

## **1. General Thoughts:**

One constant in life, is change! As the change in the executive leadership for our association is in process this spring one can look at this as an important time for the association.

## **2. Strategic Plan Activities:**

At the last Washington ACTE board meeting I shared in my [Executive Director](#) report a 6 month check in for the year, this report will build off of that report.

## **Professional Development:**

The professional development committee is in the mist of developing and reviewing breakout sessions. Registration should be live by this time. Status data at this time...

- Submissions for presentations are behind on the typical pace at this point, along with registrations
- Best assessment as to why is tied to uncertainty by school districts for funding at both federal and state level.

## **Advocacy and Promotion.**

Connections with other NGO's and OSPI continue to work in supporting the work of all CTE members and sections. Activities lately include:

- I attended the WITEA Conference in Wenatchee and shared a legislative update and the importance of being a Washington ACTE member in order for the association to work on their behalf.
- I am also scheduled to co-keynote the WACTA opening session in April and will be bringing greetings to the ACTE Work Based Learning Conference.

## **Advancement of Policy and Legislation.**

Our regular Legislative Huddles (zooms) continue during Legislative session for regular updates.

- There is much movement on our legislative priority of 6th grade middle school CTE, which has passed in the Senate (sans funding) as a result Jesse is working to get it re-assigned to Education from Appropriations.
- The CorePlus Maritime for transportation bill has passed the House and is scheduled to be heard in Senate Early Learning K-12 Committee.
- Operating Budget Concerns are now the focus of all education. You will hear much more at the conference this week.
  - OSPI Pass Through Grants (Sec. 522) have been stripped out of the House Budget – Senate Budget only funds first year of the
  - Loss of hard-earned funding for Statewide CTSO activities
    - Zero in the House
    - One year only in Senate

## **Networking and Communications.**

- In our planning work for summer conference, we have 'drawn-in' several partners to join us and share their work on the behalf of CTE.
- We continue to use our eBlasts to members, Zoom Huddles for specific topics of concern.

## **Quality Association Management.**

- Succession planning and implementation continues, with the initial round of applicants having been received, interviews were held on 3/31/25.
- Membership and the value of what Washington ACTE has to offer, along with membership in ACTE creates the through line of associations working on the behalf of all CTE. A new idea that you will be hearing more about is the possibility of a combined pilot project between Washington ACTE and ACTE to encourage school districts and others to have 100% membership in both associations. Details are being looked into and when the officers and I have what we believe will be a workable approach we will be sharing the details.

### **3. Matters of Interest:**

- The officers continue to work the plan for hiring a new Executive Director. Staff and I continue to support the process and are working on assuring office systems are best positioned for the upcoming transition.
- In the current times as Executive Director I look for how the association can continue the good work with the impending revenue disruptions for education funding. While there have not been specific cuts to the CTE enhanced funding with some increases for K12 overall, we know that will likely increase the pressures on where those CTE fund go and what they are used for by the district.
- The decision of the PESB to resend approval of the ESD 101 – OPLA Plan II Program has sent shock waves to members and what the portends for the remaining Plan II Programs in their upcoming review processes.

### **4. Executive Committee Activities:**

- The Exec Committee (Officers) meet regularly between board meetings to stay up to date and advise as items come up as the sounding board for how to respond many times to issues in timely manners.
- As said earlier, they continue working on the succession plan for the Exec Director and will be keeping our board up to date during the process.