

ACTE Region V Leadership Conference
 April 15-18, 2009 - Semiahmoo Resort, Blaine WA
 Inservice Evaluation Summary

Field of Specialization

29% Administration	0% Agricultural Education	19% Business Education
6% Diversified Occupations	15% Family and Consumer Sciences Education	10% Career Guidance and Counseling
5% Marketing Education	8% Industrial Technology Education	4% Skilled and Technical Sciences (T&I)
4% Other		

Position Title

52% Teacher	4% Teacher Educator	3% Teacher Supervisor
0% Student	29% Administrator/Supervisor	6% Counselor
0% Business/Industry Representative	0% Retired	6% Other

Type of Institution

60% Comprehensive High School	9% Secondary CTE School / Skills Center	5% Junior High School / Middle School
6% Two-Year Postsecondary School	8% Local School System	6% Federal, State, or Local Education Agency
1% Four-Year College or University	0% Business	5% Other

Purchasing Power

41% Decision-Maker	38% Consult	21% None
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5 = Excellent

4 = Very Good

3 = Good

2 = Fair

1 = Poor

Conference Objectives:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership Development • Meet and Interact With Career and Technical Education Leaders • Share Plans for the Future of Our Associations and Our Profession 	
1. The extent to which the written objectives have been met.	4.34
2. Participant perception of relevance and quality of the conference.	4.25
3. The extent to which the following activities addressed by the conference have been met:	
a. Opportunities for participants to collect and analyze evidence related to student learning.	4.03
b. Professional certificate standards.	3.85
c. School and district improvement efforts.	4.08
d. K-12 frameworks and curriculum alignment.	4.00
e. Research-based instructional strategies and assessment practices.	3.88
f. Content of current or anticipated assignment.	4.04
g. Advocacy for students and leadership, supervision, mentoring/coaching.	4.07
h. Building a collaborative learning community.	4.27
4. The quality of the physical facilities.	4.74
5. The quality of the oral presentations.	4.39
6. The quality of the written program materials.	4.33
7. Opening Session (Randy Dorn)	4.68
8. Breakout Sessions	4.18
9. General Session (Jan Bray, Tom Lopp, Senator Murray's Rep)	3.89
10. Closing Session (Joe Estey)	4.65

11. Dinner/Auction	4.44		
12. Awards Brunch	4.35		
13. Pre-Registration Process/Materials	4.66		
14. On-Site Registration Process/Materials	4.75		
15. Exhibitors Location/Accessibility	4.58		
16. Exhibitors Variety/Quality	4.04		
17. WA-ACTE Website Materials	4.19		
18. Overall Customer Service	4.62		
19. Do you plan to attend the ACTE Region V Conference in Anchorage, Alaska, April 28-May 1, 2010?	53% Yes		47% No
20. Area Tour	4.60		
21. Canada Tour	4.75		

Suggestions for improving the conference:

- Noise was sometimes a problem during breakout sessions (noises drafting).
- Food was good! Overall, a wonderful conference!
- Cost of travel to Alaska may cause us to opt for National ACTE Conference.
- Session rooms were cold on Friday. Excellent hospitality by resort and WA-ACTE members. Great conference. Thanks!
- Awards Ceremony: At least give the second place folks a certificate (for being nominated)!
- The lunch program on Thursday was excellent. However, the "state" reports given during lunch were probably better suited for a smaller audience.
- Silent auction—break up and move to both lunches—more opportunity to sell. Auction too long. Start dinner at 5 p.m.? Teacher of the year—only have final come to the stage—uncomfortable to be on the stage.
- State-of-the-states should have written guidelines for the oral presentation. Award information was not received by states to submit even after emails were sent asking for the information. Poor organization of committees. For a professional organization, poor display of professionalism. For new teacher, it would not be very good example of why they should stay a member and come back to Region V.
- I loved the venue—I really appreciated the Native American lunch speaker! Thanks!
- Thank you very much!
- Encourage more administrators to participate in/attend the conference to broaden view of future potentials in education and seamless career pathways from K-12 to secondary education. Presenters were knowledgeable and passionate about their topics.
- The food was excellent. Good breakout sessions. Keep this up.
- Hard to hear in the smaller rooms because of the other rooms directly next on each side—spread out to avoid hearing through sessions when you want one. Great food—great location—enjoyable conference.
- People were very rude—continually talking during the speeches and the awards plus people left the Friday night event to go out on their own. Kind of like their students—very sad.
- Tours were great! Roxanne Trees was a wonderful tour guide to Canada. Delegate Assembly needs less agenda or more time to meet.
- Nice job. This was very useful and meaningful—strong content and networking.
- More drinks than just coffee and water! State-of-the-states should have been a roundtable so we could ask questions and gather information!
- Breakout times were too short—didn't allow for depth in presentations. Great job with food selection. Excellent job! Resourceful conference. Great networking opportunities. Thank you.
- This was a beautiful place. However, for those of us out of town there aren't any options for sightseeing or activities out of the hotel other than the Canada tour. We are staying an extra day, but even the front desk said there isn't anything for us to do since we didn't rent a car. It would have been good to know that ahead of time.
- Budget issues will prevent me from attending. Overall, a wonderful conference. Would like to see more postsecondary sessions.
- Great conference—good networking.
- Very good! Awesome! Hotel staff was great too!
- Absolutely excellent conference. Thanks for making this opportunity possible.
- The awards are so important—it would have been nice to know a little bit about the winners. Why did they win—what did they do—we missed a great opportunity to create future winners and improve the quality of our region.
- Incredible source and registration process by Washington team! Would like to have learned about award recipients/nominees at some point. Liked state-of-the-states at lunch, but became repetitive. Can we get handouts in advance to have less repetition? Workshops were great. But, would like more variety.
- I would like to see better communications between committees and members. Possibly update the website more often or keep it up to date.
- Awards process prior to conference was communication-less.
- I wish there would have been more pertaining to community colleges—I can see the value for K-12, but not a lot for the postsecondary.
- Improve speaker system in breakout session please. Washington—you rock! Thank you!
- Outstanding conference!
- Thanks everyone!

