



Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Teacher Educators

June 2022 Update

This month's issue focuses on important updates you may want to note:

- Membership Renewals Due
- PDE Update on Chapter 49
- Nominations for Professional Achievement Awards
- EPLC Education Policy Fellowship Program
- Teacher Education Assembly (TEA)
- Honoring PAC-TE Board Members

BE SURE TO RENEW YOUR PAC-TE MEMBERSHIP

PAC-TE membership must be renewed each year at this time. If your membership is through your college/university, please ask your department leadership to renew its Institutional Membership with PAC-TE at <https://www.pac-te.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3284>. 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](#). Dues remain the same for next year as they have for the past several years.

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PDE Information from Kerry Helm

The Acting Director of the Bureau that oversees certification and teacher preparation guidelines issued an official announcement on May 20. If you did not receive a copy through your college/university email, the full text is reprinted below:

"Dear Colleagues in Education,

On April 23, 2022, the final form amendments to **Chapter 49: Certification of Professional Personnel** became effective upon

publication in the [Pennsylvania Bulletin](#). Chapter 49 sets forth requirements for educator preparation, certification, induction and ongoing professional education.

The Bureau of School Leadership and Teacher Quality within the Office of Postsecondary and Higher Education at the Pennsylvania Department of Education has created a [Chapter 49 Implementation and Updates](#) page that will serve as a central location for news and announcements.

This page will be updated as more information becomes available."

Time to Nominate a Peer for Professional Achievement Awards

PAC-TE offers three Professional Achievement Awards to its members:

- Outstanding Dissertation Award
- Distinguished Research Award
- Exemplary Service/Partnership Award

Surely you know someone, even yourself, who deserves some recognition for their excellent work in one or more of these areas! To be considered, application materials must be received by August 1, 2022. Send the narrative and application forms electronically as separate PDF attachments to Gwen Price, Chair of the PAC-TE Honors and Awards Committee: gprice@pennwest.edu

Or, complete the online application.

Award recipients will be honored at the Fall TEA Awards Dinner.

Recipients will receive a one-year complimentary PAC-TE membership and the opportunity to present at the Fall TEA.

Please submit application materials according to the general instructions and the specific instructions for each award, found at www.pac-te.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageID=3368

EPLC LEADERSHIP PROGRAM FOR 2022-2023

Applications are available now for the 2022-2023 PA Education Policy Fellowship Program.

The Education Policy Fellowship Program is sponsored in Pennsylvania by The Education Policy and Leadership Center (EPLC).

The 2022-2023 Fellowship Program includes:

- Two online sessions of 3 hours & 30 minutes each to “set the stage” in mid-September
- Sixteen online sessions of 2 hours & 45 minutes



- Pennsylvania's Premier Education Policy Leadership Program
- For Education, Policy, Community, and Advocacy Leaders
- 650+ graduates: 1999 to 2022
- 2022-2023 Fellowship Program Begins in September

Education Policy Fellows:

- develop a broadened understanding of the public policy process and the various aspects of education policy;
- enhance their communication, decision making, and public policy advocacy skills;
- strengthen their capacity for leadership; and
- expand their network of professional colleagues.

each with two sessions per month October to May

- A Team Policy Project with Fellows developing Public Policy Proposals for May presentation
- In-person two-day Regional Leadership Forum (with Michigan, New York and Ohio) at Gettysburg Battlefield and the Army War College in Carlisle
- In-person Day-in-Washington DC in April with briefings and lawmaker visits
- In-person Day-on-Hill in Harrisburg in May with briefings and lawmaker visits

2022-2023 Fellows also have the opportunity to earn Act 45/48 credits through EPLC's partnership with Shippensburg University.

The Fellowship Program will continue to be Pennsylvania's premier education policy leadership program for education, community, policy and advocacy leaders --- with more than 650 graduates since 1999.

The Fellowship Program begins with three and one-half hours virtual morning sessions on September 15 and 16, and the Program ends with a graduation event in June.

Applications are being accepted now!

