



Board of Directors Annual Meeting
Record of Minutes
July 13, 2024
5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
Westin La Paloma

Executive Board Members (Past & Present):

Stephen Weltsch, Jim Grieshaber, Lindsay Duran, Patrick Clawson, Lori Luzier, Michelle Bohon, Patti Pastor

Board Members Present:

Jennifer Brooks (AZ CTECC), Debbie MacKinney (AZ CTECC), Dennis Esparza (Audit Committee), John Morgan (AOAC), Mike Terrey (Business & Industry Rep), Oscar Olivas (ATIEA), Nicole Hampton (University Rep), Jim Kaltenbach (AATA), Hailey Adams (AZHCEA), Hector Reyes (ABEA), Francisco Ortiz Davis (AME)

ACTE National:

Mark Branger, Region V Past President

Fellows Present:

Heidi Moya, Sandy Budde, Rene Manley-Medic, Lisa Fleming, Jennifer Fowler, Paige Quinn, Kirsten Coury, Joleese Meadows and Scott Fitterer

Consultants/Employees Present:

Pam Ferguson, Shelly York, Amber Gloria

Call to Order, Establish Agenda & Verify Quorum – Jim Grieshaber

Meeting called to order at 5:04 p.m. Quorum verified.

Introductions/Welcome – Jim Grieshaber

- 50th Anniversary will be next year. This will be an open meeting.
- Jim welcomed Stephen as the new ACTEAZ Director, and he wished Pam the best as she transitions to her next chapter of life. She has served the Association well for 23 years and she has grown it tremendously. The Exec. Board will remain the same for the 24-25
- Welcome to Mark Branger, ACTE Region V, President 20-22
- Executive Board Introductions

- Board of Directors Introductions

Consent Agenda (Voting Items) – Jim Grieshaber

Jim Grieshaber let everyone know that the Consent Agenda from April 22 is in hard copy form and asks all to take a few minutes to review. There being no questions Jim asks for a motion to approve. Heather Webb makes a motion, seconded by Lindsay Duran. Motion carries.

Informational Items:

- National ACTE Membership: It was awesome to have Visions in Phoenix this past year and Jim encouraged everyone to become a national member.
- Mark Branger added that Visions was so successful in Phoenix that ACTE is looking to return in 4 yrs. Over 4,000 in attendance.

Treasurer's & Financial Review – Lori Luzier

- Full budget review will be provided at the fall retreat.
- Conference is down about 2%. 1.1 million in the bank and the Association is fully solvent. Jim thanked Lori and Shelly for their hard work. We are continually working on communication with school districts as the ebb and flow of dollars is fluid.

Summer Conference Update – Pam Ferguson/Shelly York

- Pam Ferguson asked that we thank Kevin Imes and the ADE staff for being co-sponsors of the conference and for doing registration check in. They have been awesome. Pam talked about the keynote
- Thanks to ACTEAZ Affiliates
- Supt. Tom Horne cannot be with us but will be doing a welcome video at the Keynote.
- Conference Program online and on the mobile app Swapcard.
- 1077 conference attendees
- 2 platinum sponsors
- 9 sponsors for conference bags, 56 exhibitors (Jim encouraged attendees to visit exhibitors at both sites.
- Buses between conference hotels. They leave each hotel on the ½ hour.

ACTEAZ State of the State 2023/24 Report – Jim Grieshaber

Jim went over the Board Goals.

- Increase vetted instructors for the Premier Series. Working with CTE Directors to start the process.
- Continue monthly electronic newsletter for active members that highlights events and resources for members. To date, 18 issues have been completed.
- Podcast repository. The first one was on Workforce Development and links on social media. This will continue after Fall Retreat 2024.
- Continue to share more information to members regarding their ACTEAZ Affiliates and Affiliates are working hard to rebuild their memberships. Affiliate members on the ACTEAZ Board report out at meetings.

Marketing

- Jennifer Kline will represent ACTEAZ at Region V.
- 12 members attended NPS (National Policy Seminar).
- ACTEAZ has received the Quality Association Award for over 20 years.
- Hawaii was the largest region conference ever and they did an amazing job of hosting the conference. There was a plethora of exceptional opportunities.
- Brian Law is the former president 21-22 of the National Association and he will be at the conference tomorrow.

