

ERIE COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEM

DATE: October 15, 2007

SUBJECT: Director Travel Request--ACTE

CATEGORY: Operations

INITIATED BY: Aldo Jackson

DESCRIPTION:

The Association for Career & Technical Education (ACTE) sponsors an annual convention. Part of this year's convention is a pre-convention workshop dealing with student assessment. The workshop is co-sponsored by NOCTI. NOCTI has invited the director to be a presenter on our use of the NOCTI exams, curriculum development and ISO. The pre-convention workshop will be held on December 12.

The Director is respectfully requesting permission to attend this year's conference to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada. The conference will run December 12 to 15. Estimated expenses for the conference are \$1,600 (air travel, registration, lodging and meals).

RECOMMENDATION:

Motion to approve the travel request for Aldo Jackson to attend the 2007 ACTE Annual Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada from December 12 to 15, 2007.

IS ANYONE LEARNING?

**Your Key
to Student Success is...
ASSESSMENT!**

NOCTI Assessment Conference ACTE 2007 Las Vegas Convention Center December 12, 2007



Schedule of Events

7:30 - 8:15 AM **Check-in & Refreshments**

8:30 - 8:45 **Welcome/Introductions/Overview**
Room N246

Dr. John Foster, President/CEO, NOCTI

Dr. Belinda McCharen, Associate State Director, Oklahoma Department of Education

9:00 - 10:15 **Panel: Overview of State CTE Assessment Models**
Room N246

Moderator: **Dr. John Foster**, President/CEO, NOCTI

Panelists: **Kimberly Green**, Executive Director, NASDCTEc

Dr. Kenneth Gray, Professor and Author

James Woodard, State Director, Georgia Department of Education

Jim Schoelkopf, Education Specialist, Oregon Dept. of Education

June Sanford, State Director, Connecticut Department of Education

Five distinguished speakers from across the nation will discuss why assessment is critical to CTE as well as describe various state assessment models.

10:15 - 10:30 **Break**

10:30 - 11:45 **Concurrent Panel Sessions**
Local CTE Assessment Program Implementation
Room N250

Moderator: **Dr. Belinda McCharen**, Associate State Director, Oklahoma Department of Education

Panelists: **Patrick Robinson**, Director of Career and Technical Education, Erie 2 Chautauqua - Cattaraugus BOCES, New York

Dr. David Matuszak, Director, Santa Clara County ROP – South, California

Dr. Patrick Konopnicki, Director of Technical & Career Education, Virginia Beach City Public Schools, Virginia

CTE schools are challenged with implementing local plans for Perkins IV which requires program assessments. Four successful administrators from various states will share their technical assessment implementation models and address questions from the audience.

10:30-11:45 AM Concurrent Panel Sessions continued:

The Next Step: Transition to Workforce/Post Secondary Education Room N251

Moderator: **Dr. John Foster**, President/CEO, NOCTI

Panelists: **Jerome Balda**, Education Director (retired), Recreational Vehicle Industry Association

Dr. John Haigh, Chief Accountability & Reporting Branch, OVAE, US Department of Education

Timothy Lawrence, Executive Director, SkillsUSA

Deborah Davidson, Executive Director, Advanced Technology Center, Gateway Technical College, Wisconsin

Completion of a training program and subsequent assessment is not the final step...each student must determine a pathway to future success. This eclectic group of speakers will offer their views regarding *next steps* from the post secondary, CTSO, industry association and federal government perspectives.

12:00 - 1:30 PM

Luncheon & Keynote Address – Assessing the Winds of Change Room N246

Keynote Speaker – Bryan Albrecht, President, Gateway Technical College, WI;
ACTE 2007-2008 President-Elect

Moderator: Dr. John Foster, President/CEO, NOCTI

Bryan Albrecht has been actively observing the changes in education and industry for nearly three decades. His perspective will bring smiles to all that hear his message. Assessing the winds of change will help all of us see our world in new ways. Change is a condition that we all face but have we looked at it from the eyes of our students and customers? This interactive and motivating presentation will bring to life the importance of assessment and life planning.

1:45 - 2:30

Concurrent Breakout Session 1

Test Development 101 (repeated-Session 4)

Room: N241

Moderator: **Kathy Cairns**, Executive/Board Relations Coordinator, NOCTI

Presenter: **Amie Birdsall**, Manager, Client Services Division, NOCTI

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You Want Me To Do What??

Room: N247

Moderator: **Dr. John Foster**

Presenter: **Dr. Patrick Konopnicki**, Director of Technical & Career Education, Virginia Beach City Public Schools, VA

Building a successful assessment program can be a daunting task. Learn how one school system has implemented a CTE assessment program to provide opportunities for students to meet state graduation requirements.

More Than Just Numbers (repeated-Session 2)

Room: N245

Moderator: **Lana Ford**, Manager, Marketing, Sales & Public Relations Division, NOCTI

Presenters: **Patrick Robinson**, Director, Career and Technical Education, Erie 2 Chautauqua Cattaraugus BOCES, New York

Aldo Jackson, Director, Erie County Technical School, Pennsylvania

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2:30 – 2:45 PM

Break

Concurrent Breakout Session 2**Making Assessments Work for Everyone!** (repeated-Session 3)**Room: N250**Moderator: **Dr. Sandy Pritz**, Senior Consultant, NOCTIPresenter: **Dr. Joanne Cashman**, Project Director, National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE)

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Tools for Success**Room: N251**Moderator: **Dr. Patricia Kelley**, Manager, Assessment Management Division, NOCTIPresenters: **Dr. Patricia Kelley****Scott Rogers**, Acting Director, Careers and Technology, Carlisle Schools, PA**Heidi Ambrose**, Associate Director, Program Development, SkillsUSA

Increasing student achievement should be at the top of your priority list. With high-stakes testing here to stay for the foreseeable future, it is imperative to help students be successful in the testing environment. Discover the tools that are available to help your students do their best on any test!

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Certification - A Step Beyond... (repeated-Session 4)**Room: N242**Moderator: **Dr. John Foster**Presenters: **Roger Tadajewski**, President, Business Educational Partnership Group**Dennis Klingman**, Chairman, AWS National Education Committee; Manager of Technical Training, Lincoln Electric Company**Alan Rowland**, E2C Manager, CompTIA

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3:45-4:30 PM Concurrent Breakout Session 3 continued:

Motivation Matters!

Room: N247

Moderator: **Lana Ford**, Marketing, Sales & Public Relations Manager, NOCTI

Presenter: **Dr. Katherine Manley**, Senior Consultant, NOCTI; Graduate Professor, Ferris State University, Michigan

Recent legislation, higher standards, and well designed curriculum and instruction cannot be successful unless students are engaged and motivated. Learn how to create a culture of achievement through the use of various classroom tools and techniques that will build on your students' drive to succeed.

4:30 – 4:45 PM

Break

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Concurrent Breakout Session 4

You're Better than Everyone Else, But Are You Good Enough?

Room: N251

Moderator: **Lana Ford**, Marketing, Sales & Public Relations Manager, NOCTI

Presenter: **Dr. Patricia Kelley**, Manager, Assessment Management Division, NOCTI

What's the difference between norm referenced and criterion referenced benchmarks and which method best fits your needs? Discover common methods used for establishing relevant benchmarks, and the strengths, weaknesses and required elements of each method.

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5:45 – 7:00 PM

Experience the Difference...

Wrap-up & Networking Reception

Room N246

Hosts: **Dr. Belinda McCharen**

Dr. June St. Clair Atkinson