The **2022-2023 Application** can be submitted by mail to EPLC or scanned and e-mailed with the necessary signatures of applicant and sponsor.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the Fellowship Program and its requirements, please contact EPLC Executive Director Ron Cowell at 412-298-4796 or **COWELL@EPLC.ORG**

Thanking Our Former President

Gwen Price has completed her term as PAC-TE President and now serves our association as Past President. Gwen's perspective, experience, commitment, and personality all served to provide stable, mission-centered, and approachable leadership during what we will all remember as a tumultuous two year period, the likes of which we have not witnessed before.

Think about it--Gwen took office at the height of the global pandemic and wasted no time representing PAC-TE as your voice in conversations with PDE related to safe and efficient operations for teachers and PK-12 schools. That work has led to improved relations with PDE leadership. She went to bat over competency add-ons and changes to PDE regulations.

She maintained poise and good humor as we adjusted from face to face conferences and meetings to virtual online interaction. The timing probably could not have posed more challenges given the extensive realignment of three PASSHE University campuses in the western part of the Commonwealth, which ultimately positioned her to be named the Dean of the reconfigured PennWest University's College of Education. The PAC-TE Board and Executive Director are grateful for Gwen's dedication to serve our association through these incredible years. If you get a chance, let Gwen know that you also appreciate her. You can email her at GPrice@pennwest.edu.



And Welcoming Our New President

Dr. John Ward, Dean of the College of Education at Kutztown University (ward@kutztown.edu) takes the PAC-TE reins with many years of experience, at both Millersville and Kutztown Universities, and as a member of PAC-TE's Board. Most recently as President-elect, John and the Government Relations Committee reviewed pending legislation and worked with members of PDE, the General Assembly, and other professional associations to advocate for ethical, fair, and reasonable improvements to policies and bills that impact teacher candidates and

your work as teacher educators. John is known for his exceptional thinking skills, and PAC-TE is indeed fortunate to welcome him as our leader for the next two years. Let's all support John in his endeavors for PAC-TE and its members.



The TEA is where members have the chance to participate in the annual PAC-TE Business Meeting--discover the business of your association, vote on the budget, and get better acquainted with the officers and Board members.

Participants also find the PDE updates, the shared research and innovative practices, and the peer networking refreshing. Best of all, it is YOUR event, designed to provide you with appropriate and timely resources. Whether you come for the information or Wednesday night's fabulous dessert bar, try to put this on your calendar now.

As former President Kathy Ruthkowsky said, "Like a pebble dropped into a pond, the ripple effect of PAC-TE's work is immeasurable."

Fall Conference is Just Around the Corner

PAC-TE's biggest and most talked about event is just a few months away. The 51st annual TEA is set for face to face meetings at The Best Western Premier the Central Hotel and Convention Center, located in Harrisburg.

The dates are October 26 – 28, and the program contains a few new elements we hope you will enjoy, including a panel discussion with a struggling school district that successfully partnered with local colleges and universities to reimagine and revitalize its (and their) programs.

Final decisions about accepted proposals were delayed by a few weeks, but will be announced in the very near future.

Registration will open up in mid-July. We hope you can join your colleagues for fresh and engaging content focused on transforming teacher education in response to the challenges we face.



Nancy Morris, newest PAC-TE Board member, is an assistant professor in Gannon University's School of Education. She serves the Board as a representative for Private Institutions. Her Ph.D. is in Organization Learning and Leadership. Nancy has taught in K-12 schools as both a general and a special education teacher. Welcome Nancy to the PAC-TE Board of Directors!



Rachael Stevens, newest PAC-TE Board member, is on the per annum faculty of Education at Marywood University. She serves the Board as an At-Large representative. With a Ph.D. and experience teaching in both North Carolina and Pennsylvania, Rachael is eager to contribute to PAC-TE. Welcome Rachael to the PAC-TE Board of Directors!

Dates to Keep in Mind

July 1 - September 30 - nominations for board positions

July 1 - September 30 - Teacher Educator of the Year Nominations

July 15 - Registration opens 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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