

REPORT TO THE WA-ACTE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Executive Director

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1. General Thoughts:

There continues to be a lot of work focused on CTE in our state while members are making the calendar turn to the busy CTSO calendar connecting our students to their local communities and competitions.

The ACTE VISION conference took place in Phoenix, with over 100 educators from Washington attending.

Legislative session started January 8th where both Jesse and I have had 25+ meeting with legislative members in November and December.

2. Strategic Plan Activities:

Legislative:

- The Funding Focus in our agenda, has for the moment been moved to policy work with OSPI and the School Accounting committee, the intent is to have new guidance that will greatly help with direct charges across the state.
- HB 2236 from Rep Shavers, is being heard in committee and is gaining support from our conversations. The key is the taskforce that will hopefully produce actionable processes for creating, extending full programs of study in industry sectors of need.
- We host weekly Leg Huddles for board members and WOVE subscribers, Mondays at 4pm

Professional Development:

- The first Professional Development Committee Zoom took place last week. I want to thank the large group of folks who attended to get us started.
- The Keynote Speaker this year will be Rachel Mann, with a speech titled "Pack Your Bags for Our AI Future" setting the stage for us all to learn how to use AI for teaching, learning and career skills in all our programs.

Membership:

- Board will be introduced to the proposed bylaw change(s) to establish a New and Related Services section. We see this as a place for 'groups' of CTE educators that wish to officially affiliate with Washington ACTE to have a place to be represented on the board as they grow and meet the requirements to become an officially recognized section. This will also

all any section in the future who might lose affiliated status to land as they reestablish themselves.

3. Matters of Interest:

Looking forward to our pending trips to DC for the National Policy Seminar and to Region V in Hawaii.

4. Executive Committee Activities:

The officers meet weekly and regularly review and discuss what is happening and how to best respond when needed.