ACTE Report

Mark Branger reported as Brian Law will not come in till tomorrow.

- National ACTE Conference is December 4th – 7th in San Antonio, Texas.
- National Policy Seminar is March 16th– 19th, 2025 in Arlington, VA.
- Thank you to Susan Leon and Dr. Robert Torres for serving on the ACTE National Board.

ACTE Region V Report – Mark Branger

- The innovative award from Arizona was Shadow Ridge High School in Dysart and it was called, “Racing the Sun.”
- Jennifer Cline won the Post-Secondary Educator of the Year Award and will now compete for the national award at Region V.
- Shelly Thom serves as a policy maker with one year remaining.
- Region V Conference will be in Las Vegas May 1-3, 2025, and it will be the 50th Anniversary.

Presentation of Certificates & Thank you to President – Pam Ferguson/Stephen Weltsch

Pam indicated there are 2 certificates for each Board Member-one for service (30 hours for serving on the Board) and one is a Certification of Appreciation. Jim thanked everyone for their service.

- Jim Grieshaber, President
- Stephen Weltsch, President-Elect
- Lindsay Duran, Past President
- Patrick Clawson, Vice President
- Lori Luzier, Treasurer
- Patti Pastor, Secretary
- Heather Webb, Member at Large
- Michelle Bohon, Member at Large

Board of Directors

- James Kaltenbach: AATA
- Chris Liebelt-Garcia: ABEA
- John Scrogam: ACOVA
- April Porter: AME
- John Morgan: AOAC

- Eric Phye: ATIEA
- Tammy Bonner: AZ Curriculum Consortium
- Hailey Adams: AZHCEA
- Kevin Imes/Cindy Gutierrez: ADE Representative
- Michael Terrey: Business Partnerships
- Nicole Hampton: CTE University Liaison
- Mike Neu, Michelle Bohon: Fellows Coordinators
- Dennis Esparza: Financial Review Chair
- Tina Norton: ACTEAZ Lobbyist
- Amy West: AZ Career Technical Education District Representative
- Jennifer Kaufman-Fourness: Workforce Development and AOAC

Notification of ATEAZ Board Meeting Dates 2024-25 –Stephen Weltsch/Jim Grieshaber

Stephen Weltsch said the year's calendar is being passed out to all Affiliates and it will be followed by a calendar invite.

- ACTEAZ Fall Retreat – September 14, 2024 (In Person) at West-MEC
- ACTEAZ Board of Directors Meeting - October 21, 2024 (Zoom)
- ACTEAZ Board of Directors Meeting – December 16, 2024 (Zoom)
- ACTEAZ Board of Directors Mid-Winter Meeting - February 7, 2025 (In Person) at Prescott Resort
- ACTEAZ Board of Directors Meeting – April 21, 2025 (Zoom)
- ACTEAZ Summer Conference Annual Board of Directors Meeting - July 12, 2025 (In Person) at Westin

Lindsay Duran made a motion to accept the calendar as presented, John Morgan 2nd, motion carries.

ADE Report – Kevin Imes

Kevin Imes not present but Jim thanked ADE for being a co-sponsor of the conference.

Premier Series – Stephen Weltsch

Stephen introduced Amber as the new Premier Series Coordinator. Amber was a super successful CTE teacher and now will lead the Premier Series. Amber indicated that she is excited to lead all teachers and her role in serving the Association.

- At each conference sponsored by ACTEAZ there will be Premier Series offerings.
- There will be hybrid offerings virtually as well as in person offerings.
- The Association will be exploring post-secondary offerings for the future.

ACTEAZ Fellows Program Update – Stephen Weltsch

Our Association has grown through the Fellows Program and Stephen wants to grow it further. QR Codes are available throughout the conference so your support in putting candidates forward would be appreciated. \$4000 was raised at Mid-winter conference through the efforts of the Fellows. Funds go to scholarships.

