




Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Teacher Educators

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PAC-TE's New Web Design

With a fresh new look that is compatible with your smartphone, PAC-TE has improved its home page. See for yourself at www.pac-te.org. Information, dates, registration forms, resources, and PDE files are all there for you. New icons at the bottom of the page and a photo slider give the page a contemporary and responsive appearance. Let us know what you think! And while you're there, please renew your membership or register for the Fall Conference.

BE SURE TO RENEW YOUR PAC-TE MEMBERSHIP

If your membership is through your college/university, ask your department leadership to renew its Institutional Membership with PAC-TE on our website. If you have an Individual Membership,

e.g. Retired, Student, or you are an individual who is not covered by an institutional membership, please renew your Individual Membership at the Individual Membership [page](#) on our website.

From Our President

Can you smell the crispness in the air?

As I write this, it is near 90 degrees and my air conditioning is out. So, no, I am not feeling it. However, I am thinking towards the start of a new school year and I can *almost* feel that hint of brisk fall weather that so often marks the early morning when school starts up. It is a time of new beginnings, nervous expectations, and excitement. This year I am especially hopeful for new beginnings. May we all have a great start and renewal as we begin a new school year.

That reminds me of an anonymous quote:

"May you live in interesting times..."

And we certainly do. The changes to Chapter 49 are now official and in the process of being implemented by PDE. There are new competencies being developed for culturally responsive and sustaining education (CRSE), structured literacy, and the ethics spelled out by the Model Code of Ethics for Educators (MCEE). Soon it will be our turn.

PAC-TE is fortunate to have representation on all the committees reviewing and developing these competencies. In fact, we partnered very closely with PDE to establish the committees doing this work. And, before that, PAC-TE supported the CRSE and MCEE changes to Chapter 49 through official feedback. These are changes that have been needed for some time. I am sure all of our programs have packed curriculum and so integrating these into our programs will not be easy. So now comes the real work for universities. It will take time to modify courses in a meaningful way. I hope that we will have the time necessary to do the work as it should be done.

We live in interesting times, as we almost always do in educator preparation! **The changes as well as rising concerns about teacher shortages indicate a growing role and need for PAC-TE.** Today is a great time to check out our revamped website and to stay connected to PAC-TE. Maybe consider putting your name forward (or nominate a peer) to run for the PAC-TE Board of Directors!

John Ward, PAC-TE President

Please Nominate a Teacher Educator of the Year

Please suggest a worthy individual for the Teacher Educator of the Year Award. PAC-TE members can go to the Teacher Educator of the Year [nominations page](#) for more information. Nominations and required references are due September 30.

PAC-TE Board Nominations -- Your chance to influence PAC-TE decisions and strategies

PAC-TE is soliciting nominations for three seats on the Board of Directors. This is a wonderful opportunity to become involved in a position of leadership at the state level with colleagues from across Pennsylvania who are engaged in educator preparation. PAC-TE members may make nominations of others (with their consent), or they may self-nominate.

The following seats on the Board of Directors will be filled by election in the Fall of 2022. The terms for all three seats are three years and run from June 1, 2023, through May 31, 2026.

- One seat for a representative of a **Private** institution of higher education in Pennsylvania engaged in educator preparation.
- One seat for a representative of a **Public** institution of higher education in Pennsylvania engaged in educator preparation. At least one of three public seats must be held by a representative from a PASSHE institution, and one must be held by a representative from a state-related institution. The nominees may be from either PASSHE or a state-related institution (Pitt, Penn State, Temple, or Lincoln).
- One seat for an **At-Large** representative. Candidates may come from any institution of higher education in Pennsylvania engaged in educator preparation.

Please email Dr. Price (gprice@pennwest.edu), PAC-TE Past President and Chair of the Nominations Committee with any questions about the positions on the ballot. Nominations must be received by September 15, 2022.

For more information on PAC-TE's Board of Directors, go to [**this page**](#).

Register Now for Fall Conference

Conference Registration is Going On NOW

Please visit our website [page](#) to register for the annual Teacher Education Assembly. Information is on that page. The dates are October 26-28, 2022, and the conference site is the same as last year-- The Best Western Premiere The Central Hotel and Conference Center, Harrisburg.

A block of rooms is being held for PAC-TE conference attendees. You can contact the hotel directly at [\(717\) 561-2800](tel:7175612800).

Let's try to attend and enjoy the opportunity to gather with other Teacher Educators.



Dates to Keep in Mind

Now thru September 15 - nominations for board positions

Now thru September 30 - Teacher Educator of the Year Nominations

Now thru October 1 - Early (reduced) pricing registration for Teacher Education Assembly (TEA)

October 26- 28, 2022 PAC-TE Teacher Education Assembly (in person), at Best Western Premier the Central Hotel & Conference Center, Harrisburg

PAC-TE is a state unit of AACTE and ATE



AACTE and PAC-TE collaborate to strengthen their advocacy efforts, share experience and expertise, and expand their members' professional development opportunities. To this end, our Chapter's relationship with AACTE is a voluntary affiliation that allows us to advance our members' interests.



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