



**Colorado Association of Career and Technical
Administrators
CACTA Mid-Winter Business Meeting Agenda
February 10, 2021
1:30pm - 3:00pm**

CACTA Mission/Vision:

*The **mission** of CACTA Board is to promote professional leadership and development of members to ensure Career and Technical Education within the education systems of Colorado will meet the continually changing education and training needs of students and business/industry.*

*The CACTA Board **vision** is to energize and communicate the passion and value of Career and Technical Education (CTE) throughout our communities.*

Attendance: Name as listed on Zoom Attendance Roster – 2-10-2021

Paula Herrmann, Laurie Krizman, Annie D., Laurie Krizman, Aimee Barker, Mimi Leonard, Aimee Barker, Shelley Goerd, Dr. Teina McConnell, Gill Thompson, Jacqui Geiselman, Debbie Nelson, Steve Moos, Julie Wright, Kristi Weaver, Jaime Caldwell, Lauren Victor, Rebecca Morlan, Stacy Miller, Michelle Smith, Linda Van Doren, Victoria Bobo, Jessica McAllister, Tammy Ward, Roxie Aldaz, Aimee Barker, Jessica Bright, Sarah Heath, Nikki Carter, Kolleen Johnson, Mary Krisko, Emily Sherwood, Patricia Duhalde, Katie Parker, Colleen Vidockler, Joy Griffin, Lisa Harris, Andrea Bolton, Allen Golden, Duane Roberson, Sheri Bryant, ren011049, Victoria Crownover, Duane Roberson, Jordan Whittington, Jessica Bright, Tony Bowling, Dawn Bauer, Martin Kollman, Lori Cooper, Chris Duran, Julia Halfpop

Call to Order: Annual Midwinter meeting by Paula Herrmann at 1:34pm

Approval of Agenda:

Approval of Minutes – October 8, 2020: 1st – Stacy Miller 2nd - Janet Renden
none opposed/approved

Welcome: Paula Herrmann with introduction of Executive Board

Secretary Report – Laurie Krizman – nothing to report

Treasurer Report – Jessica Bright – See Audit/Budget

Reports of Standing Committees:

- **Audit/Budget** – Jessica Bright
As of 2/3/21, checking balance is \$10,320.43, savings balance is \$37,970.82. Busy processing registration payments for Symposium, and dues payments that come from CACTE. 128 registrants for the CACTA Mid-Winter Virtual Symposium. Will be working with Debbie Nelson, ACTE, to transition funds for membership fees, to determine money collected for conference attendees. Nothing to report on Audit.
- **Awards/Archives** – Chris Duran/Tammy Ward

- Retirees – Deniece Cook, Kathy Powell-Case
- Friend of CACAA – Lisa Seaman
- Emerging Leader – Jessica McAllister
- Administrator of the Year – Kristi Weaver
- **Communications** – Janet Renden
 - Received updated membership list from Debbie Nelson
- **Constitution/Bylaws/Resolutions** – Rebecca Morlan
 - Nothing new to report at this time.
- **Legislative** – Mimi Leonard/Janet Renden/Duane Roberson
 - The Legislative Session is slated to start on February 16 - about a month later than usual. The JBC has already been meeting. The legislative priorities are finalized and can be found on the CACTE website. <http://www.cacte.org/home/advocacy/most-recent-legislative-session/>
 - This year's focus is on three main priorities: • Education Funding: K-12 & Higher Education • CTE Teacher/Instructor Pipeline • Workforce Development, Partnerships & Collaboration. Legislative reports from Tonette Salazar when available, can also be found at the above website. The Advocacy Lesson Plan has been updated and is also available on the CACTE website - <http://www.cacte.org/home/advocacy/advocacy-toolkit/>
 - Janet Renden and Debbie Nelson are sending an invitation to the Colorado legislatures to attend the CTE Summit. They are also sending CTE videos and news tidbits every month. They are requesting schools and districts to send their fun and informative CTE information to Debbie Nelson or Janet Renden to forward from your district to our politicians to keep CTE in the forefront.
- **Membership/Nominations** – Janet Renden
 - CACTA Membership is now 121 members which has dropped some. CACTE has also dropped quite a bit. Debbie asked that we all encourage membership in our districts. Covid and email overload has definitely had an effect.
- **Program of Work** – Paula Herrmann
 - Member recruitment and engagement – Through outreach, networking, and networking opportunities, marketing, and providing leadership support. Increase new membership – get word out Professional development experiences • Set up Zoom updates – open forum for networking • Chat sessions • Showcase an individual or school to speak or (host) Have updates shared on website • Do a prize each time (spinning wheel) (gift card) • Admin spotlight 1X a month - Leadership and professional development - Creating offerings, targeted outreach, non-conference and conference opportunities.
- **Social and Exhibits** – Gill Thompson/Julie Wright
 - A letter will be sent to the 12-15 Vendors that partner with us every year. The letter will thank them for their partnership in the past and let them know that we plan to continue the partnership in the future. It will also include a save the date for next year.

