

REPORT TO THE WA-ACTE EXECUTIVE BOARD

President

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1. General Thoughts:

The seasons are changing from the sunny days of summer to the beauty of fall leaves and the hint of cold nights. This signals the closing of the first quarter of the school year with parent/ teacher conferences, starting of winter sports, and the Mid-term elections which will determine who represents us at the state legislature in the upcoming legislative session. Tim and Jesse have been working on this year's CTE legislative draft priorities. Stay tuned for more information.

2. Strategic Plan Activities:

I have had the opportunity to work with Tim and Jesse on the legislative agenda as well as other key WA-ACTE issues this fall. Some of these issues will be discussed at our next board meeting.

3. Matters of Interest:

I had the privilege of attending the WACTA Fall Conference held in Kennewick WA and the Best Practices and Innovations Conference in Cape Cod MA. Both conferences had excellent opportunities to increase my knowledge of CTE practices.

At the Best Practices and Innovations Conference, I had the opportunity to learn about practices that different states, especially the East Coast, were doing. This ranged from how different educational institutions were engaging students in CTE courses and activities that not only benefited the students, but were woven into the community as well. These institutions were getting a high graduation and job placement for their students. The main speakers were outstanding and the closing speaker looked into the future to see how technology would be affecting education.

WACTA did an excellent job focusing on worksite issues that will affect all CTE programs around the state. Chris Nesmith, the opening speaker, set the conference off with an important conversation concerning using what we know now for learners of the future. With breakout opportunities ranging from The Journey to Real World Schools to Apprenticeships VS Internships made this conference informative for all of the participants. The conference was capped off with the closing speaker Scott Seaman, from AWSP, speaking about the impact of consistent leadership.

4. Executive Committee Activities:

Attending Legislative and Executive Committee/Board meetings.