members was held on Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. in the Habersham Ballroom at the Renaissance Waverly in Atlanta, Georgia. President Kim Orrick called the meeting to order with Secretary Lisa Smith recording the minutes and Norman Gay serving as the Parliamentarian. Board members were recognized. Dr. Doug Major, ACTE President, was also recognized.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the July 12, 2013 meeting were submitted for approval by Lisa Smith, Secretary. Minutes will be available by any member per request. The minutes were projected from the projector onto the screen. With a motion from Dr. Tonja Tift and a second from Willie Haynes, the minutes were approved as presented. Minutes were accepted and approved by the Assembly of Members.

**Financial Report**

Treasurer Eboni Chillis presented the financial report for September 2013-August 2014 via projector onto the screen. Ms. Chillis stated that GACTE was financially secure with a net income of \$127,000. We have built our reserves and are happy to have this amount in our treasurer. The treasurer's report was accepted and will be filed for audit.

**Year in Review**

Executive Director Matthew Gambill presented a summary of his activities for 2013-2014. Mr. Gambill discussed many items that were included in his report. Copies of his report were shared with all board members. Each division vice president has a copy of the report for division use. Electronic copies will be made available upon request. Mr. Gambill informed the assembly that he has been encouraged that membership of GACTE has held steady while other organizations have experienced decreases in membership. Georgia is only second behind Oklahoma in membership. He also reviewed some of the organization's accomplishments this year including 15 ACTE Vision Assembly of Delegations represented us in Las Vegas, Nevada where we earned the ACTE Quality Association Award—eighth year in a row. Mr. Gambill stated he works full time when the Legislation is going on, but throughout the year he is still going around the state representing us. He shared with the members the expansion of communications within the organization including the 3,600+ email list serve database, the newly designed GACTE website will be turned on tomorrow, and our Facebook page (like us on our GACTE Facebook page), Twitter account, and our newly formed Instagram account. He reminded the members of the importance of developing and building partnerships at the local, state, and national level. We did not receive cuts from CTAE and the State Board received 5% increase in revenues for the closing of the fiscal year of June 30, 2013.

Mr. Gambill told the members that he continues to be active with the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, the Gold Dome Gang, in addition to many other committees. He also encouraged the members to write and/or e-mail legislators to express their appreciation for their continued support of CTAE.

Mr. Gambill was proud to have 26 members from Georgia attending the NPS. We had a full slate of meetings while there. Carl Perkins Act was discussed. We need to expand our Business and Industry Partners on our local and state levels. Our membership growth over the past 10 years has grown from 1,100 to near the 2,700 mark in membership. He closed with remarks about his passion for education especially Career, Technical, and Agriculture Education saying that he believes that legislators need to know the realities of education and that by working together we can make sure they are informed. He has enjoyed working for our organization for the past ten years.

### **Welcome from ACTE**

Dr. Doug Major, ACTE President, shared what the national affiliation brings to your own membership. You can gain through your membership the following: leadership, economic development, recognition, policy and advocacy, knowledge and connectivity, voice in Washington, promoting public awareness, as well as networking opportunities. Mr. Majors encouraged us to take advantage and call on the 18 paid staff members. Mr. Majors also encouraged us to attend the national conferences to see the best practices in other states and bring back to our State of Georgia. As paid members other items can be obtained from our electronic newsletter, award winning magazines, websites with key word search to use in classroom activities, etc. Mr. Majors also encouraged our Georgia members to consider taking a leadership role and run for the national ACTE board. Summer opportunities exist involving researching in the Washington area and receive compensation for their research in an assigned topic. In closing, Mr. Majors talked about growing the relationships with our DOE, and DOL. We are 22,000 strong in the nation, but we need a common voice for our Career and Technical Education—through our membership we are heard.

### **Committee Reports**

Copies of committee reports were displayed via the projector onto the screen. Each report was presented as a motion with an implied second from committee.

### **Awards Committee**

Awards chairperson, Dr. Tonja Tift, requested that her awards committee please stand. She reported that there were twenty-one applications for the awards tonight. The process was posted and that nominees had completed and submitted their application packets for the committee's review. She recommends that there is only one deadline. Dr. Tift said that she looked forward to the presentation of awards at the dinner and hoped everyone would be there.

### **Budget Committee**

President-elect and budget chairperson, Dr. Larry Murkerson, reported that the budget has been reviewed on a quarterly basis. A proposed budget for next fiscal year is currently being developed for approval at the August 2014 GACTE board meeting. The board retreat has been moved to Callaway Gardens to save on expenses. Our goal is to remain good stewards of your monies. In doing so, we have a financial policy that allows monies to be moved and invested.

## **Bylaws Committee**

Bylaws committee chairperson, Dionne Johnigan, explained the job of the bylaws committee and the process of amending the organization's bylaws. The report was displayed. Johnigan then read each of the proposed bylaws changes to the members.

Article V - Section 3 - G. Waiver of Length of Membership – The requirement for number of years of active membership for each office may be waived only at the discretion of the Board of Directors in the case of a new or reinstated affiliate.

(Delete the language in RED to allow the board to determine membership for nominations in the event we have a nominee that may not have the prescribed years of membership for holding office.)

A vote was called for and all members were in favor. This change has been accepted.