Liaison Reports:

- **ATC Liaison** – Linda Van Doren
 - Updates from the ATCs: Presented to the JBC two weeks ago - highlights include: continued strong completion, placement & licensure rates in our hybrid, blended, and

in-person programs. All 3 ATCs have waitlists and the need for additional funding. Requesting Capitol funding improvements from last year.

- Tech College of the Rockies: is looking at adding a Fire Science program for the Fall with a fire truck donated to them just this week.
- Pickens Tech: is delivering classes virtual, hybrid, Face to face...in rotating cohorts of 15:1 and 9:1 in A/B/C days and A/B weeks and is thrilled to have the opportunity to continue to serve our students in this unique setting. Pickens is on the verge of a roll out of new virtual Customized Training for short term credentials to enhance our current programming. This new option will give us the opportunity to upskill and reskill displaced workers and contribute to the Colorado Economic Comeback. It will also create stackable credentials for current students enrolled in current programs. We have learned a lot during this time of exploring new platforms for learning. We are looking to the future of how we can do things differently to increase our enrollment through more hybrid and remote learning options which will increase space for skills check offs while serving more students and meeting the demands of wait list and workforce needs
- Emily Griffith Tech: welcomes a new ED - Randy Johnson a DPS veteran and CTE champion. Starting to plan for a post-COVID world. Preparing for our COE site visit in October 2021. Had a virtual COE (accrediting) site visit to approve a satellite campus for our Multimedia and Video Production Program (housed at the public media center) - no findings and approval on the spot. We are presenting at the Region V ACTE virtual conference about the CTE Teacher Excellence project Awarded a planning grant for CO-HELPS for our new Patient Care Technician program We are a half of a year into our new intake and student success model that includes career navigation, wraparound support services (including mental health) and career coaches New programs launching: Construction Essentials (March 2021), Patient Care Technician (fall 2021), Behavioral Health Technician (Fall 2021), Cybersecurity (we need an instructor!)
- **CACTE Board Liaison – Debbie Nelson**
 - 2021 CACTE CAREERTECH SUMMIT - July 18-22. Format is not decided yet.... If in-person, will likely have a virtual component Have your districts/workplaces decided about support for Summer 2021 PD/travel? Please encourage your teachers and counselors' attendance with monetary support. We'll keep you posted.....
 - CACTE MEMBER NEEDS ASSESSMENT - The CACTE Board wants to be responsive to member needs. Please complete the survey yourself (5-10 mins)! Please encourage your CTE faculty to complete the survey - link is on CACTE website - <https://forms.gle/wfz6DQB4ExSpuHyKA>
 - LEGISLATIVE ISSUES - Legislative Committee is monitoring bills and other happenings, providing Tonette with feedback. 2021 Virtual CTE Showcase for Legislators – happening now!!! “Daily Drips” on Twitter and Facebook – please like and retweet/repost February 10 and 17 – today and next Wednesday – we want to flood Twitter with “I am CTE” videos from students, teachers, counselors, admin – everyone! Tag your own legislators as well!
 - COUNSELING/CAREER DEVELOPMENT DIVISION STATE-WIDE CAREER FAIR • CCD Division is planning this event to occur April 19-22 from 4-6:30 pm with

