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WCTC District Board Virtual Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 13, 2021, 5:00 p.m.
Waukesha County Technical College
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Upcoming Meetings

Regular Board Meeting	May 11, 2021	5:00 p.m.	Virtual
Regular Board Meeting	June 8, 2021	5:00 p.m.	Virtual
Annual Organizational and Regular Board Meeting	July 12, 2021	5:00 p.m.	Virtual



WCTC Vision Statement: Waukesha County Technical College is the distinct choice for innovative and transformative education.

WCTC Mission: Waukesha County Technical College provides accessible career and technical education to strengthen our community through life-long learning.

Waukesha County Area Technical College District
District Board Meeting
April 13, 2021 - 5:00 PM
Zoom Meeting

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Wisconsin Department of Justice Advisory dated March 16, 2020 and titled "Office of Open Government Advisory: Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and Open Meetings" that provides the open meetings may be conducted via teleconference or video conference even if there is no central location at which the public can convene for the meeting. Click [here](https://www.doj.state.wi.us/sites/default/files/news-media/3_16_20_OOG%20Advisory_COVID-19_and_Open_Meetings.pdf) (https://www.doj.state.wi.us/sites/default/files/news-media/3_16_20_OOG%20Advisory_COVID-19_and_Open_Meetings.pdf) for the advisory.

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Any member of the public wanting to address the WCTC Board, please refer to the "Virtual Board Rules of Conduct" at the end of the agenda.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order – David Lancaster**
 - A. Navigating Virtual Board Meeting – Jennifer Thomas
- II. Public/Staff Remarks***
- III. Delegates to Be Heard**
 - A. Student Government Association – Elyssa Anderson
- IV. President’s Report – Dr. Richard Barnhouse**
- V. Approval of Consent Agenda Items**
 - 1-2 A. Minutes Dated March 9, 2021 (Regular Board Meeting)
 - 3-6 B. Accounts Payable Summaries for March 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2021
 - 7 C. 38.14 Contract Report for March 2021
 - 8 D. I-123, I-131, I-135 and I-137 Integrated Manufacturing Center (IMC) Naming Approval
- VI. Action Items**
 - 9 A. DBA Nomination for 2021 Technical Education Champion (TECh) Award – Andy Palen
 - 10-19 B. Resolution – Initial Approval to Consider Richard T. Anderson Education Center Renovation and Requesting Approval by the Wisconsin Technical College System Board (WTCSB) – Jeff Leverenz
- VII. Presentation/Discussion**
 - A. Fall Re-Entry Plan – David Brown, Brad Piazza
 - B. 2021/22 Budget Update – Jane Kittel
 - C. Report on the 2021 ACCT National Legislative Summit – Board Report – Thomas Michalski, Brian Baumgartner
 - D. Remodeling Project: S-201 Kitchen and Bath Project – Joan Hader
 - E. Remodeling Project: Pole Barn PB2 Project – Jodi Crozier

F. Remodeling Project: C-125 Offices – Sherry Simmons, Keva Estrada and Lesli Chavez Contreras

VIII. Adjournment – David Lancaster



Dr. Richard G. Barnhouse, President

****Virtual Board Meeting Rules of Conduct**

District Board Meetings are to be conducted in accordance with the published agenda. Public remarks are allowed but must be made during the “public/staff remarks” section of the agenda and are limited to three (3) minutes per person and fifteen (15) minutes in total.

Public/Staff Remarks Procedure

1. Comment requests must be submitted to the District Board Executive Assistant prior to the meeting by either:
 - a. Email: jthomas62@wctc.edu **no later than Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at 4:59 p.m.**
 - b. Mail: Jennifer Thomas, WCTC, 800 Main Street, Pewaukee, WI 53072 **no later than 5:00 p.m. Monday, April 12, 2021.**
2. The request must include:
 - a. Full Name
 - b. Date
 - c. Address
 - d. Briefly state the nature of your interest and/or concern
 - e. And indicate if you wish to make a statement to the Board
3. The Board Chairperson will ask the requesting speaker to present their comments to the District Board.
4. Speakers must adhere to the three (3) minute limit per individual.
5. Total time allotted for all public remarks shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes.

Unless requested by the Board Chairperson from the audience regarding a specific agenda topic, public comments or dialogue are not allowed during other portions of the Board Meeting and/or discussion. Interruptions or disruptive behavior may result in being disconnected from the virtual Board meeting.

