



**GACTE Meeting of the Assembly of Members  
Minutes of July 17, 2018**

**Call to Order**

The meeting of the Assembly of Members was held on Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 9:03 a.m. at the Classic Center in Athens, Georgia. President Tim Vinson called the meeting to order with Secretary Jennifer Blythe recording the minutes and Norman Gay serving as the Parliamentarian.

**ACTE Updates**

Nancy Trivette, President-Elect for ACTE, welcomed the GACTE membership with a big thank you for a great conference. She voiced her admiration for the collaboration that is evident between GACTE, the Georgia Department of Education, and CTAERN. Ms. Trivette reiterated ACTE's support for the professional learning opportunities of its members. An invitation was extended for ACTE's professional learning events. The flagship event, VISION, will be November 28-December 1, 2018, in San Antonio, Texas, with Jenna Hager as the keynote speaker. The signature best practices event will be in Louisville, Kentucky, from September 26-28, 2018, with ACTE Region II Conference backing up from September 28-29, 2018. All events are available through the ACTE website ([www.acteonline.org](http://www.acteonline.org)). ACTE also advocates for CTAE on Capitol Hill through many avenues. It is with great honor that ACTE's own Scott Stump has been confirmed as the new OSTEAS Assistant Secretary.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the 2017 meeting were submitted for approval by Jennifer Blythe, Secretary. Minutes were posted on the website. With a motion from Randall Wilder and a second from Dr. Brene' Bradley, the minutes were approved as presented.

**Financial Report**

Treasurer Cindy Quinlan presented the financial report for Fiscal Year 2017 via projector onto the screen. Mrs. Quinlan stated that GACTE filed Form 99 with the IRS. GACTE was financially secure with an income of \$340,761.05 and expenses of \$296,613.20. Investments for FY 2017 show growth and GACTE is financially sound. The treasurer's report was accepted and will be filed for audit.

**Year in Review**

Executive Director Matthew Gambill thanked ACTE President-Elect Nancy Trivette for her leadership. He then presented a summary of his activities for 2017-2018. 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 by emailing him with a request. For year 2017-2018, GACTE's membership has increased 15% to 2,592 paid members. Mr. Gambill informed the assembly that

CTAE promotion is vital to our organization, so meetings with the Georgia Department of Education, Regional CTAERN Drive-In Conferences, and CTSO events have been a priority. GACTE Social Media Promotion Campaign continues to thrive. Facebook has increased 15% to 1,637 likes. Twitter is up 23% with 2,104 followers, and Instagram is up 26% to 808 followers.

GACTE was well represented nationally and statewide this year. At the National ACTE Conference, Georgia was well represented with 14 delegates in Nashville, Tennessee. GACTE won their 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive Quality Award. GACTE successfully hosted the Region II Conference in Jekyll Island, Georgia, in September 2017 with our Region II Vice-President, Brian Law. Brian Law, who is a Georgia resident, will be vying for the ACTE President-Elect this year. The ACTE National Policy Seminar was a huge success with CTSO representatives and board members to discuss the Perkins Reauthorization Act. The LEAD CTAE Program had an extremely successful second year. The GACTE email listserv increased these year with the addition of superintendent and other CTAE positions to the email list. The GACTE website is also another vital resource for information for members and potential members.

GACTE Advocacy was busy during the 2018 Session. Capital Equipment Funding for FY2019 was approved at \$13 million. The Georgia General Assembly fully funded QBE with no austerity cuts. Mr. Gambill maintained weekly updates via email throughout the 2018 Session, met with numerous policy makers about the importance of CTAE, and presented with many civic groups. The GACTE organization is financially solid with the 2017 GACTE Summer Conference being a success.

