

President's Message

John M. Ritz

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Old Dominion University

I would like to wish you greetings and thank you for your continued membership and support of the Council on Technology Teacher Education. As the new school year has gotten underway, many of you have probably received the same calls I have. Many public schools are seeking technology teachers to replace or fill vacant positions in our secondary schools. The crisis that we have read about, teacher shortages, is real.

Between now and 2006, the U.S. alone will need 500,000 additional teachers. For our field, as a low projection in the U.S. there is a need for 13,000 additional or replacement teachers by 2001. Can we meet this projection? Look at the schools in your state or province that are preparing technology teachers. Will enrollments reach the demand?

This is a very serious problem. If the supply does not meet the demand, how will school systems fill vacancies? Can we get our local news media to recruit for us? Do we need to develop alternative licensure programs to assist us in filling the voids? These are issues that the Council and institutions need to quickly address.

To assist you in making these decisions, the Council will conduct a pre-conference workshop in Ft. Worth on March 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The workshop is titled *Planning for the Future: Moving Technology Teacher Education into the 21st Century* and will have many noted leaders addressing topics such as Changing Demographics, Accreditation Issues, The Promise of Standards, Teacher Shortages, Recruitment and Alternative Licensure, and Program Positioning. In addition, the Council will conduct a planning session within the workshop which will help CTTE and your institution plan for our future. In addition to the workshop, CTTE will sponsor a number of interest sessions directed toward topics that will interest you. We hope that you will attend.

To assist the Council in its work and to provide for your continued professional growth, may I take this opportunity to invite you to join one of the Council's active committees. Committee work enables you to guide the Council, while at the same time work with other professionals to come up with new strategies to assist you on your campus. Enclosed in the Newsletter is a form to send to our secretary, Tad Foster, to volunteer for a CTTE committee. The Council is committed to seeking qualified individuals to serve on its active committees.

Also, CTTE is now sponsoring an Outstanding Program Award to be presented to colleges and universities who are making a difference in our profession. The award is not limited to one college or university. We will award all who qualify. Included in the newsletter is a flyer describing the details of the award. We hope you consider applying.

CTTE Committee Reports

CTTE Collegiate Student Committee

Richard Seymour
Ball State University

The members of the CTTE Collegiate Student Committee will again have a busy year. A primary function of the group is to conduct or assist with one of the four TECA Regional Conferences held annually (or at the ITEA Conference). The dates and sites for this year's events include the following:

- TECA Midwest Regional Conference
Peoria, IL (November 7 & 8, 1997)
- TECA West Regional Conference
Denver, CO (November 7 & 8, 1997)
- TECA Southwest Regional Conference
Pittsburg, KS (November 20 & 21, 1997)
- TECA East Coast Regional Conference
Virginia Beach, VA (February 26–28, 1998)
- Annual ITEA Conference
Ft. Worth, TX (TECA events March 7 & 8)

Committee members who are in charge of the events include Walter Deal (East), Richard Seymour (Midwest), Brian McAlister (Southwest), and David Parker (West).

Members of the CTTE Collegiate Student Committee have also been assisting the TECA International officer team as they prepare for this year's activities. The new International Advisor is Bill Havice (Clemson University), replacing Len Litowitz (Millersville University).

CTTE Accreditation Committee

Anthony E. Schwaller, DTE
St. Cloud State University

The CTTE Accreditation Committee has been working hard in the past year to revise the ITEA/CTTE/NCATE guidelines. The guidelines have been rewritten into outcome based statements. In addition, the information concerning the knowledge base for the development of the guidelines has been rewritten.

The revised guidelines will be presented to NCATE and to the SASB (Specialty Area Studies Board) in mid-October in Washington, D.C. by Dr. Anthony Gilberti (folio coordinator), Dr. Anthony E. Schwaller (accreditation committee chairperson), and Dr. Kendall Starkweather (Executive Director of ITEA). At that time, the guidelines will hopefully be approved for another five years.

Also, at the meeting in Washington, Anthony Schwaller will present information to COPPE Executive Committee concerning a plan to restructure the dues for all specialty areas based upon size of organization and its membership.

The Accreditation Committee has also completed a survey to determine the continuing need for accreditation, folio reviews, and folio development. Presently the data is being analyzed. The results of the survey will be presented in the next **CTTE Newsletter**.

CTTE Yearbook Committee

Everett Israel
Eastern Michigan University

The committee is busy coordinating work on future CTTE Yearbooks. The upcoming topics and editors include:

- # 47 Betty L. Rider, Editor. "Diversity in Technology Education" 1998
- # 48 Anthony F. Gilberti and David L. Rouch, Co-Editors. "Advancing Professionalism in Technology Education" 1999
- #49 Gene Martin, Editor. "Technology Education for the 21st Century" 2000

Tentative proposals have been reviewed for the years 2001 and 2002. Final review of these proposals will take place at the upcoming ITEA Conference in March 1998.

Finally, if you have an idea for a proposal for a yearbook, please contact Everett Israel at Eastern Michigan University. The committee is always seeking quality themes.

