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From The President

A few years back, I received a frantic telephone call from a TECA advisor at another university. It seems that their local Tech Ed student club had applied for campus funding to attend the next ITEA conference, and the Office of Student Affairs (at that school) wanted a copy of the group's constitution and bylaws as part of the application. So, the obvious question (and reason for the phone call), " . . . can you send me a copy of the TECA constitution?".

I replied that "yes, I could", or I suggested that they could use the copy that was in the appendix of the 1989 CTTE yearbook on **Technology Student Organizations** (i.e., pages 263-270 in the 38th yearbook). As it turned out, my colleague already had a copy of the requested TECA documentation sitting within inches of the telephone . . . in a yearbook on a nearby shelf.

The point is, we often receive vital resources then immediately brush them aside. The Council's yearbook series is a prime example, as many professionals have shared ideas, knowledge, and observations over the decades . . . and yet many books remain un-opened on book shelves.

Hopefully that is not the case this summer, as CTTE members receive a copy of **Assessment of Technology Education**, the 56th CTTE yearbook edited by Marie Hoepfl (Appalachian State University) and Michael Lindstrom (Anoka-Hennepin Schools, Minnesota). My copy arrived just days after completing the June 15, 2007 newsletter, so I've had a few weeks to review the latest book.

First, a sincere congratulations and a huge "thank you" to the co-editors and the 19 writers who contributed material for one or more chapters in the book. The yearbook series is a true labor of love, and all editors and authors deserve our deepest appreciation. An added note of thanks goes to our partners at Glencoe / McGraw Hill Publishers, for another outstanding job in production and distribution.

Please take time to review your new yearbook, if not read the entire publication cover-to-cover. As in past yearbooks, there is a great deal of useful, practical information in each chapter. Much knowledgeable and wisdom is shared in the 303 pages of the 2007 CTTE yearbook.

I hesitate to focus on one section over another, as the entire book is well done. But personally, the chapters that caught my attention include . . .

1) In Chapter 2, Rod Custer (Illinois State University) and Greg Pearson (National Academy of Engineering) set the tone for assessment in this age of

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technological literacy. From national capitols to the most rural school districts, educators are under constant pressure to engage students using more efficient strategies and content. This second chapter highlights many of the "players" in emerging practices and legislation.

2) If you haven't sat through a lecture in a tests and measurement class lately, Jim Haynie (North Carolina State University) outlines conventional methods of assessment in Chapter 3. He covers the time-tested instruments and tools used in classroom and laboratories. Note: I was even reminded of a few class topics that I didn't think were too important during my undergraduate days.

3) Chapter 7 includes suggestions related to using assessment data, both for directing program improvement and providing student feedback. Co-authors Jared Barrett and Steve Shumway (both from Brigham Young University) offer many practical observations. Maybe it's that I've been working on an assessment grant at Ball State University this past two months, but this section was of personal interest.

4) In a world of collaboration, it is wonderful to have educators from other fields of study contribute to a CTTE publication (as can be found in several chapters). After all, many of us are looking at education in the perspective of TIDE, STEM, and other acronyms. The work of Maria Araceli Ruiz-Primo (University of Colorado) in Chapter 11 along with Chapter 12 by Janet Burns and Karen Schaefer (both from Georgia State University) are good examples, as we have a lot to gain by observing how educators in other laboratory-based fields assess their students and curriculum.

5) Among the most gratifying chapters in the yearbook is Chapter 14. Kurt Helgeson (St. Cloud State University) helps remind us how far we've come in regards to content standards, assessment, and accreditation. We have many in CTTE to thank for the ground-breaking work with agencies such as NCATE, the national academies, and other groups. Kurt documents how these efforts are designed to prepare (a) better technology educators and (b) ultimately, a more knowledgeable and skilled graduate of our school systems.

During the slower days and weeks of July and August, why not grab a CTTE yearbook off the shelf and catch-up on the some non-fiction reading(?). Start with the most recent book, or select one of the earlier publications that you've always wanted to read.

Don't forget, you have treasury of professional information within inches of your desk.

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Special thanks to the members of the CTTE Yearbook Committee. The group (as of the 2007 ITEA conference in San Antonio) included:
Rod Custer (Chair)
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Need any logo's, banners, etc. for your professional media? Don't forget to check the RESOURCES page on the ITEA website!

CTTE Program Set From Salt Lake City 2008

Early this fall, we will distribute the Council's program for the annual ITEA Convention in Salt Lake City (February 21-23, 2008). Since the conference applications were due into the Vice-President so early this spring, perhaps it would be a good idea to review the program planning process. A lot has occurred since the proposals were received by the May 25th deadline.

