

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
2006-2007

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NATPL is celebrating its ten year anniversary this year. The following is a synopsis of the events that took place during 2006-2007.

Presentations concerning NATPL Leadership, Tech Prep, Perkins IV and Accountability/Data Collection were given in Dallas, TX at the NATPL Forum and at the NTPN Conference, November 1-4, 2006. Another presentation was given at ACTE (Association for Career and Technical Education) November 29-December 2, 2006, in Atlanta, GA. Other presentations included NACTEI (National Association for Career and Technical Education Information) in Savannah, GA., May 14-18, 2007, High Schools That Work in New Orleans and at the Arizona ACTE Conference in Tucson, Arizona July 15-18, 2007.

Ray Timlin completed his second year serving on the NTPN Advisory Board representing NATPL.

The National Association for Tech Prep Leadership, along with The National Association of State Directors of Career and Technical Education, and ACTE conducted three regional workshops dealing with changes in Perkins IV and the concerns about the option for states to merge their Tech Prep funds into the basic state grant. These workshops were held in:

Washington, DC. Presenting the Tech Prep Strand from the NATPL Executive Committee was Kathy D'Antoni (West Virginia) and Tony Landis (Ohio).

Indianapolis, IN Presenting the Tech Prep Strand from NATPL were Sheila Ruhland (North Carolina) and Ray Timlin (Pennsylvania).

Scottsdale, AZ: Presenting the Tech Prep Strand were Sheila Ruhland (North Carolina), Dennis Fiscus (Arizona), Dodie Bemis (South Dakota), and Lyn Velle (Wyoming).

Dodie Bemis, Ray Timlin, Lois Lamer, Sheila Ruhland and Lyn Velle attended the ACTE National Policy Seminar in Washington, DC in April of 2007. The goal of the NATPL delegation was to meet with key staff members, and members of Congress to discuss the positive aspects of maintaining Tech Prep as a separate funding stream in Perkins IV. Copies of the "Best Practices" book were given to each of the members or staffers that were visited, including Denise Forte, from Representative George Millers' office, who is now the Chair of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, Dr. Beth Buehlman, Education Policy Director and two interns from Senator Michael Enzi's office, minority leader of the HELP Committee. Also visited were the Congressional members or staffers of the various states represented by the Executive Committee members of NATPL

Two strategic planning meetings were held. The Winter Strategy Meeting for all committee members was held in Louisville, Kentucky, February 2-3, 2007 and the Summer Strategy Meeting for the Executive Committee was in Minneapolis, Minnesota, August 3-4, 2007.

Legislative alerts and other timely information for NATPL members are included in the ten monthly e-newsletters, every month except June and July.

NATPL Legislative and Public Policy Committee worked diligently on the Tech Prep Quality Indicators and Performance Standards. Additional information concerning these efforts can be found in the Legislative and Public Policy Committee report.

All of the NATPL Standing Committees and the respective "chairs" need to be congratulated on "Job Well Done"!