

# SDACTE Newsletter



## The SDACTE Plan

What is the plan? Is it plan A? Is it plan B? Is it a hybrid of A and B? I'm sure you've all either heard these questions or asked these questions regarding the start of your school year. The good news is SDACTE has a plan for you!

Back at the beginning of August, the board of directors met both in-person and remotely to discuss the strategic plan and direction for the 2020-21 school year. With the disruption of the past six months and the uncertainty of the foreseeable future, the board of directors felt it was wise to maintain a consistency of direction for the members of our organization.

1. The first goal for our organization is to recruit, retain, and reconnect with members thru active engagement.
  - a. We would like to maintain our membership within our current divisions and be sure to recognize your loyalty with years of membership.
  - b. We will continue to utilize the list-serve SDACTE for communication among members and potential members of our organization. (Contact Josh Christiansen or myself if you need to get connected!)
  - c. Check out the 30-minute SDACTE FAQs Meetings for new and potential CTE teachers. This is an opportunity to meet with members of the SDACTE board and the DOE Division of CTE to ask questions and learn about updates regarding programs & resources.
  - d. Our members are important to us, so the new website: [SDACTEonline.org](https://sdacteonline.org) is going to have a new "members only" section with resources that are just for you!
  - e. The Health Science instructors are important to our division and want to encourage a new division, separate from the Administration division. With that, please consider joining the "Health Division" in ACTE when renewing your dues – not choosing Administration and consider leadership! A division team will need to be discussed and shared with the SDACTE board prior to next summer's conference.
2. The second and most important goal for SDACTE is to provide a summer conference with well-rounded, engaging professional development and consistent content.
  - a. SDACTE plans to host a conference that can meet our needs moving into the future.
  - b. SDACTE will provide conference content to members in an early, timely manner.
  - c. SDACTE wants to increase the feeling of hospitality during the conference and work on a conference rotation that welcomes the entire state.

I have complete confidence in the SDACTE board of directors – your executive team and the division presidents – to be able to follow thru the strategic plan and offer guidance and resources to you and your program. Good health and good luck to you this school year.



Lenessa Keehn, SDACTE President

## Virtual VISION 2020

Let's head to Music City!! Oh wait – VISION has gone Virtual for 2020. While we cannot join together in Nashville, we can still attend our National ACTE CareerTech VISION and receive the same great programming as we would in person. ACTE has very similar programming planned, just in a virtual format. Plan for a great opening Keynote from international speaker Sarita Maybin and a closing Keynote from best-selling author Kevin Fleming. In between, you can take in 100's of concurrent sessions live or on-demand, visit the CareerTech Expo, participate in workshops, celebrate the awards session, and participate in nightly daily activities. So, while the conference looks different, plan for the same great CareerTech VISION as you've seen in the past. The VISION stipend is still available and will be in the amount to cover the cost of virtual registration. You can find the application online at [sdacteonline.org](https://sdacteonline.org). Registration and more information Virtual VISION is on the [www.acteonline.org](https://www.acteonline.org) website.



## 30 MINUTE FAQs

Join the informal Q & A session and get the information you need!

Wednesday, September 23  
3:30 MDT/4:30 CDT

[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

+1 605-496-0678 Dial In  
Conference ID: 236 654 315#

## Membership Renewal

Why are you a member of SDACTE? For me, there are several reasons; not the least of which are the excellent networking opportunities and professional development provided by our organization. There are a plethora of reasons to belong to the SD Association of Career and Technical Education. We, as members, know this well through experience. It is important that you maintain your membership in order to continue to receive those benefits.

Nearly half of our 2019-20 members have not yet renewed their membership for 2020-21! This includes 9 from the Administration Division, 29 from the Ag Division, 19 from the BMIT Division, 36 from the FACS Division, and 38 from the T & I/Tech Ed Division.

In order to continue to provide all the membership opportunities to our members, it is important to the organization that all members renew and that we work to encourage new memberships as well. To all of you who have already renewed; THANK YOU! But don't stop there. You can help SDACTE by recruiting new members and especially by encouraging other members to renew.

To those of you who have not yet renewed your SDACTE membership; please do so soon. If your membership has lapsed, your liability coverage has also lapsed. You may not be receiving all the benefits that our members receive.

You can renew your membership by scanning this QR code or by visiting our updated website at [sdacteonline.org](http://sdacteonline.org). I look forward to watching the membership registrations start flowing in!

Josh Christiansen, Past President



### WHY BECOME A MEMBER OF

## SDACTE?

#### NETWORKING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Online or in-person, ACTE's events provide a high-quality professional development and a network of CTE professionals.

#### ADVOCACY & AWARENESS



To advocate, analyze and inform policymakers, members and the public about the impact of proposed legislation and funding decisions towards education.

#### CTE NEWS, RESEARCH, & UPDATES



Stay informed with electronic publications.

#### MEMBER BENEFITS



Member-only discounts to all ACTE events and on CTE publications and products

#### CAREER RESOURCES



Online job bank helps find new and exciting career opportunities.

Visit [www.https://www.acteonline.org/](https://www.acteonline.org/) or contact Dodie Bemis at [BEMISD@lakeareatech.edu](mailto:BEMISD@lakeareatech.edu) for more information.

## Region V Leadership

Greetings from ACTE Region V! It is with much excitement that I come to you as one of the newest members of ACTE Region V's Policy Committee. The Policy Committee is made up of ACTE members from states across the Midwest and western states of the United States. This leadership opportunity is an excellent opportunity for anyone who wants to further their CTE involvement beyond the opportunities at the state level. It also allows you to work with CTE teachers and leaders from across the midwest/western states who want to better the leadership and learning opportunities of career and technical education students.

