

NASDCTEc Business Meeting
MINUTES
Tuesday, October 21, 2014
Baltimore, Maryland

Welcome: Stump welcomed the NASDCTEc members to the Business Meeting.

Review and Approval of Minutes: Honeycutt reviewed the minutes from the Spring 2014 meeting. No questions were asked.

MOTION: Accept the Spring 2014 Business Meeting minutes as presented.
Kutzer; Kotamraju. MOTION ADOPTED.

NASDCTEc Financial Report: Honeycutt shared the NASDCTEc financial report for FY 14 and the beginning of FY 15. She stated that NASDCTEc's financial position is strong. At fiscal year-end, NASDCTEc received 109% of its budgeted income. All main sources of income exceeded projections. For the current fiscal year, the organization has received 65% of budgeted income. Dues are coming in strong, with dues received from all but four states and two territories. Associate dues and meeting sponsorships have already exceeded the budgeted targets.

NCTEF Financial Report: Honeycutt shared the NCTEF financial report for the FY 14 and the beginning of the FY 15. She stated that at fiscal year-end, NCTEF received 83% of its budgeted income. Nearly all income categories were below projections, including Institute registration, sponsorships and interest. It is also early in the fiscal year, and as is typically the case for NCTEF, limited income of 7% has been received. Only 6% of the expenses have been expended and are target.

MOTION: To accept the NASDCTEc and NCTEF financial reports as presented.
Howard; Lee. MOTION ADOPTED.

Board Update: Stump reported that the NASDCTEc/NCTEF Board had a shortened Board meeting due to the Career Cluster Leadership Pilot and in early November, the Boards will convene by conference call to continue its work.

Higher Education Act (HEA) Reauthorization: Stump shared that historically NASDCTEc's advocacy related to the Higher Education Act had largely focused on Pell grants. Rather than developing its own recommendations, NASDCTEc participated in coalitions or partnered with other organizations to advocate for CTE-relevant higher education priorities. Given the Board's prioritization of post secondary education, staff proposed developing an organizational set of formal higher education recommendations. The Board thought that releasing recommendation was an opportunity to showcase the seamless education system of CTE and have a conversation about the pathways for student success. The Board also reviewed the proposed recommendations and then discussed them at length. Voytek will be incorporating that conversation into a new draft version and will bring a new version back to the Board for the November call. If you want more information you can reach out to Steve Voytek.

Merger of ACTE Vision/Career Cluster[®] Institute: Based upon the Board's April 2015 vote to proceed with the merger of ACTE Vision and the NCTEF Career Cluster Institute, staff have

worked to negotiate the terms of an agreement. Stump shared that a framework of that merger is close to reality with a three-year phase in plan, beginning in 2015. The Board will keep the membership informed as once the agreement is finalized.

Role and Mission of NCTEF: Stump shared that the NCTEF Board of Directors will begin to meet separately from the NASDCTEc Board, thus providing the opportunity to focus more discretely on the opportunities and future of NCTEF.

2015 Vision Summit: Stump shared that the Board agreed to host another Vision Summit in the fall of 2015. The 2015 Summit will invite other CTE and state-focused national organizations to be co-conveners, with the goal of gaining broader input and ownership of the next iteration of the vision. The Board is considering regional summits to follow the national summit, as a means of supporting states as they build plans and networks to support the implementation of the vision's priorities.

Career Cluster Leadership Pilot: Zimmerman gave a brief update on the inaugural meeting of The Career Cluster Leadership Pilot. For the Manufacturing Career Cluster, the participating states are: Iowa, Minnesota, New Jersey, Tennessee, Utah and Wisconsin, that is also the lead state. For the Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources Career Cluster, the participating states are: Colorado, Nebraska with Mississippi serving as the lead state. During the meeting, participants discussed ways to advance implementation of their respective Career Cluster by considering issues such as industry partnerships, program quality and awareness building efforts.

Moving forward, pilots will meet regularly via conference calls and webinars to conduct their work. By the end of the year, each pilot will establish a work plan, detailing action steps and deliverables. There is also potential for cross-pilot work as both groups consider tackling similar issues.

Legislative Update & Preview of November CTE Director Calls: Voytek shared that members of the newly formed Senate CTE Caucus have also taken the lead in introducing many in the below series of Perkins-related legislation this Congress. While none of these bills are likely to be passed fully by Congress, they are useful indicators for how Congress is likely to approach Perkins reauthorization and many seek to articulate through legislation.

Voytek also gave an update on the following:

- **Funding:** Last month, Congress passed a Continuing Appropriations Resolution (CR) which extended Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 funding levels for all non-defense discretionary (NDD) programs and agencies, including the Department of Education (ED) and the Carl D. Perkins Act (Perkins), into FY 2015 which began on October 1st. Due to imbalances between projected revenue levels in FY 2015 compared to those in FY 2014, a small across-the-board cut was applied to all of these programs. Perkins FY 2014 state grant allocations were retroactively impacted by this cut, despite the forward-funded nature of the program, which amounted to .0554 percent reduction split partially between the program's remaining FY 2014 allocation and the upcoming FY 2015 allocation.
- **Presidential Scholars Program:** Senators Tim Kaine (D-VA), Rob Portman (R-OH), and Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) sent a formal letter to President Obama in May requesting the inclusion of CTE students into the existing presidential scholars program.

NASDCTEc has been working with several stakeholder groups within the CTE community to explore ways to operationalize this proposal.

Excellence in Action Awards: Blosveren shared that the application process for the 2015 Excellence in Action awards will open the week of November 10. At the same time, we will begin recruiting State CTE to serve on the selection committee to review applications. Award winners will be recognized at the 2015 Spring Meeting. This year's process will build on the successes and lessons learned of the 2014 awards and, as a result, we are anticipating a significant increase in applications and, hopefully, will be able to recognize excellent programs in the majority of Career Clusters.

Briefly, the major dates and deadlines for this year's awards program are:

- November 12, 2014: Award announcement is live
- December 3, 2014: Applications are due and selection committee is finalized
- December 12-January 9: Selection committee reviews applications (no more than 10 each)
- Week of January 19, 2015: Selection committee participates in calibration call
- February 6, 2015: Winners are notified and invited to 2015 Spring meeting
- April 8, 2015: Winners announced publicly/honored at awards ceremony

Wrap up: Stump thanked the NASDCTEc members and closed the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:38 p.m.