



2015 Arizona Annual Meeting *State of the State Report*

State Leaders/Officers:

- President, Dr. John Mulcahy; Past-President, Stephen Weltsch; President-Elect, Lisa Doll; Vice-President, Julie Stockwell; Secretary, Christine Nelson; Treasurer, Dennis Esparza; Past-President Advisor, Doris Wojtulewicz.
- Consultants: Pam Ferguson, Shelly York, Mary Anne Berens, Tony York.

Member Recruitment and Retention

- This is our 40th Anniversary of our ACTE Professional Development Conference that we do in partnership with the Arizona Department of Education. This year we will have over 250 sessions and it will be a six day conference.
- ACTEAZ gives complimentary ACTEAZ memberships to those attending the ACTE Summer Conference as an added value incentive for the conference.
- We also now have free membership to anyone statewide who is a professional in CTE. They can go to the website and register.
- We are focusing on retired members to continue their membership to remain active and informed on CTE issues.
- Members receive e-blasts to keep them abreast of association information and state/national CTE issues. ACTEAZ has the capacity to send e-blasts to all members.
- ACTEAZ currently has over 1300 members.
- New Memberships brochures have been developed, printed and used extensively.
- ACTEAZ continues to send out Job Listings of CTE Openings in our State for School Districts. This is our eighth year for providing this service.
- Mary Anne Berens finished as Chair of the Region V Audit Committee and now is Chair of National Audit Committee.
- Shelly York is beginning her term on the Region V Audit Committee.
- Shelly York is also the NEDA Secretary for the next three years.
- Mary Anne Berens serves as the Region V Fellowship Coordinator.
- Lou Hart is also a Region V Fellow having graduated from the Arizona Program.
- Arizona now has two National Fellows and they are: Christine Nelson and Amanda Shively.
- ACTEAZ has members serving on multiple Region V Committees and Speranta Klees from AZ is the Award Chair.
- Since 2000 there have been 91 Fellows who are graduates of this ACTEAZ Leadership Program and there are currently 28 fellows at various stages within the program. Many of our leaders in ACTEAZ have been ACTEAZ Fellows. We are working very hard to continue to build our own leaders and increasing different levels in the Fellowship Program to meet the needs of various stages for leadership development.
- ACTEAZ in 2015 sponsored eight scholarships for members' students.
- ACTEAZ honored fifteen people at our ACTEAZ Summer Conference Awards Breakfast.

Advocacy and State Issues

- ACTEAZ works closely with National ACTE on their Advocacy Efforts and we greatly appreciate the leadership that they share with the states.
- Our ACTEAZ Board of Directors has a 20 minute study session at each Board Meeting to stay up on State Issues.
- Governor Ducey signed the CTE Month Proclamation. State Legislators were visited by ACTEAZ members, teachers and administrators as their schedules permitted. CTSO students also invited State Legislators to visit their school district programs.
- CTE Month Activities were posted on the website. Invitation Letters and To-Do Lists etc. were all posted to assist members in completing these activities with their busy schedules.
- ACTEAZ had 28 members at National Policy Seminar 2015 in Washington, D.C. Delegates met with Senators, Representative or Educational Aides from all eleven Arizona Congressional offices.
- This year with the new State Budget, JTED's and School Districts lost money so we will be working on what this all means for CTE in our state. We will continue to advocate for reinstatement of funds.

- ACTEAZ has a new electronic Advocacy Sign-Up Process on our website so that members can sign up with home e-mails to receive Advocacy Information so that it does not go thru the school technology system. ACTEAZ now can send out information quickly to the Advocacy List for issues that occur and need immediate response to legislators.
- ACTEAZ continues to register Tina Norton as the Designated Lobbyist of Record. Due to many efforts by Tina Norton and our association members, as well as other leaders in our State, Arizona has helped change the percentage of Funding for JTEDS in our state. Our State Officers are also registered as Alternate Lobbyists.
- Due to many peoples' efforts, we now have CTE Courses counting as Math and Science Credit for Graduation which was passed by our Arizona State Board of Education.
- State Board passed Embedded Academic Credit for specific CTE classes towards high school graduation.
- Arizona J-TEDs are extremely proactive in CTE Legislative Issues in our State, making a significant difference in the positive outcomes achieved.
- State Board of Regents passed that Fine Arts or CTE Credit will be accepted by the State Board of Regents for Graduation Requirement to attend the state universities.

