



# ***KACTE Continues Pursuit of Goals***

Work continues on KACTE's (Kentucky Association for Career and Technical Education) mission to achieve the 2009-2010 goals proposed by President Dale Winkler, Principal, Montgomery County Area Technology Center, and accepted by the KACTE Board. Officers, Service Area Vice-presidents, Committee Chairs, Liaison Representatives, Committee Members, the General Membership and Staff have pursued several initiatives and projects marking a year of association success.

## ***Annual Meeting Items***

At the April 22, 2010, KACTE Board Meeting, several items were approved for presentation to the membership at the Annual Meeting, to be held in the Carroll-Ford Room of the Galt House Suite Tower (second floor, east side) on Monday, July 19, 2010, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

**Awards** Committee Chair and KACTE Secretary Dr. Sheree Koppel announced uncontested nominations were submitted in four categories of the Kentucky Farm Bureau Career and Technical Education Award program. If the nominees submit completed, full applications by June 1 they will be the award winners.

The Board recommended the membership approve a \$10 increase in KACTE **dues**, raising the KACTE portion of professional association dues from \$40 to \$50. Discussion revealed to maintain existing programs and act on new initiatives, KACTE will require additional financial resources. KACTE has not increased dues since 2001, and membership consistently has been relatively static between 550-600 over the past several years. Because members will be faced with a \$20 increase in dues on July 1, 2010, with an ACTE (Association for Career and Technical Education) dues increase from \$60 to \$80, the KACTE dues increase proposal would not go into effect until Aug. 1, 2010, if approved by the membership.

Board members noted dues paid before the July 1 increase will be \$100 and will be in force for one year. The Board suggested the membership be made aware of this opportunity to save on future dues increases. KACTE is a unified affiliate member of ACTE and must pass on the ACTE \$20 dues increase to its members. The KACTE membership will decide on the proposed KACTE \$10 increase at the July 19 Annual Meeting.

The Board adopted a **2010-2011 budget** balanced on \$128,133. To achieve the balance, the Board authorized staff to pay almost \$5,000 of expenses normally charged to the next year's budget from current carry-forward funds.

The Board reviewed two **Bylaw amendments**. One, to add "Leadership" to the list of standing committees, was accepted favorably and will be presented to the membership at the July 19 Annual Meeting for ratification. A second, to create proportional representation of Service Areas on the Board based on membership, failed to receive a favorable vote, with five "yes" and nine "no" votes cast. According to the existing KACTE Bylaws, the Board must act favorably on a Bylaw amendment before it can go before the membership at the Annual Meeting for ratification.

Two **resolutions** will be submitted to the membership for vote at the Annual Meeting. Resolution One concerns Virtual Learning in Career and Technical Education, and Resolution Two concerns the Role of Career and Technical Education in Career and College Readiness.

Finally, the Board approved the Nominations Committee report setting the candidates for KACTE offices. Again, the election will take place at the Annual Meeting, at which Dr. Ken Talley, Director of Career and Technical Education, Jefferson County Public Schools, will be installed as 2010-2011 president. The candidates are:

- **President-elect** -- Dexter Knight, Principal, Jessamine County Career and Technical Center
- **Secretary** -- Dr. Sheree Koppel, Academic Dean, Sullivan College of Technology and Design
- **Treasurer** -- LeeAnn Daugherty, Agriculture Teacher, Butler County High School, and Cheri Mingus, Family and Consumer Science Teacher, Central Hardin High School. The treasurer is elected for a two-year term.
- **ACTE Region 2 Representative-elect** -- Dale Winkler. The ACTE Region 2 Representative-elect assumes the ACTE Region 2 Representative position on July 1, 2011.

## ***Supporting the Profession***

During the past year, KACTE has initiated projects to further initiatives to advance KACTE's goal to enhance the profession. One project was convening the first KACTE Leadership Institute. Forty members comprised the initial list of

invitations to participate in the **Leadership Institute**. It assembled initially for a half-day session following the 2009 Summer Program, and completed a full-day session in September. The goal was to provide individuals with basic leadership skills.