Reports by Affiliates & Special Group Representatives – Jim Grieshaber

James Kaltenbach: AATA:

- Melissa Veo is current president; she started eight months early
- Retention – Began with 10 hours for new/early teachers this week
- This past April hosted a 2-day new teacher training in Payson
- Received \$65,000 from AZ FFA Foundation. Half will be going to retention programs.
- Looking at creating Ag specific Premier Series course to help our new colleagues
- Working with UA AETI to get more of our students into teacher pipeline
- Bragging rights: Proud of Dr. Bobby Torres (Aggie) who is ACTE Past President and Sharon Metzger who is NAAE Region I Secretary

Chris Liebelt-Garcia: ABEA

Chris was not present, but Hector Reyes gave report

- Western Business Conference Educators will be in February in Tucson

John Scrogam: ACOVA

John was not present, so no report was given.

April Porter: AME

Francisco Ortizy Davis gave a report on behalf of April Porter.

- Poco Diablo will host their conference in February.
- Working on trying to revitalize their mentor program

John Morgan: AOAC

- Group meets monthly
- Group members receive a certificate and a polo and are excited about that.
- Scholarships will be offered for students going directly into industry or receiving a certificate.
- Students will be given tools, and they will follow the student's careers.
- Continue to work with industry partners.
- Phil Howard is retiring after 25 years of service, and he will be receiving a watch.
- Frank Quinn will be honored for his service on Monday. He is a humble servant of their group.

Eric Phye: ATIEA

Eric was not present, so no report was given.

Jennifer Brooks: AZ Curriculum Consortium

- Jennifer announced that Debbie MacKinney is the new associate director of the Consortium.
- Over 7500 resources crafted for teachers; 50 teachers wrote curriculum
- Lots of new users.
- ADE awarded the consortium

Hailey Adams: AZHCEA

- AZHECA is sponsoring 9 sessions at the summer conference.
- There are 4 healthcare teachers being recognized at the summer conference.
- Newsletter is back, trying to build membership, working on industry scholarships.

Kevin Imes/Cindy Gutierrez: ADE Representative

No report given.

Michael Terrey: Business Partnerships

- They are offering a program to 7th/8th graders to make them aware of the opportunities in the auto industry.
- CDX went down for several weeks and affected services.

Nicole Hampton: CTE University Liaison

- All 3 Universities received a pretty good budget cut. Potential fallout could be program cuts, hiring freezes, etc. Nicole indicated the current situation would pass, but she wonders if CTE programs will evaporate at the University Level.
- All university certificate programs were cut last year and now they may be coming for Bachelors. This is just a numbers game. CTE programs/degrees are evaporating nationwide. Nicole and Jenifer Cline are working together to get a Post Secondary Adult Continuing Education (PACE) affiliate in the State of AZ.

Mike Neu, Michelle Bohon: Fellows Coordinators

- Michelle recognized all the Fellows present
- Michelle Bohon said ACTEAZ had 16 Fellows this year.
- Eight were recognized for their commitment and contributions to the program.
- Fellows worked hard at Midwinter Conference to raise money for scholarships for students
- Application is now open on the ACTEAZ website for potential Fellows to apply.

Dennis Esparza: Financial Review Chair

- Report will be provided at the next meeting.

Tina Norton: ACTEAZ Lobbyist

Tina Norton not present so no report given.

Amy West: AZ Career Technical Education District Representative

Amy West not present so no report given.

Jennifer Kaufman-Fourness: Workforce Development and AOAC:

- As community colleges develop programs for bachelor's there will be no duplication of programs but just degrees that focus on work force gaps.
- They are also focusing on adult learners who need to be upskilled and in jobs quickly.

Reception for ACTEAZ Board of Directors and Fellows – Jim Grieshaber

- Past President Reception hosted by Jim Grieshaber following adjournment annual meeting.
- Location is San Xavier Presidential Suite 833 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Jim excused himself and turned the meeting over to Lindsay Duran.

Good of the Order – Lindsay Duran

Lindsay recognized the ACTEAZ team for their hard work and she recognized Shelly York for her long hours of work on summer conference. Pam Ferguson will be recognized at breakfast on Wednesday, July 17.

Adjournment – Lindsay Duran

There being no further business Lindsay Duran called for a motion to adjourn. Lori Luzier made a motion to adjourn and Heather Webb 2nd. Motion carries. The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Submitted by,

Pattie Pastor, Secretary

Approved: September 14, 2024