

# REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Name of Committee: Legislative

Date of Meeting: 4/7/09

Committee Chair: Pat Ainsworth

Discussion Items:

1. Legislative Update – discussed:
  - a. WIA reauthorization
  - b. ARRA stimulus
  - c. Working with congressional caucuses
  - d. Appropriations – current year is flat funded; next year requesting an increase
2. Discussion topics
  - a. How does, could, should Perkins be included in stimulus funding within states?
  - b. Legislative and policy implications of “green” technologies on CTE?
3. Maintenance of Effort – briefly discussed the effects on state spending reductions on Perkins MOE requirements

Action Items:

1. Stimulus
  - a. Most states not included or are not anticipating any CTE involvement
  - b. WIA stimulus language makes it easy for community colleges to receive WIA training funding – presents great opportunity
  - c. Build partnerships among multiple state partners/stakeholders to compete for remaining ARRA funds
  - d. CTE involvement needs to focus on high school reform and drop outs
2. Green
  - a. No common definition of green. NASDCTEc should influence/develop a definition
  - b. Sustainable/green components must permeate all clusters and pathways. Some clusters will include new occupational areas
  - c. NASDCTEc can be a clearinghouse for information and initiatives and develop model knowledge and skill statements for green
  - d. Faculty training is a big issue
  - e. NASDCTEc should actively promote collaboration among federal agencies regarding training programs and among energy and utility associations
3. MOE
  - a. Two thirds of states in attendance anticipated MOE problems.
  - b. Recommended OVAE be prepared on Friday to discuss options and resetting MOE without reducing state Perkins grants.