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CTTE Membership Committee

Peter Wright
Indiana State University

Through the efforts of CTTE President John Ritz and the members of the Membership Committee, we applied for and received \$1,000 from ITEA to further our membership recruitment and promotion for 1997-98. This will enable us to expand our mail and phone contacts and also to be more aggressive in our planning efforts. We were notified of the award in an early-September memo from ITEA.

This award was based on a review of our specific plans for this year. These plans include assignments of CTTE Membership Committee members to:

- Promote a more personal recruitment style in their home geographic areas (states were assigned to individual members);
- Continue most of our traditional mailings;
- Continue the targeted CTTE inserts in the ITEA mailings;
- Continue development and links on our membership-oriented CTTE homepage;
- Distribute our new brochures as widely as possible; and
- Investigate ways of tracking, coding, or directing membership applications to help us determine if specific strategies are working.

In addition, we are making special efforts in the areas of targeting graduate students in Technology Education programs and in contacting Taiwanese technology education professors.

We are proud of our new brochures and are making every effort to utilize ITEA's funding as effectively as possible to increase our membership. Anyone who wants some CTTE recruitment brochures should contact me at Indiana State. I will happily send them out to you.

CTTE Research Committee

Bob Wicklein
University of Georgia

The research committee is currently seeking proposals from educators within the profession regarding two major initiatives. First, there is the RFP on *Stimulating Research in Technology Education Grant*. Proposals are being sought to receive a \$10,000 grant from the CTTE that will help address a number of important issues and problems facing the field. Announcements about this grant opportunity were sent to all members of the CTTE in early August and deadline for receiving proposals in November 15, 1997. All interested parties should seriously consider putting together a proposal.

Second, there is an RFP for *CTTE Research Presentations* at the upcoming ITEA conference in Fort Worth, Texas. Interested individuals are encouraged to submit their research proposals by November 1, 1997. Again, announcements about this presentation opportunity were sent to all members of the CTTE in early August. All proposals should be sent to me (please note this new address): Dr. Robert Wicklein, 223 Rivers Crossing Building, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602.

After receiving the proposals the research committee members will be busy reviewing each proposal in order to select the best grant and presentation possibilities.

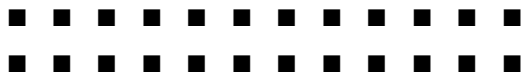
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A Program To Recognize

Outstanding Technology Teacher Education Programs

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Many professionals in technology teacher education have worked diligently to keep their programs up-to-date and consistent with contemporary thought, developed new curriculum and courses, or revitalized old ones. The Council on Technology Teacher Education is sponsoring an award designed to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of these professionals by identifying outstanding technology teacher education programs. The award is in recognition of superior technology education programs and exemplary professional involvement. The award will be an attractive plaque with an engraved brass insert. It will be presented at the Annual CTTE Yearbook Luncheon to department faculty from the colleges/universities that were judged to have outstanding technology teacher education programs.

REQUIREMENTS — To be eligible for the award, the technology teacher education program must

1. Have undergone ITEA/CTTE NCATE curriculum folio review and become an NCATE approved technology education program listed in the NCATE *Teacher Preparation: A Guide to Colleges and Universities* the year of the award.
2. Have graduated a minimum of 15 initial certification/licensure teachers during the past year, August, December, and May/June. These initial certified graduates can be at the undergraduate and/or graduate levels. A certified letter from the Registrar's/Records/Licensure Office listing the graduates must be presented to confirm that the students have graduated during the time span and completed programs for technology teaching licensure.
3. All technology teacher faculty who teach courses in the professional sequence of the teacher preparation program must be CTTE members during the year of the award.
4. A minimum of two of the faculty must serve on CTTE committees.

Note: After receiving the award, an institution is not eligible to apply again for five years.

PROCEDURES — Follow these steps

1. The award will be announced in the fall **CTTE Newsletter** annually.
2. A letter of application seeking the Outstanding Technology Teacher Education Program Award with a certified letter listing a minimum of 15 teacher certification graduates must be received by the Secretary of CTTE by December 15.
3. The CTTE Executive Committee will determine NCATE program approval, CTTE membership, and Committee participation.
4. The institutions receiving the award will be notified by February 15 of the receipt of the award.
5. The CTTE Secretary will prepare the plaques.
6. The award will be presented to the institution at the annual Yearbook Luncheon.

Forward application packet to:
Dr. W. Tad Foster
Technology Education Program
Central Conn. State University
1615 Stanley Street
New Britain, CT 06050
203/832-1850



Committee Interest Form

CTTE committee assignments are made prior to the annual ITEA Conference each spring. If you would like to serve on a Council committee for the up-coming year, return this interest form ASAP. The earlier you submit this form, the greater the chance that we will be able to notify you and your new committee chair prior to our work sessions at the ITEA Conference in Ft. Worth. The address and FAX number are noted below. Plan to get professionally involved through a CTTE committee!

Name: _____ Date: _____

School Address: _____

Office Phone Number: (____) _____ FAX: (____) _____

Home Phone Number: (____) _____ E-Mail _____

Potential CTTE assignments — please list a first (1), second (2), and third (3) choice among these committees:

- _____ Accreditation
- _____ Collegiate Student
- _____ Graduate Studies
- _____ Membership
- _____ Professional Development
- _____ Publications
- _____ Research
- _____ Undergraduate Studies

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