- different career pathways featured each evening. Planning Business/Industry panels w at least one pathway teacher as well • Stay tuned for details!
- IAED/DEI WORK W CCCS - CACTE is partnering with CCCS in this work • CACTE Board has a resources spreadsheet to share ideas/finds/thoughts. Colorado has 3 ACTE IAED Mentees – Chris Juarez, Elina Medina and Cristina Sanchez Serrano
 - CTE LEARN - Awesome member benefit with ACTE, Online professional development - some w a fee, some free - <https://co.ctelearn.org> - check it out!
 - CACTE EXCELLENCE AWARDS - ACTE/CACTE and CACTE Specific awards are listed on website - nomination portal opens 3/17. PLEASE think about your counselors and nominate a deserving person for Counseling & Career Development Professional Award. PLEASE nominate folks for all other awards. Ideas for 2021 CACTE Hall of Fame nominees?
 - MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS - CACTE is looking for officer candidates: President-Elect - must have served previously on CACTE Board; 3 yr. commitment and Secretary – ability to type and capture meetings succinctly; 2 yr. commitment. Please encourage your teachers’ membership in ACTE/CACTE with monetary support. Feedback is always welcome on e-newsletters, website, other CACTE activities – we are striving to make the association responsive to members!
 - FUTURE CACTE CAREERTECH SUMMIT DATES - Mark Your Calendars! • 2022 Beaver Run Resort, Breckenridge, July 17-21 • 2023 Loveland Embassy Suites, July 16-20 • 2024 – likely Grand Junction.....July 21-25 • 2025 Loveland Embassy Suites, July 20-24
 - **CCCS Liaison** – Sarah Heath
 - Completed the State of the State this morning and has sent an email to members with a summary of dates
 - The credentialing class will continue to be virtual and not in person at CACTE.
 - Cambiar – is “free” today and March with the goal to support teachers and give them an avenue for WBL. There have been a lot of questions on structure and protocols in documenting WBL. There will be a sign up on the website.
 - The CTE credentialing class will continue to be virtual and not in person at CACTE.
 - **Community College Liaison** – Victoria Bobo
 - Arapahoe Community College
Castle Rock Water and Arapahoe Community College (ACC) were asked to present by the EPA on their national workforce webinar next month to highlight water apprenticeships and partnerships with community colleges. ACC recently had its accreditation visit from the Accrediting Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) which reviewed its RN to BSN program. The college should have results from that accreditation visit in the next few weeks. The college is moving forward on acquiring a Mobile Simulated Courtroom to support multiple CTE programs via its FY2021 Perkins Local Plan (Criminal Justice, Law Enforcement, Paralegal, and potentially others as case scenarios include other CTE fields). The goal is to incorporate real-world simulation into the classroom and showcase the Public Service pathways. The real-life courtroom in turn provides an opportunity for recruitment teams and major educators to have meaningful career conversations with students in a relevant setting.
 - Red Rocks Community College

Red Rocks Community College (RRCC) and Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design (RMCAD) signed a transfer agreement. Now, students completing an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Professional Photography can easily transfer up to 60 credits and continue their education towards their Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Photography at RMCAD.

RRCC and El Camino College in California have announced a first in the nation community college collaboration to create the “Space, Cyber & Supply Talent Development Center” (SCSTDC). The partnership bridges two different aerospace hubs and maximizes opportunities for partnerships with stakeholders that share economic and workforce development goals in STEM and the aerospace industry. Both colleges have shown strong results in aligning classes with jobs and helping people obtain workplace relevant experience.

The new Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Security Software Development is now available for students to pursue at the Lakewood campus of RRCC.