- By the way, the entire conference was a very good experience. I picked up a lot of information about pre-engineering programs. I am working on starting one here in Arizona at our high school. Again, many thanks for a great conference.
- Start the sessions at 9 a.m. and go to 4 or 5 p.m. More formal mingling opportunities for the shy people.
- Would love to go to Alaska, but funding being what it is—most likely not.
- Great conference! I got lots of new ideas to use in my classroom. Speakers in general session were excellent! Wonderful food and customer service! Fun and educational conference.
- Excellent! Thank you!
- Wonderful—tour excellent. Food—wow! Location--#1. You guys rock!!
- Some very good presentations. Very good food.
- Very good conference! Could use even more classroom-based presentations.
- I thought it was a very good conference. I loved the location and facilities. The conference was very well organized.
- Auction didn't move along fast enough. More hands-on ideas and activities for teachers. Sarah McCoy was excellent! Great tours.
- Allow more time during lunch for networking. Move state-of-the-states to a breakout session. Encourage more breakout sessions by teachers/fewer by vendors.
- More "how to" for teachers—working with less motivated students.
- The food was wonderful—iced tea for lunch would be good. Facilities were very nice.
- Coffee on the tables, iced tea for lunches, feather comforter on beds.
- Is there a way to get more content for the different programs? Tours were very well planned. I would discourage swearing by speakers/presenters and the talk of alcohol. It was offensive to me and unprofessional. Otherwise, a good conference!
- Speakers need to inspire/engage audience and not use negative messages.
- Nominees for awards should get a certificate too. Good organization by WA-ACTE!
- Offering more options for breakout sessions and to improve the quality of presentations.
- Randy Dorn—amazing! Facilities were cold!
- Thank you!
- Less sales in sessions.
- Great location.
- It was great that the presenters weren't selling their products.
- Although I am from Washington, some of the sessions may have had too much of a Washington focus for those from other states. The state-of-the-states reports were not relevant for all participants.
- State-of-the-states—recommend executives met and allow others to attend breakout sessions. State-of-the-states really just talked about administrative setup. I expected innovative ideas. Great breakfasts. Breakout sessions great. Really like focus on innovation (energy)—could use more.
- Great job! Be sure that your guest speakers all have energy!
- Repeat more sessions so you don't miss out.
- Excellent conference—all was superior. The way you developed bonds between the states and broke down the lock between typical small groups! Well done. Oops—the way you call up two people (nominees) and give only one award is cruel—at least give certificates.
- Karaoke was fun for relationship/network building. Rand Dorn—fresh air! Perhaps opportunities to engage in teacher-focused, themed conversations during sessions.

Tours: Canada

- It was very good. Thanks.
- A little rushed, but good.
- Very good.
- Roxanne was a great guide and made it fun.
- Very good—the Washington President was absolutely wonderful and made the trip fun for us. She was so gracious. I am really glad that I went.
- It was great.
- The tour into Canada was very good. As we have toured the area in the past some of it was a repeat. The first stop where we ate in the market and the tour of the park was excellent. The stops downtown after dark was not important to us. We got back later than I thought we were. Overall, it was a very good use of our time and resources.
- It was great! When I take family vacations I plan out in great detail where we are going and how long we are there. This is much like our trip to Canada. The bus driver was very knowledgeable and the tour guide was even better—she has family in Canada. I have been on several tours and for the time spent it was amazingly complete in its coverage and scope. Upon my return to Arizona I was talking to our administrative assistant and she had been there 17 years ago. We compared the places and the memories. I have to say you did a bang up job. Did I say fantastic?! My wife still has some of the chocolates I purchased in Vancouver at Roger's Chocolates.
- It was amazing!
- It was great!
- The only thing I would change is more time there.

Area

- Excellent—great places to visit and Roxanne was outstanding.
- Very good.
- Good—it was interesting, but there was too much bus time in between visits. The packets with the brochures and snacks was a very nice touch.
- It was excellent. The narrative by Mrs. Trees was great and the places we visited were interesting and informative.
- We thought that the tour was very good. Only wished that we could have seen more at the ship building yard and talked to some employees.
- My experience with the conference was a 5! Great job by everyone.