

REPORT TO THE WA-ACTE EXECUTIVE BOARD

President Elect

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Date Submitted:

1. General Thoughts:

- As we enter the busy spring, I am reminded of all the great things our students and programs do in their preparation for their first next step. With CTSO state conferences and competitions in full force, I wish everyone the best of luck in their work.
- We are returning from a successful National Policy seminar where our team met with the staff of several of our members of Congress. It was great to hear the level of support for CTE that they each had and the importance they have placed on our programs as a workforce development tool. Many members are actively working on legislation to support our students in their journey. While in their offices we advocated for continued support for Perkins funding, especially in the current budget times at both the state and federal levels. Our other point of emphasis was the need for quality CTE teachers to help us continue to support our students.
- I would like to give a shout out to the WITEA board for a successful conference earlier this month in the newly remodeled Wenatchee Center.

2. Strategic Plan Activities:

- Working with FAME committee on increasing membership. I am working to draft a message to send to those members whose membership has expired to encourage them to renew.
- Legislative huddle meetings
- Work with the Executive Committee on the transition plans

3. Matters of Interest:

- A reminder to all Sections to please nominate/ support your award winners in submitting their applications for the WA-ACTE awards through the ACTE Awards portal. The deadline to submit nominations is May 1st. So far we only have the following nominations:
 - 0 WA-ACTE Teacher of the Year
 - 1 WA-ACTE Administrator of the Year
 - 0 WA-ACTE Postsecondary Professional of the Year
 - 0 WA-ACTE Counseling & Career Development Professional Award
 - 1 WA-ACTE New Teacher of the Year
 - 0 WA-ACTE Teacher Educator of the Year
 - 0 WA-ACTE Community Service Award

- 0 WA-ACTE Lifetime Achievement and Hall of Fame Award
- How can we build upon our efforts to have a common voice for CTE across the state and work with all of our subsections to support our students, teachers, and administrators.
- As we move forward, one concern I have is how can we support Plan 1 and Plan 2 CTE teacher prep programs so we can continue to provide our students with high quality CTE teachers.

4. Executive Committee Activities:

- I continue to learn the ropes of the organization.
- A lot of focus as been on our succession planning and the search for our next Executive Director.
- National Policy Seminar
- Legislative huddles and discussions on pending legislation.