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From The President

Funny story time!

For perspective, I'm a veteran of mass mailings. The staff in the mail room at Ball State know me well, as I've dropped off numerous mailings over the past decades. The *Manufacturing Forum* publication, mailings about our Competitive Events Day in the department, and recruiting flyers are common examples. Each time, the parcels were zip code-sorted and the appropriate stickers / labels added to the front cover. Believe me, I know the zip code arrangement of the state of Indiana, and of the U.S., pretty well.

When my student workers were preparing a mass mailing for CTTE in late-January (related to a nomination form and for the by-laws proposal you see on pages 3-4), I treated it as "business as usual". We were trying to bulk mail the nomination form in particular, as that function along can cost the organization over $500 each year.

Anyway, I hand-carried the latest bulk mailing to the mail room as is my routine. I was greeted by the head of the postal facility (a good friend), and explained that everything was in order . . . envelopes sealed, the entire mailing sorted, etc. That's when he informed me that the USPS rules had changed last November, and I now had to submit the mailing list (electronically) so they could verify names and addresses via a national database. Then a second system would be used to create special labels with the bar code already on the sticker. I stopped him at that point, and said "just mail these things!" to get them out to CTTE members as quickly as possible.

Bottom line, both the CTTE Constitution & By Laws have some language in them about routine correspondence. The CTTE Executive Team would like to amend the association's guiding documents, to bring communication procedures into the 2000s. That would avoid the "hassles" (and escalating expense!) we run into with today's postal practices, both domestic and internationally.

We hope to see everyone in Louisville, at the annual CTTE Business Meeting on March 27th, to discuss the proposals and to conduct other routine business. See you then!

Richard D. Seymour
2007-10 CTTE President

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Program Accreditation Sessions @ Louisville

For those institutions planning to submit program documentation over the next few years, it is recommended you attend an orientation workshop while at the 2009 ITEA Conference. Also, program reviewers should participate in the annual training workshop. Both events are the Thursday afternoon of the annual convention.

Thursday, March 26th
2:00pm-3:00pm
ITEA / CTTE / NCATE Report Reviewers Workshop
Training program for ITEA / CTTE / NCATE program report reviewers. Workshop is by invitation only.

3:00pm-4:00pm
ITEA / CTTE / NCATE Report Writers Workshop
Provides guidance and information to assist ITEA / CTTE / NCATE program report writers in writing and assembling program accreditation materials.

For more information, contact Gerald Day at 410-659-5332 or e-mail Jerry at: gfday@umes.edu

Congrat's!

During the CTTE Business Meeting in Louisville, KY two institutions will be recognized for their successful ITEA / CTTE / NCATE program reviews during the past academic year. The two schools are Ball State University and Bowling Green State Univ.

Congratulations New TECA Officers

Many CTTE members are involved with a local TECA-affiliated chapter . . . and this will be a year of big changes with the Technology Education Collegiate Association. First, the recent announcement of new student officers:

2009-2010 National Officer Team

President George Lavelle (California University of Pennsylvania)

Vice-President Jonathan Jarrett (Millersville University)

Secretary Mance Hurley (University of Wyoming Casper)

Reporter Stephan Brumbaugh (Pittsburg State University)

President-Elect Wade Thatcher (Ball State University)

In addition, Peter Wright (California Univ. of PA) completes his 2-year term on the ITEA Board of Directors, Andy Klenke (Pittsburg State) completes his 2-year term as TECA Advisor and moves into the ITEA slot, Rod Thompson (Univ. of Wyoming) takes over as TECA Advisor for the next two years, and Richard Seymour (Ball State) is stepping down after 16 years as national contest coordinator.

Proposed Constitution & By-Laws Changes

These proposed Constitution & By-Laws changes will be forwarded to the CTTE membership during the annual business meeting of the association at Louisville on Friday, March 27, 2009.

Article VIII: Election of Officers

Section 1. Only "regular," "life," and "honorary," members are eligible to vote.

Section 2. The election of all officers shall be conducted by ~~mail~~ electronic ballot as provided for in Section 3. This election shall be completed at ~~lease~~ least one week prior to the annual conference.

Section 3. A Nomination and Election Committee consisting of the Immediate Past-President who shall serve as chairperson, and four other regular or life members shall be appointed each year by the President with the approval of the Executive Committee at the annual business meeting preceding the election. It will be the duty of the Nomination and Election Committee to conduct the election according to the following procedures:

a. A slate of nominees for each office will be selected by the committee.

b. The Nomination and Election Committee of the CTTE, after receiving written permission from each nominee, shall submit the slate of nominees for elected office to the chairman of the Nomination and Election Committee of the ITEA not less than four months prior to the annual business meeting for the purpose of coordination and to prevent possible duplication of names on the ballots of the respective organizations. The committee of the ITEA shall have the responsibility for notifying the Nomination and Election Committee of duplications so that the Nomination and Election Committee can make appropriate adjustments. In general, election procedures should begin not later than December 1 of each year.

c. Names of nominees and a professional ~~resume~~ biography of each will be placed on ~~a ballot and mailed to the membership~~ the CTTE website not less than three months before the annual business meeting~~, to be returned not less than two months prior to said meeting~~. At that time, electronic ballots will be made available and ballots must be completed not less than two months prior to said meeting. Space for write-in nominations will be provided on the ballot. The membership of the Council shall be notified by the Secretary and a new election conducted in the event of the withdrawal for any reason of a nominee whose name has been placed upon a nominating ballot and distributed to the membership in the conduct of an election.

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d. The membership will vote by ranking the candidates for each office. The Single-Transferable-Vote-System will be used to tabulate the results. The candidate who receives a majority of the votes for a given office will be declared the winner.
e. The Nomination and Election Committee shall tabulate results of the election and announce the names of elected officers at the annual business session. In case of ties, decision shall be by lot.

Article IX
Technology Teacher Educator-of-the-Year Selection

Section 1. The Teacher Educator-of-the-Year Committee shall consist of the Immediate Past-President of CTTE, who shall serve as chairperson, the President of the CTTE, and the three most recent recipients of this award. Should duplications of a position occur, or in the event of a stated member being unable to serve, the Committee shall be brought up to the five-person membership by adding other Teacher Educator-of-the-Year recipients, first consideration being given to the most recent of the said recipients

Section 2. Nominations for the recipient of the Teacher Educator-of- the-Year award shall be made on the first election ballot ~~mailed~~ made available electronically to the membership. A description of the award, including the selection procedure, and a place for individual nominations shall be provided on the ballot.

Section 3. It shall be the responsibility of the Teacher Educator-of-the- Year Committee to make the selection according to the following procedures:

a. The Immediate Past President shall tally the nominations and provide a complete report for each member of the Committee.
b. The recipient shall be selected on the basis of long and valued service to the Council, to technology teacher education, and to the field of education in general. Both past and present contributions will be considered.
c. Each member of the committee will choose from the list of nominees the five persons believed most deserving of the award. Each member will rank the order of his or her choices, assigning point values of 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 in descending order. The voting will be by ~~written~~ electronic ballot.
d. The Chairperson will record the point values and the person with the highest point score will receive the award for that year. In case of a tie, duplicate awards will be made.
e. The Chairperson will notify the recipient or recipients, in writing, that he or she will be presented this award at the annual conference.