

CTTE News and Updates (January, 2012)

Dear CTTE Colleagues:

The following provides you with “News and Updates” about important issues and events that affect the Council of Technology Teacher Education (CTTE) and its members.

- **Name Change of the Council:** In the Spring of 2011, the executive committee initiated a scholarly discussion to change the name of the council to reflect changes in the field of technology and engineering education. After much discussion, the executive committee decided that the name that best represents the council today is the ***Council on Technology and Engineering Teacher Education (CTETE)***. The call for a name change that will require changing our constitution and bylaws will occur in March at the Annual Business meeting in Long Beach, CA at the 2012 ITEEA conference. In the next few days all members will be electronically contacted and asked to vote on the proposed name change.
- **Cancellation of Specialized Program Area (SPA) within NCATE:** I am saddened to report of the cancelling of the “technology education” Specialized Program Area (SPA) within NCATE. For more than two and one-half years, the CTTE has been paying the full dues (approximately \$20K a year) to support ITEEA/CTTE/NCATE accreditation. The ITEEA has officially indicated to us that they can no longer help to support paying these dues and it is not “financially feasible” for the CTTE to continue paying these dues as we do not have sufficient revenue. We are working with NCATE to help us to finish up those accreditations in the pipeline. (Note: Last year The Association of Educational Communication & Technology (AECT) cancelled their SPA with NCATE). A possible option for those needing to accredit their technology and engineering education programs may be through “The Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering” (ATMAE - <http://atmae.org>). However, this is an option that needs more exploration by the CTTE and its membership.
- **Disbanding of the Association for sTEm Teacher Education (ASTE) – formerly known as the National Association of Industrial Teacher Trainers (NAITTE).** I am also saddened to report of the disbanding of the ASTE (effective 12/31/11). The association was founded in 1937 to “develop closer cooperation among educators engaged in the preparation of teachers in industrial arts, trade and industrial education, and technical education.” For many years, their journal (which is now inactive), the *Journal of sTEm Teacher Education* (formerly the *Journal of Industrial Teacher Education* -JITE) helped shape and inform the profession of technology education.

- **CTTE Program at the 2012 ITEEA Annual Conference:** We have received a good number of research, poster, and general conference presentations for next year's conference. The 2012 CTTE Conference program can be found on-line at:
http://www.ctteonline.org/annual_conference/2012%20CTTE%20Agenda.pdf
- **CTTE Website:** We have updated and "reverted back" to our old CTTE website address (i.e., www.ctteonline.org). When you "Google" CTTE, you will be taken to this site – please check it out. Maintaining the website has now become the responsibility of the CTTE Secretary, Mike Grubbs and I would like to publicly thank him for all of his hard work in updating our website. If you would like to add something to this site, or make a suggestion, please contact Mike directly at michael.grubbs@clayton.k12.ga.us
- **CTTE Committees:** We have worked hard this past fall to update all CTTE committees. Thanks to all who responded to our requests and we will continue to update this at our annual meeting. The updated 2011-2012 CTTE Committee Membership Directory handbook can be accessed on the CTTE website under "Committees" or it can be accessed here:
http://www.ctteonline.org/Committees/2011_2012_Committee_Member_Directory%20-%20Reeve%20edited.pdf
- **CTTE Membership:** Total membership is approximately 300 (137 dues-paying members and 159 life-members). This past fall, the CTTE worked very hard to contact and update the profiles of all "life members" who were still on our books. After multiple mailings, we now have a list of 159 CTTE life members who want to continue receiving information from the CTTE. Total dues paying members as of December 2011 was 137.
- **ITEEA 2012 Conference:** Just a quick reminder that registration is now open for the 2012 ITEEA conference (March 15-17) that will take place in Long Beach, CA. The annual CTTE business meeting will be on Friday March 16th at 1:00 pm. Information about the 2012 ITEEA conference can be accessed at: <http://www.iteaconnect.org/Conference/conferenceguide.htm>
- **FTEE/ITEEA/CTTE Leadership Academy Class of 2013 Nominations:** There is still time to nominate participants to the 21st Century Leadership Academy Class of 2013. Materials must be submitted by February 6th, 2012. Please contact Roger Hill (rbhill@uga.edu) or Bill Havice (whavice@clemsun.edu) for further information about the program.
- **Journal of Technology Education (JTE):** Just a quick reminder that the most recent issue of the JTE can be read at <http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/ejournals/JTE/v23n1/>. The editor, the editorial board, and all authors who submit to this journal should be commended for their hard work in helping keep this "high quality journal" the premiere journal in the field of technology and engineering education.

Thanks again for your support and professionalism to the CTTE and I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming ITEEA conference.

Sincerely,

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