Article V – Section 5 - Resignation and Removal

If because of disability, resignation, lack of nomination or other cause any office becomes vacant, the Board shall be empowered to fill the said office until the prescribe procedures shall be followed to elect a member for the unexpired term. The Board of Directors, by a three-fourths vote of all its members, may remove an officer from office for cause. (Add the language in RED to allow the board to appoint an officer in the event that we don't have a nomination for a particular office.)

A vote was called for and all members were in favor. This change has been accepted.

The bylaws will be revised and placed on the website.

## **Legislation Committee**

Kelly Almond, the legislation committee chairperson, reported that the committee had helped develop this year's GACTE legislative agenda. During the fall, many GACTE members took Mr. Gambill's email request and went to the legislative listening sessions. Legislative session governor's budget had no cuts to CTAE for the first time in ten years. 2016 will be the last year that you can renew your teaching certificate without the PLU requirements.

## **Membership Committee**

Megan Scott and Tim Vinson, membership chairperson, congratulated the members on their accomplishments. Mrs. Scott reported that Georgia has 2,588 members. We expect to see increase when the numbers come in from ACTE in July. Mr. Vinson shared the "Grow GACTE" membership campaign. Recruit a member by September 1, 2014. For every member recruited your name goes in a drawing for 2 night stay at Jekyll Island Club.

## **Nominating Committee**

Renee Smith, chairman of the nominating committee, explained the nominations process and said that one goal of the nominating committee was to have multiple candidates running for office during each election. We have one candidate for President Elect and two candidates for Treasurer. The results will be announced at the annual banquet tonight.

## **Public Relations Committee**

Yalanda Bell, public relations chairperson, shared the success of communicating with members through social media. She took photos to upload to our new Instagram.

**Resolutions Committee**

Resolutions chairperson Dr. Regina Hagood and Major Norene Olsen read the proposed resolutions. The resolutions, listed below, are on file.

**GACTE Proposed Resolutions 2014**

**Resolution 1: COOPERATION AND PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN AND AMONG THE GEORGIA ASSOCIATION FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS**

WHEREAS the Georgia Association of Career and Technical Education understands that it cannot accomplish its purposes without the strong support and partnership of other individuals and groups who share its vision, and

WHEREAS continued cooperation, collaboration and partnerships between and among the Georgia General Assembly, Georgia Association for Career and Technical Education, the Georgia Department of Education, the Technical College System of Georgia, the Georgia Board of Regents, the Georgia Department of Labor, the Georgia Chamber of Commerce and local Chambers, as well as other individuals and groups is critical to the future success of career and technical education, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Georgia Association for Career and Technical Education, through its leadership, will continue this cooperative effort to sustain and improve career and technical education in Georgia, and therefore

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Georgia Association of Career and Technical Education expresses appreciation for the Georgia General Assembly and other organizations and individuals who continue to understand, appreciate and support Career and Technical Education in Georgia.

**Resolution 2: CONTINUOUS FUNDING FOR CAREER, TECHNICAL AND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AT THE NATIONAL AND STATE LEVELS**

WHEREAS Career, Technical, Agricultural Education is critical in providing an investment in a productive

Workforce and

WHEREAS adequate funding is necessary to provide proficient, skilled, and well informed instructors as well as equipment and technology for career and technical education programs to meet academic and technical requirements of business and industry, and

WHEREAS business and industry requires a well-educated, academically and technically prepared and competitive workforce, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Georgia Association for Career and Technical Education, through its leadership, will continue to actively support and encourage increasing state funding levels to local school systems at the secondary level as well as to institutions at the post-secondary level, and therefore

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Georgia Association for Career and Technical Education will continue to actively support and encourage federal funding through the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act.

<b>Resolution 3: PREPARING A QUALITY WORKFORCE THROUGH THE INTEGRATION OF ACADEMIC AND CAREER, TECHNICAL AND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION</b>
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WHEREAS a successful workforce must have graduates with a strong academic and technical background, and  
WHEREAS the workforce must be able to create, analyze and transform information, and  
WHEREAS students must apply academic skills to solve complex problems in their field of study, and  
WHEREAS students learn more when they combine strong academic content with their chosen technical field, and  
WHEREAS students who study rigorous integrated academic and technical content achieve at a higher level, therefore  
BE IT RESOLVED that the Georgia Association for Career and Technical Education, will continue to provide avenues for all educators to share exemplary strategies and participation in professional development activities promoting the integration of academic and technical studies, and therefore  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Georgia Association for Career and Technical Education will continue to collaborate with other organizations to foster the integration of academic and career, technical and agricultural education.

With a motion from Kelly Almond and a second from Kevin Moore, the committee reports were approved as presented. The committee reports were accepted and approved by the Assembly of Members with all members in favor.

**Region II Committee**

Region II Representative Willie Haynes presented the Region II report. He reported that Region II consists of Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Puerto Rico, Virginia, Tennessee, and the Virgin Islands. September 26-28, 2014, Virginia will host the Region II Conference. \$1,000 was contributed to the support fund from last year’s conference. Had a goal of a 10% increase in membership, but we did not meet the goal.

**Door Prizes**

Past-President Lynne Wilson drew the names of the winners of door prizes. \$1,500 has already been handed out prior to today. To be eligible to win, you had to put your tickets in the box in the exhibit hall and be present to win. Dr. Doug Major assisted with the door prizes.

**Remarks and Adjournment**

GACTE President, Kim Orrick, made some closing remarks.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Lisa Smith, Secretary