The CTTE Vice President is responsible for the conference program, so V.P. Marie Hoepfl organized a program review committee earlier this spring. This group reviewed the applicants for special interest session, research presentation, and poster session slots (with a very tight turned-around time). The goal was to identify a series of "referred" presentations and poster displays for the meeting in Salt Lake City. Note: The proposals that didn't "make the cut" for the CTTE program were forwarded to ITEA to be included in that pool of applicants.

Marie also requested time and space for various CTTE events, like the annual business meeting, committee worksession, executive team meetings, etc. Major functions, like the CTTE Yearbook / ITEA-CS Luncheon, have to fit into designated spots in the ITEA conference schedule.

The proposed program for CTTE was submitted to ITEA officials prior to the planned meeting of the ITEA program committee (which met in late June). All affiliate Councils had their programs in by that time as well. At the end of June, the ITEA program committee could review the master schedule with room assignments and times for all conference activities (except for the 100-some slots available for interest sessions).

When the ITEA committee met June 27th, they completed the review of conference applications, and then slotted the approved presentations to avoid duplication of topics within time slots, or related conflicts with presenters or co-presenters. That is, as times and rooms were assigned, the ITEA program team reviewed the "known" conference obligation of each presenter to insure that they were not scheduled for another function at the same time.

Hopefully, all this will result in the best program ever in SLC '08!

International Technology Education Association
SALT LAKE CITY
February 21–23, 2008

Fall 2007 Schedule Of Events

This fall's professional schedule includes state conferences or workshops in Virginia, Maryland, Minnesota, Florida, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania, etc. and regional conferences in New England, Kansas, Colorado, the Southeast States, among others.

As you start a new school year, also include these dates in your print or electronic calendars:

* TECA Midwest Regional (Peoria, IL) – October 20-21, 2007
  Held in conjunction with the Illinois Technology Education Conference

* TECA Eastern Regional Conference (Virginia Beach) – October 28-20, 2007
  Note: This event is being moved to the fall for the first time (to avoid conflicts with the same week as the annual ITEA Conference in February 2008)

* TECA West Regional (Coopers Mountain, CO) – November 1-2, 2007
  Held in conjunction with the Colorado & Rocky Mountain States Conference

* Mississippi Valley Technology Teacher Education Conference (Chicago, IL) – Nov. 8-9, 2007

* TECA Southwest Regional Conference (Pittsburg, KS) – November 15-17, 2007
  Held in conjunction with the 4-States Technology Education Conference

* ACTE National Convention (Las Vegas) – December 13-15, 2007

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Yearbook Committee

The CTTE Yearbook Committee, directed by Past President Michael De Miranda, is still seeking topics and writing team members for future publications.

Contact Michael with any ideas, suggestions, and proposals at Colorado State University . . .

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*The August 15th issue of **One Five** will introduce the "newly launched" CTTE website. Details to follow!*

CTTE Listserve Discussion

An interesting thread appeared on the Council's listserve in June. Various colleagues talked about program closures, with postings about recent events at a few schools. About the same time, I was working with some data about the Technology Education Collegiate Association (TECA). The 2006-07 academic year marked the 20th anniversary of TECA nationwide, so I though it might be "interesting" to compare the 1987 vs. 2007 roster.

TECA Chapters @1987

Ball State University
Black Hills State College
Buffalo State College
California University of PA
Central Missouri State University
Central Washington University
Colorado State University
East Tennessee State University
Eastern Illinois University
Fairmont State College
Fitchburg State College
Fort Hays State University
Illinois State University
Indiana State University
Kearney State College
Kent State University
Mankato State University
Metro State College
Millersville University of PA
Morehead State University
Murray State University
Northeast Missouri State Univ.
Northeastern State University
Northern Illinois University
Northwest Missouri State Univ.
Ohio Northern University
Ohio State University
Old Dominion University
Oregon State University
Pacific Union College
Pittsburgh State University
Southwest Texas State University
Southwestern Oklahoma State Un.
Texas A&M University
University of Northern Iowa
University of Wisconsin - Stout
University of Wyoming
Utah State University
Virginia State University
Virginia Tech University
West Virginia Institute of Technology

TECA Chapters @ 2007

Ball State University
Bowling Green State University
Brigham Young University
California University of PA
Central Connecticut State Univ.
Central Missouri State University
Clemson University
Colorado State University
Eastern Michigan University
Fairmont State University
Fitchburg State College
Fort Hays State University
Georgia Southern University
Illinois State University
Indiana State University
Millersville University of PA
Montana State University
North Carolina A & T State Univ.
North Carolina State University
Ohio Northern University
Ohio State University
Old Dominion University
Pittsburgh State University
Purdue University
Southwestern Oklahoma State
St. Cloud State University
SUNY Oswego
The College of New Jersey
University of Georgia
University of Northern Iowa
University of Wisconsin - Stout
University of Wyoming - Casper
Utah State University
Virginia Tech (Advisor only)
Virginia State University
Wayne State College