- **Secondary Liaison (rural)** – Roxie Aldaz

Like everyone else, small rural school districts with CTE Programs are experiencing new found growth and skills as so much learning has moved to an on-line or virtual format. What started out as a huge struggle has become a new way of life and teaching. There has been much talk of the great appreciation for leadership as they pull together virtual CTSO Conferences and that those have been held with much quality at every lever – District, State and National. We too, are especially appreciative of those leaders who understand that we are in the midst of change and that life is not as usual now and in the near future and have allowed Programs that should be primarily in-person such as a Construction Technologies, Automotive, etc. can still be available with new ideas to teach the curriculum. Governor Jared Polis awarded a Response, Innovation, and Student Equity (RISE) Fund to Colorado Mountain College last week. The RISE fund supports innovation in high-needs school districts, charter schools and public institutions of higher education to address the learning challenges related to the economic, social, and health impacts of COVID-19. The grant, which will be shared with Colorado Northwestern Community College (CNCC), includes \$2,957,466 to rebuild, grow and sustainably scale concurrent enrollment opportunities for high schools and local institutions of higher education in rural communities within CMC and CNCC’s service area. The colleges’ service area includes 20,000 square miles and 10,500 high school students. The CMC/CNCC grant was awarded in Polis’ second round of RISE grants, the first of which were awarded last November and included a \$492,000 grant to Lake County School District for the development of a mobile learning center. Both rounds of grants, which were chosen by a group of parents, students and education leaders, awarded over \$40 million in RISE funding.

- **Secondary Liaison (metro)** – Stacy Miller/Dawn Bauer

- DPS – working with students on certifications with post-secondary and Linda having access.
- Equity and Access for students. Supporting teachers to provide opportunities and ideas to engage students.
- Post-Secondary Update in our region is the Deans of Schools have loosened the restrictions on Concurrent Enrollment options allowing students to work remotely in

many cases and allowing more students to pick schools. We are still working on thoughtful ways to incorporate CE course work in new program approvals.

- **Web Liaison** – Chris Duran
Exploration of website re-design – see notes in new business
- **Hotel Logistics Liaison** – Teina McConnell
CACTA has signed a contract for the 2024 Mid Winter Conference to be held at Embassy Suites, Loveland in lieu of cancelling the 2021 F2F conference.

Unfinished Business:

- Updating CACTA committee duties – communication and expectations when requesting nominees. Paula would like to include in bylaws – Lisa Harris motioned, Tony Bowling 2nd

New Business:

- Website discussion and information – Paula and Chris Duran are looking for an interactive, informative and professional look. They got a sample (shown virtually) from Nathan with a preview of a new site which would include a 3 month training for our staff for \$2750. Motion from the Website Committee, Chris Duran, to update the website. Debbie Nelson indicated that we did not need a 2nd since the request is from the committee. Chris asked for others who would be interested in completing the training with him for additional site input and also in case he is not always available to add/update items.
- Leadership and professional development ideas – Paula is planning a Zoom open forum to get new ideas and showcasing Leadership in CTE. Use the Colorado State Plan website for information.
- Suggestions for CACTA Division Day (CACTE summer 2021) – unknown date and format at this time...Send ideas for in-person and virtual to Debbie Nelson.
- Special Committee for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion – will CACTA want to include this as a new committee? Sarah said that CCCS will include the CACTA president/board? as part of their training starting in June/July as support across the state in order to service all students.
- The Spring Meeting will be April 22nd. An email will follow.
- Annie D, stated that CCVS schools (close to Colorado Springs) received the RICE grant and will be posting for a full time CTE Director with this funding.
- Sarah Heath stated that the New Director training that usually occurs during CACTA will happen this Friday – emails have been sent to all CTE staff and it is posted on their website.

Officer Nominations:

- Pres-Elect - open for election. Because of the odd Covid year, Janet Renden motioned for Paula Herrmann to be President for another year and Tiena McConnell 2nd, none opposed. Jessica Bright motioned that Nikki Carter be president-elect, Laurie Krizman 2nd, none opposed.

Adjournment: by Paula Herrmann at 3:02pm