PACTA
PENNSYLVANIA
Association of Career & Technical Administrators

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, October 8, 2026 | 1:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Welcome

Meeting started at 1:00 p.m.
Dr. Lisa Greenawalt, PACTA State President-Absent
Dr. Darby Copeland, PACTA Past State President, began the meeting for Dr. Greenawalt who could not attend.

Legislative Update

PACTA Advocacy/Legislative Committee

Dr. Joe Clapper gave legislative update

- Subsidy went up 10 million in current budget to about 141.7 million dollars looking to increase beyond and possibly a 3-year plan to get where we want to be with legislators.
- Financial literacy requirement begins this school year for students to complete a financial course of at least a half credit. Act 35.
- Variety of bills in the State to watch CTE curriculum modernization bill to provide a digital platform.
- Next month we will initiate a new legislative update email that will be reader/user friendly in collaboration with Principals Association.
- Election coming up November 3.

Partner Spotlight Update

Mark Harriman, Regional Director, iCEV

- iCEV is a total solution, offering over 200 CTE courses help first year teachers teach.
- Continue to invest in PA
- Sponsoring numerous events throughout the state and would like to sponsor events at individual schools.
- Craig Lomonaco and Mark are the contacts with iCEV in PA

- Certification events to certify all teachers
- iCEV will be at National ACTE conference in New Orleans would love to talk to see how they can help your school.

Bureau of Career and Technical Education Update

Judd Pittman, State Director
Bureau of Career and Technical Education, PA Department of Education

- Secretary Rowe went to visit Somerset CTC who raved about the experience as the school showed off their forestry and aviation programs.
- Going to another CTC in October as a year long communication plan to elevate and tell store of CTE in the commonwealth.
- Supplemental Equipment grants closed recently and 142 schools submitted grants under prescribed missing 15-20 partners that did not submit.
- Competitive Equipment grant will close on the 16th. Tight on dollars for this year due to the gap of CTE subsidy and what money was provided.
- More office hours FRCPP CATS and APTE IMS reviews, Thursdays from 11-11:30 a.m. reach out to new division chief Brian Kelly.
- K-12 guidance plan monthly office hours 9-10:00 a.m. reach out to Mycenae Worley for more information
- PDE SAS conference is coming up December 6-9 and Sunday the 6th having a viewing of the movie “Multiple Choice”.
- Penn College Technology will be hosting a viewing of “Multiple Choice” February 3 from 4-6 during CTE month.
- Federal friends from NASA have unique student opportunities this Fall and Winter. CTE day on November 13 and December 9. Written communication to follow.
- Take advantage of PaTTAN offerings, computer sciences in PA team with training and online courses. CTE team started a newsletter to reach out to teachers, instructional coaches and administrators who know all opportunities for resources and support. Invite them to buildings for Act 80 day or best practices etc.
- Want to stay connected to members for legislative opportunities for needs so internal budget request can reflect what is really needed.

PACTA Updates

Dr. Joe Clapper, PACTA Executive Director

- Competed Fall Workshops last week had over 150 participants next year adding strands for emerging leaders, technology and more.
- Next week helping with Cooperative Education conference

- February 9-10 register for the Symposium. RFP's coming in deadline fast approaching working with Lisa Golding with PDE to help plan. Inviting legislators and the governor, secretary of ed
- Regional meeting taking place Western Region tomorrow
- Central and East on same day
- Lobbying for budget year thinking about 2027-28 budget has been a shortfall for subsidy funding. Want equipment to be a priority.
- Met with appropriations committee in the house put forward what we are looking for and looking at the formula that determines the actual subsidy.
- Seven schools that have not paid for 2027-28 dues. Lori Bell will be sending out invoices looking for 100% participation.
- Introduced Business Partnerships for $300 a year. Business will be advertised on PACTA website. Reach out to your vendors to become a business partner.
- Can earn Act 45 hours for attending the membership meetings.

General Discussion

- When will the curriculum modernization grant be released?
  - It is a bill that we are watching in the house needs to be voted on. Nothing really happening in the house until after the elections.

- Eastern Study Tour November 4-6. If anyone is interested, please sign up.