



**Association for Skilled  
and Technical Sciences**

**MINUTES**

**Friday, June 26, 2015**

**10:30AM TO 3:00 PM**

**Kentucky Expo Center**

**Louisville, Kentucky**

**Room C-107**

Attendees:

Ray Winiiecki – ASTS President

Cindy English – T&I Arizona DOE

Alex Gromada – T&I President

Harlan Wrenn – ELECTUDE

Skip Saurman – Auto Service Consultants, LLC

Amanda Kunze – SDS/2

Andy Wermes – ASTS Past President

Theresa Maher – ETA

Ed Sullivan – ASTS Executive Director

Diane Sullivan

Dan Belcher – NCCER B&I Board Member

- 1. Welcome and Introductions:** Ray Winiiecki called the meeting to order at 10:30 am with a welcome and membership introductions from those present.
- 2. Presentation:** Andy Wermes provided a presentation on Secondary to Postsecondary Programs of Study Design/Development and Alignment with Standards. The presentation will be placed on the ASTS website.
- 3. Lunch:** A River City BBQ lunch, sponsored by ETA, was served from noon to 1:00PM.
- 4. ASTS General Business Meeting:** Ray Winiiecki reopened the ASTS Meeting at 1:00 pm.
- 5. ASTS Brochure:** There was discussion about the new brochure that Amanda Kunze helped to develop. Comments were made that the brochure had received many compliments from people who had come by the ASTS booth at the SkillsUSA TECHSPO.

- 6. Election of ASTS President Elect:** Ray Winiacki entertained a motion to open the floor for nominations for President-Elect. Andy Wermes made the motion, and it was seconded by Alex Gromada. There were no nominations, and Andy Wermes made a motion to table the election. The election and nomination process will be sent out to the membership and handled through email. This will take place before the next meeting in New Orleans in November.
- 7. Executive Director's Report:** Ed Sullivan gave the report.
- **ASTS Financial Report:** The report was delivered, and the current balance is \$7339.69. The report was accepted and filed.
  - **Membership Report:** The current ASTS membership has increased to 248. There was discussion on ways to encourage new membership, and the consensus was to use the newsletter and website to get the message out. A committee was formed to work on ideas and ways to promote ASTS and membership. The committee members include Amanda Kunze, Andy Wermes, and Alex Gromada.
  - **Newsletter:** The newsletter will go out bi-monthly, and the membership was asked to send Ed ideas for the newsletter. We will stress membership and upcoming events. Requests were also made for industry articles to be included in the Newsletters.
  - **Website:** The ASTS website needs updating. Ed and Ray will work with our webmaster, Brad Larson, to get it updated. Any input from members would be appreciated. We would like to have teachers send in lesson plans and ideas that could be shared.
  - **PayPal:** The site is up and running, several members have paid their dues through Pay Pal.
- 8. Public Relations:** Ray discussed ideas for our need to obtain some good PR and increase membership and partners. We will all work on ideas using the newsletter and website to promote ASTS. Ed will look into getting plaques that our sponsors could put at their booths stating they endorse ASTS. We would also give them brochures to hand out. Alex offered to put information in his T&I newsletter promoting ASTS.
- 9. ASTS Meeting at ACTE in New Orleans:** Ed will work with ACTE to set a meeting time and date at the National Conference. This will be announced in the newsletter and website. ASTS is planning to include a presentation as part of the general meeting. If anyone would like to present, please let Ed know. Requests for presenters will go out in the next newsletter.
- 10. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:45. The motion was made by Alex Gromada and seconded by Andy Wermes.