CTETE
Council on Technology and Engineering Teacher Education

2014 Annual Conference Highlights

The 2014 ITEEA conference in Orlando, Florida was very productive and provided many opportunities to engage with fellow teacher educators and to celebrate some important successes. Members were able to discuss and prioritize new and current initiatives, providing a renewed commitment to the goal of promoting technological literacy.

A personal highlight for me was the Awards and Yearbook dinner, which we reinstituted after a several-year hiatus. Attendance was good and the conversation was even better. Best of all was the chance to showcase this year's award winners (see below). We expect to continue this tradition at future conferences and hope to see you all there.

The CTETE hosted fourteen research and seven poster presentations, which involved a total of 37 presenters from multiple countries. Included was a special session hosted by Greg Pearson and Mark Sanders, at which the recently-released report *STEM Integration in K-12 Education* (National Academies Press) was introduced.

Members of the executive, strategic, and standing committees laid out their plans of work for 2014-2015 (see page 2), so there are many ways that members can become involved during the coming year! I am also pleased to report that the Yearbook Committee reviewed and approved two proposals, and identified possible topics for future yearbooks. Watch for more information on this soon.

Congratulations to the 2014 CTETE Award Winners

Please join me in congratulating the winners of this year's CTETE awards. The following individuals were recognized at the 2014 conference in Orlando:

Silvius-Wolansky Outstanding Publication Award: John Ritz (Old Dominion University) and Gene Martin (Texas State University), for their publication "Perceptions of New Doctoral Graduates on the Future of the Profession."

Outstanding Research Award: P. John Williams (University of Waikato) for his study "Investigating the Feasibility of Using Digital Representations of Work for Performance Assessment in Engineering."

CTETE Travel Award: Michael Grubbs (Virginia Tech) to support travel to present at the 29th annual PATT conference in Marseille, France.

Technology Teacher Educator of the Year: Chris Merrill (Illinois State University). Special thanks to Mike Daugherty for a wonderful introduction and for providing some unique historical photographs!

Chris Merrill

DON'T FORGET! The deadline to submit an application to present (PDF) at the 2015 conference is June 15, 2014.

Opportunities for Service: Plans of Work for 2014-2015

Once again I extend an invitation to all members to become active in the work of the Council through participation on one of our Standing or Strategic Committees. This is an excellent way to learn more about the work of the CTETE and to make a difference within the technology and engineering education profession. If you would like to become involved in any of these efforts, please contact me at: hoepflmc@appstate.edu. Some of the tasks identified for 2014-2015 include:

- Accreditation ~ Will be participating with members of an accreditation task force that will be assembled to update the CTETE/ITEEA program accreditation standards and to investigate options for a new accreditation process. (Paul Post, chairperson)
- Curriculum ~ Will work with the ITEEA to review the EbD curriculum materials and to analyze data collected from classrooms where the EbD materials are used. Will also provide recommendations for other T&E curriculum materials.
- Research and Scholarship ~ Will continue to peer review applications for the CTETE research presentations and for the publication, research, and travel awards. Will establish a graduate research roundtable at the 2015 conference. (Charlie McLaughlin, chairperson)
- Marketing ~ Will provide input on the CTETE web site renovation and will work with the Secretary on membership drive initiatives. (Michael Grubbs, chairperson)
- Teacher Preparation ~ Will publish the results of a Delphi study conducted in 2013, and will pursue a similar study focusing on elementary teacher preparation programs. Will disseminate the results of this work at the 2015 conference. (Annette Rose, chairperson)
- Leadership Development ~ Will continue to work with the 21st Century Leader candidates. Will also work with the TEECA officer team to support leadership development activities, including alliances with TSA. (Bill Havice and Roger Hill, co-chairs)

Executive Committee Priorities and Plans for 2014-2015

Members of the CTETE Executive Committee met in Boone, NC on May 27-29, 2014 to discuss the organization's plan of work for the coming year. Among the many initiatives we identified, I want to highlight three priorities about which you will hear more in the coming weeks and months:

L to R: CTETE Executive Team: David Rouch, Secretary; Ed Reeve, Past President; Phil Reed, Vice President; Marie Hoepfl, President; Mark Mahoney, Treasurer.

Accreditation: Viewed as a signature and critical task, we will be working with the ITEEA to update our program standards as well as to develop an accreditation process that is of high quality and sustainable.

Marketing: Key among the several marketing tasks identified is to completely update the CTETE web site. We will also seek broader collaboration with sister professional organizations.

Products and Services: Revive traditional products like the Yearbook and support for members' professional development, and focus on new activities such as increased outreach to promote technological literacy and T&E education's contributions.