

# Executive Directors Report

May 2015



## **Kansas Hosts Region V Conference**

Kansas hosted the Region V Conference on April 15-18 at Overland Park. Sessions that I attended were: Seven Secrets to Become the Leader You Never Thought You Could Be, Engaging Today's Learner, Financial Literacy Education and Workplace Ethics. I was part of a team that presented Leadership 101 on Wednesday afternoon as a Pre-Conference. Kari Hanson, Sandy Woldstad, Scott Anderson represented Montana at the Region V Business meeting. Sandy presented the Montana State of the State report. I was elected to serve a second term on the Region V Policy Committee. Kari is serving on the Region V Resolutions/Legislative Committee and Sandy served on the Marketing/New Ideas Committee. Since Sandy will be going off the board next year, Scott will take her place on the committee for the next three years.

Sheila Schenk and I presented a breakout on "Literacy in CTE" and Henry Begler, Clay Burkett and Megan Vincent presented a breakout on "Math in CTE". Both presentations model what we have done as a state to include the literacy and math in our annual fall institute.

## **Region V Awards**

Montana won the Newsletter of the year award and also won the Advocacy Publication of the Year Award for their "Fast Track to Your Career" poster which will be coming out for print by the start of the 2015-2016 school year.

## **Future Region V Conferences**

The 2016 Region V Conference will be in beautiful San Diego at the Bahia Resort in the heart of Mission Bay on April 20-23, 2016. South Dakota received the bid to host the 2017 Region V Conference in Rapid City on April 5-8. The Montana ACTE is putting together a bid to host the 2018 Region V Conference in Montana.

## **2015 Montana ACTE Fall Institute**

The officer team has developed an innovative schedule of workshops for this year's Fall Institute. The host hotel will be the Big Horn Resort with the keynote, trade show and sessions held at the Billings Career Center and City College. The keynote speaker will present "Workplace Ethics".

Lyle Courtnage has been contracted to be the Institute Coordinator this year and is working with the Division Presidents to plan an action packed schedule, so mark your calendars for October 15-16. Visit the Montana ACTE web site more information this summer and we will see you all in Billings in October.

### **Montana ACTE and CenturyLink Partner for CenturyLink Foundation for Education Grant**

Thanks to a \$20,000 CenturyLink Foundation grant, the Montana ACTE has partnered with CenturyLink to provide financial resources to teachers who have developed creative ways to use technology to improve student learning. The purpose of the grant is to identify, highlight and recognize Montana K-12 teachers who are using technology in the classroom in new and innovative ways to improve student performance, and to share this information so that others can do the same. Recipients for 2015 were rewarded their grants in May. Those who received a grant are:

- Guy Wadas, East Middle School, Butte
- Jo Stevens, West Yellowstone Public Schools
- Katie Finnicum, Meadowlark Elementary, Great Falls
- Pat Volkmar, North Middle School, Great Falls
- Stacy Dolderer, Great Falls High School