Please mark your calendar for the following Region V Opportunities

- 2020 Region V Virtual Conference (postponed from April) - October 29th
- 2021 Region V Conference in Lake Tahoe, Nevada, April 14-17
- 2022 Region V Conference in Honolulu, Hawaii, April 6-9
- 2023 Region V Conference in Fargo, North Dakota

SDACTE has three additional members serving on a variety of Region V committees. Adam Shaw (Admin) works with the Legislative Committee; Bev Rieck (FACS) serves on the Awards Committee, and Dodie Bemis (Admin) is the Chair of the Nominating Committee.

Tracy Kern

## HAPPY FALL SDATFACS MEMBERS!!

At least I think it is, I'm not counting the snow we received last week, sheez! If your world is anything like mine, you have been spending the last few weeks getting into some sort of new groove at school but also super happy to be interacting with students again. After all, that is what we do best, right? My daughter sent me a book this summer called *The Hybrid Teacher Survival Guide* by Emma Pass. It had some great advice for those of us who will be using technology to teach in person and online. I've shared some of her wisdom below in the hopes that it brings you the best of luck as we all dive into uncharted waters. In closing, please let your SDATFACS executive team know if there is anything our organization can do to help make this "strange but wonderful" school year a success!

What I wish I knew before I started hybrid teaching:

- Staying organized in how you post your work and communicate with your students is key to their academic success.
- Cohesive and consistent systems among classes/colleagues help students navigate the online environment.
- Students and parents have communication preferences. Ask them how they'd like to communicate with you (text, email, Google Classroom) and they'll be more likely to respond.
- The amount of time available to complete a task is the amount of time it will take. If I give myself all day to plan a lesson, it will take all day. Use timers to help you manage your time, and teach students to do the same.
- Students are adaptable and resilient — don't underestimate them.
- You are adaptable and resilient — don't underestimate yourself.



All My Best, Wendy Conrad ~ SDATFACS President

## Ag Updates

Our division update this fall is coming on the heels of the South Dakota State Fair, having just finished that event up this week. Who would have thought that the fair would be our first in person event since March?? As I remember back to when my school district went to remote learning, I never would have thought we would still be in this state of limbo waiting for things to go back to "normal". It was sincerely the highlight of my State Fair to be able to catch up with teachers and industry representatives in person during our livestock shows and in our Ag Adventure Center. As ag educators, we have seen some of our favorite events either be canceled or move to a virtual option, and although it is not the same to have our state convention, leadership retreats or summer conference in front of a computer screen, I know we have made the best of it. We were fortunate enough to be able to hold weekly virtual Ag teacher meetings this spring where we could share ideas and hardships and most importantly, just catch up with each other. I came across a quote recently that says, "The bond that links your true family is not one of blood, but one of respect and joy in each other's life." That is what makes CTE teachers special, we celebrate each other's lives and encourage each other to succeed. I applaud each and every teacher in South Dakota that has answered the call to teach online, in person, remotely, via Zoom and everything in between. I also look forward to the day in the future we can get celebrate each other again in person. Until then, take things one day at a time and I hope to see you soon!

Dani Herring, SDAAE President

## Administration Updates

Hopefully, this newsletter article finds you all doing well as we all work our way through the COVID-19 pandemic. Through all the difficult times we have faced over the last few months, schools have done an excellent job of switching the learning to an online world and back into the classrooms this fall. Even though we're in this unique setting of wearing masks, I am a firm believer that students need to be with their peers and teachers daily. As a school administrator, it brings joy to my life each day I get to walk into our building and spend it with kids! I can only imagine the challenges you faced teaching CTE courses last spring in an on-line format. I truly hope you returned inspired and recharged to deliver quality CTE instruction this fall.

Moving forward, it is imperative that you continue your membership with SDACTE as we work through the daily challenges we face. The SDACTE provides you a large network of teachers and administrators that are facing the same challenges across the state. It is our hope that this pandemic is past us next summer and we can reconvene in Watertown for the 2021 SDACTE Conference and build relationships in person. In the meantime, stay healthy and always keep the focus on the students and their academic success.

Adam Shaw, Administration President





## Message from DOE

We hope that if your school year has started, it is proceeding as smoothly as can be. If you have not yet opened your doors, we are sending you "healthy" wishes that the year kicks off to a good start. If we can help you at all (COVID or non-COVID related!), please know we are here for you and do not hesitate to reach out to your regional/program specialists <<https://doe.sd.gov/CTE/documents/CTE-map0620.pdf>>

Knowing how much you already have to juggle this year, we wanted to let you know that we have made the determination to extend the timeline for completing the full CTE-Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CTE-CLNA). As such, with the exception of a handful of pilot schools (thank you to our volunteers!) we will not be asking you to commit to data digs and root cause analysis specific to the full CLNA. Those will take place during the 2021-22 school year.

We also know that it is important to continue to hone those data skills and familiarize yourselves with the data that are newly available under Perkins V. With that in mind, keep an eye out for January Improve trainings on how to access and how to use your new Perkins V data tools. These options will be spread over several weeks and largely via Zoom to make the best use of your valuable time.

Welcome Back!

Amy Miller  
Assistant Director, Career and Technical Education

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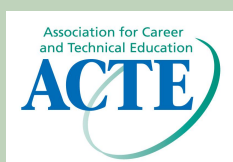
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