Marketing

- As we state previously, this is our 40th Anniversary of our ACTE Professional Development Conference that we do in partnership with the Arizona Department of Education and all this information is sent to the Arizona School Board Association and all the organizations that we belong to.
- ACTEAZ works closely with ACTE National and appreciates their support of attending and presenting at Conference.
- Arizona has a strong partnership with the Arizona Department of Education and this partnership provides great leadership for our state. Association Members were on the committee to develop a CTE Strategic Plan for Arizona.
- ACTEAZ CTE 101 - Workshop Sessions are offered for School District Superintendents, School Administrators, Legislators and School Board Members at the Summer Conference.
- ACTEAZ has renewed their ABEC (Arizona Business and Education Coalition) membership and is active.
- ACTEAZ is a member of AZSAE (Arizona Society of Association Executives) and Meeting Planners International.
- ACTEAZ presented at the Arizona School Boards Association this year on CTE Initiatives at their Annual Conference.
- ACTEAZ has joined the Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Arizona Manufacturing Partnership Committee.
- ACTEAZ is on the Quality Commission of Strong Business Partners in our state.
- ACTEAZ serves on the Arizona Stakeholders Group with the Teachers, Counselors and Administrators.
- Career and Technical Affiliates have extremely strong student organizations in Career and Technical Education and these students receive numerous awards on the state and national levels. CTSO officers have participated in our Summer Conference and ACTEAZ Legislative Information Activities.
- ACTEAZ participates in the Arizona SCI-TECH Festival, now in its' fourth year to show best practices in STEM.
- Statewide Community Colleges work closely with Career Technical Education Teachers to provide Dual Credit for their students. This is a long-standing major partnership in our state and the community colleges and workforce development have a representative on our ACTEAZ Board.

New and Innovative Ideas

- ACTEAZ has a Professional Development Coordinator who oversees the Courses in the Premier Program Series. These courses are all ADE Certified for credit toward Standard Certification, and are all taught by highly engaging instructors who model best practices in the classroom. Teachers leave each course with strategies to carry them through their teaching career and they leave each course with activities they can use in their classroom the next day.
- A New Class has been developed this year to be taught as part of the Premier Series -Structured English Immersion. All teachers in Arizona need this class to be certified so this is a vital addition to the series because this means our teachers coming in from industry will be able to complete the requirements for ADE Certification. In addition classes of also been developed in the following: Special Ed Students in CTE, Workplace Learning and CTE Advisor Toolbox.
- Bringing It All Together-The Arizona CTE Leadership Continuum purpose is to acquaint statewide members with a range of professional development opportunities available to CTE Educators. There are opportunities for teachers, administrators and emerging leaders that are developing strategies to build the pipeline of leadership at all levels within CTE. Our President, John Mulcahy, chairs this committee.
- Circle of Distinction- Community/Corporate Captains of Industry Leaders, who believe in the value and importance of Career and Technical Education. Our vision for this level of distinction is to annually bring this group together to honor new inductees and to address a narrow range of issues affecting CTE and ask for their assistance in supporting these issues. This is our eighth year and many of our serious issues in our state would not have been resolved without this high powered prestigious group.
- ACTEAZ continues to work on Teacher Certification and having discussions with the ACTEAZ Board of Directors, Arizona Department of Education Representatives, the Universities, Community Colleges and others.

Respectfully submitted by: Dr. John Mulcahy, President and Pam Ferguson, Executive Director. July 2015