Mr. Gambill shared the 2016-17 goals including:

- Grow and expand the LEAD CTAE program
- Increase GACTE membership
- Execute GACTE Strategic Plan
- Support the Economic Development Partnership pilot
- CTSO Legislative Expo
- Solicit corporate partnerships
- Better enhance Social Media footprint
- Public relations for CTAE
- GACTE organization chart

### **Committee Reports**

Copies of committee reports were made available on the website.

#### **Awards Committee**

Awards chairperson, Zach Fields, reported that a new timeline was implemented this year with the awards. Each division is encouraged to submit for each of the categories. There were 35 submissions in the six categories. The process was posted and that nominees completed and submitted their application packets for the committee's review. Please join us at the award ceremony at 3:30 pm today.

#### **Budget Committee**

President-elect and budget chairperson, Dustin Davis, reported that the FY17 budget was approved last summer has been monitored. All expenditures stayed within the budget.

#### **Bylaws Committee**

Bylaws committee chairperson, Kim Orrick, explained the job of the bylaws committee and the process of amending the organization's bylaws. Emails were distributed in October and January for bylaw recommendations. No recommendations or reviews were discussed for FY2018.

### **Legislation Committee**

Kedriane Harris, the legislation committee chairperson, extended a thank you to Executive Director, Mathew Gambill, and the CTAE teachers for their tireless efforts on the retraction of HB778.

### **Membership Committee**

Stephanie Windon, membership chairperson, reported that GACTE has two membership drives that were initiated for 2017-2018. The first campaign was called Movers and Shakers of the month. Winners were announced monthly throughout the year. Applications for the campaign are available on the GACTE website. The second campaign is called iContribute.

### **Nominating Committee**

Cmdr Alex Baker, chairman of the nominating committee, explained the nominations process. This year we received 2 nominations for President-Elect (Judy Beaver from WBL/YAP and Yolanda Bell from Administration) and 1 nomination for Secretary (Stephanie Windon from Business and Computer Science). The applications were available online at [www.gacte.org](http://www.gacte.org) from January 2018 to the deadline on March 30, 2018. The candidates' personal statements and pictures have been available online for membership viewing. The voting booth was open yesterday, July 16, from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm and will reopen today from 10:45 am – 2:00 pm. Please join us today at 3:30 pm at the awards ceremony for the results. Nominations for our 2019-2020 President-Elect will open January 2019 online.

### **Public Relations Committee**

Teresa Phillips, public relations chairperson, discussed the main objectives of the PR Committee for 2017-2018. The objectives include increasing membership, continuing CTAE advocacy, growth of the GACTE organization, increase of social media presence, and more positive success stories.

### **Region II**

GACTE's Region II representative, Kim Orrick, reported that Region II met three times last year. They met at Region II in Jekyll Island, Georgia, VISION in Nashville, Tennessee, and the last was at National Policy Seminar in March. Also representing Georgia on the Region II board is Vice-President Brian Law from Georgia. Two of our Georgia award recipients were recognized at Region II. Amanda McClure won the Region II New Teacher of the Year, and Sharon Barrow won Region II Guidance and Counseling. Sharon moved on to win the National ACTE Guidance and Career Counseling Award. Seven out of the 20 LEAD ACTE participants were from Region II with 4 being from Georgia. Region II Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Louisville, Kentucky, on September 28-29, 2018. Willie Hayes from Georgia will be assuming the position of National ACTE Awards Chair.

### **Resolutions Committee**

Resolutions chairperson Dr. Brene` Bradley read the proposed resolutions. After careful consideration, the committee made only very minor changes to the language and reordered the resolutions in order of priority given the most pressing current issues.

A motion was made to accept the committee reports as presented. The motion was accepted by Kedrione Harris and a second from Kelly Almond. The committee reports were accepted and approved by the Assembly of Members with all members in favor.

### **Door Prizes**

### **Remarks and Adjournment**

GACTE President, Tim Vinson, made some closing remarks. Cmdr Alex Baker made a motion to adjourn and Stephanie Windon seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 am.

Jennifer Blythe, Secretary