**Wisconsin CTE Meeting at ACTE’s CareerTech VISION**

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The group met to discuss whether there was a need for a professional CTE association in Wisconsin. The ACTE Executive Director shared that the national organization believes it is important to have such a structure to provide opportunities for networking and collaboration, for CTE policy advocacy, and to be able to recognize outstanding efforts and individuals from the state, on a statewide and national level. Dr. Bryan Albrecht shared a brief history of organizations serving CTE professionals in Wisconsin and noted the amazing things happening across the state and the people doing them, that weren’t getting the attention they deserve.

The general sentiment of the group was that such a structure or organization would be a positive development for Wisconsin CTE professionals but noted that it would require the involvement of WI DPI and WCTCS representatives to ensure collaboration and coordination. Attendees also shared that the annual CESA conference along with discipline specific (Family Consumer Sciences, Agricultural Education, Business/Marketing, Technology Education and Health Sciences) representatives needed to be included in future discussion.

Other comments from participants included:

* There could activities, such as CTE@Home, or a coffee meet-up of regional representatives done
  + It was mentioned that some regions are already doing this in Dane County and North Central Wisconsin and that Fred Skiva coordinates one of these
* UW-Stout has teacher prep and continuing education programs that could be more widely shared
* Would it make sense to have such an organization join forces with another annual event (e.g. CESA Conference)?
* It would be beneficial to have the organization position it’s value around coordinating advocacy efforts for CTE professionals

The participants agreed that there should be a committee convened to explore the formation of a new organization and plan for an in-person event in late April/early May that would be adjacent to the national Work-based Learning Conference scheduled for May 1-3 in Milwaukee, WI.  Individuals volunteering to serve on such a committee included:

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Michelle McGlynn

Joel Evenson

Chris Maedke

Lee Briggs

Austin  Hofer

Lucas Jandrin

Kyla Stefan

Dustin Lehman

Gami Miller

Stephanie Hartzime

Jon Winter

Brandon Russell, ACTE Region IV Vice President explained the need to have a Wisconsin representative to the region’s Policy Committee. Greg Granberg volunteered to serve in this capacity while conversations to start a Wisconsin CTE organization are occurring.

Participants also felt it important to begin sharing with key stakeholders (DPI staff, Sector specific leads in AG, Bus/Mktg, FCS, Health Sciences and Tech Ed) news of this conversation and to suggest planning attendance at the Milwaukee meeting.

Dr. Albrecht committed to connect with Sharon Wendt at WI DPI and Colleen McCabe at WCTCS to share an update on the discussion and to encourage their involvement in the planning process and attendance at the Milwaukee meeting.

ACTE pledged to share notes of the discussion at the meeting, assist in supporting the Planning/Organizing Committee and with logistics/communications for the Milwaukee meeting. ACTE will schedule a virtual meeting in January for the planning committee to convene and be prepared to share information about setting up an organization and the logistics for the Milwaukee meeting.

For more information or to share corrections or additions to these notes (or in preparation for the January virtual meeting, please contact Kelli Diemer, ACTE Membership Director [kdiemer@acteonline.org](mailto:kdiemer@acteonline.org) or Michael Connet, ACTE Associate Deputy Executive Director [mconnet@acteonline.org](mailto:mconnet@acteonline.org)