The Leadership Institute was one beneficiary of a one-time transfer of surplus Summer Program funds, which by Internal Revenue Service guideline have to be used to benefit the membership. Two other initiatives funded by this method were five, \$500 **Student Teacher Grants**, which were awarded based on application judged by university faculty. Eight **middle school teachers** received a \$300 stipend to defray costs of attending the Annual Summer Program. The Board approved this program since middle school teachers cannot use Perkins funds for their Summer Program professional development.

### ***Furthering Professional Development***

President Dale Winkler was invited and participated in a **task force** developed by the Kentucky Department of Education to draft a professional development plan for the implementation of 2009 Senate Bill 1. The task force report was delivered in December.

Again, using surplus Summer Program funds, KACTE created a **Professional Development Fund** that can be used by the Office of Career and Technical Education or the Division for Career and Technical Education for essential continuing education programs that cannot be funded by state monies or where state monies are not available.

KACTE continues the organization and facilitation of the **Annual CTE Summer Program**, to be held at the Galt House Hotel and Suites, Louisville, Ky., July 18-21, 2010. With the theme, ***Focus on the Future***, program, housing and registration information can be found as [www.kacteonline.org](http://www.kacteonline.org).

KACTE will be the host of the annual **ACTE Region 2 Leadership Conference**, to be held at the Galt House Hotel and Suites, Louisville, Ky., Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 2010. The theme is ***Race to the Lead: Leadership Is a Matter of Choice***. Information on the conference can be found at [www.acteonline.org/content.aspx?id=1662](http://www.acteonline.org/content.aspx?id=1662).

### ***Assisting Student Growth***

The **Ninth Annual Student Leadership Day** was held in Frankfort Feb. 9, 2010. Registration of almost 1,000 set a new record. Unfortunately, inclement weather held attendance below 100. However, the Career and Technical Education Student Organization (CTSO) state officers were able to participate in a Feb. 8 leadership program and remain in Frankfort to visit Capitol offices of senators and representatives on Feb. 9. A highlight was testimony students offered before both the House and Senate Education Committees. Both the

House and Senate passed resolutions supporting Career and Technical Education and recognizing CTE Month, which was designated in a proclamation signed by Gov. Steve Beshear.

KACTE will be the sponsor, providing \$2,500 in cash awards, for a **CTSO Entrepreneurship Contest**, which will debut in the 2010-2011 school year.

### ***Awards and Recognitions***

**Ginny Ellington**, University of Kentucky, and **Ellie Pribble**, Harrison County Area Technology Center, were recognized as the ACTE Region 2 Educator of the Year and Teacher of the Year, respectively. Ellington and Pribble each were one of five finalists for the national award presented at the ACTE Convention in Nashville in November 2009.

**Leslie Watkins**, Family and Consumer Science Teacher, Reidland High School, was elected ACTE FACS Division Vice-president. She will begin her service on the ACTE Board on July 1, 2010.

**Meade County Area Technology Center** achieved 100 percent KACTE membership of its faculty and staff, which qualifies it for recognition at the CTE Summer Program and from ACTE. One member will receive a complimentary registration to the Summer Program. One member of all 100 percent membership schools or districts is drawn randomly to receive a paid registration to the ACTE Convention in Las Vegas in December. Since Meade County ATC was the only qualifying school, one of its members will receive the ACTE Convention registration.

### ***Advocating for CTE***

KACTE continued efforts to increase awareness about CTE and program success. KACTE joined the **Kentucky Chamber of Commerce**, and a representative will be able to participate in setting the Chamber's goals for education and workforce legislation and policy. The association distributed a **DVD highlighting CTE**, its importance and its success, to associations representing educators and business and industry.

KACTE communicated regularly, by letter and in person, with the **Kentucky General Assembly**. The KACTE Board developed and approved a policy paper, ***Attaining Competitiveness through Career Readiness***, which was distributed to the General Assembly, the Governor, Kentucky's federal legislators, and other educational and business associations. A **media advisory on CTE**, noting the policy paper, was distributed to about 300 outlets across the state, some of which printed it outright while others used it to build coverage on CTE.

KACTE's efforts strive to keep CTE in the forefront of the debate on the future of education, and included in education policy and funding, in Kentucky and nationally.