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Last month SGA had a lot of fun with our events. This month we will continue with our virtual line-up with a “Mentalist” event. We will also be hosting a “Half Off at the Hub” which will allow students to have half off at the hub all day.

This month we also worked on a funding request. We voted to help support Machine Tool Operation, Metal Fabrication and Welding students as they attend the State and National SkillsUSA competition this spring. This competition will also serve as a leadership and skills conference. SGA is very excited to support these students with this endeavor and we look forward to hearing how it goes.

We look forward to what the rest of Spring 2 will bring for SGA.

**Waukesha County Area Technical College District
District Board Meeting Minutes, March 9, 2021 - 5:00 PM
Virtual Zoom Meeting**

Present:

David Lancaster, Chairperson
Courtney Bauer, Vice Chairperson
Michael Wiebe, Secretary/Treasurer
Brian Baumgartner, Board Member
Joe Garza, Board Member
Alan Karch, Board Member
Thomas Michalski, Board Member
Katie Pantzlaff, Board Member
Julie Valadez, Board Member

Excused:

Also Present:

Richard Barnhouse

41 Guests

I. Call to Order – David Lancaster 5:00 p.m.

A. Navigating Virtual Board Meeting – Kristan Gochenauer

II. Public/Staff Remarks

- None

III. Delegates to be Heard

A. Student Government Association – Elyssa Anderson

- Ms. Anderson shared that the Student Government Association (SGA) has had some great events in the past month and are looking forward to events this month. She then noted that SGA has been working on recruitment goals with Marketing and the development of an informational video with the General Education Department.

IV. President’s Report – Dr. Richard Barnhouse

- Dr. Barnhouse reconfirmed how impressed he is with the level of commitment and passion from faculty and staff. A re-entry team has been charged with developing a return to campus plan, which he will present on at the April Board meeting. Dr. Barnhouse shared he has been meeting with different constituent groups including business and industry and K-12. Discussions during these meetings have focused on workforce needs and development and providing skills that are needed for the future. He reported that in the last month, the College was approached by Lakeland University in Sheboygan regarding a joint bachelorette degree option. This is in the early stages of conversation. Last, WCTC has been contacted by the Waukesha County Health Department regarding vaccine eligibility. Employees who would like to receive the vaccine will have that option starting the week of March 15th.

V. Approval of Consent Agenda Items

- A. Minutes dated February 9, 2021 (Regular Board Meeting)
B. Accounts Payable Summaries for February 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2021
C. 38.14 Contract Report for February 2021
D. Approve 2019/20 Report on Federal and State Awards

Mr. Michael Wiebe motioned to approve the Consent Agenda Items; receiving a second from Mr. Joe Garza. Approved; carried unanimously.

VI. Action Items

- A. **Construction Bid Information: Human Patient Simulator (HPS) Lab and Mothers/Individual Restroom Renovations, WCTC Bid #2021-04 – Jeff Leverenz**

- Recommendation to award Human Patient Simulator (HPS) Lab and Mothers/Individual Restroom Renovations project to J.H. Hassinger Construction Services, Inc. with a total project cost of \$407,555. Construction is scheduled to begin May 17, 2021, and be completed August 6, 2021.

Mr. Thomas Michalski motioned to approve the award of Human Patient Simulator (HPS) Lab and Mothers/Individual Restroom Renovations, WCTC Bid #2021-04, receiving a second from Mr. Alan Karch. **Approved; carried unanimously.**

B. Approval of External Audit Services – Kristine Golz

- Recommendation of Approval of External Audit Services to CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP, for the audits covering the fiscal years ending June 30, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025.

Mr. Garza motioned to approve External Audit Services. Mr. Brian Baumgartner seconded the motion. **Approved; carried unanimously.**

VII. Presentation/Discussion

A. RTA Project – Jeff Leverenz

- Mr. Leverenz gave a presentation on the RTA Center project. He discussed the history of the RTA, the project goals and the project timeline.

B. 2021-22 Budget Update – Jane Kittel

- Dr. Kittel provided an update to the Board that included addressing challenges, operating revenue, enrollment impact, expense assumptions, general operations versus capital and a timeline with a final approval request at the June Board meeting.

VIII. M. Wiebe motioned to convene into Closed Session pursuant to Section §19.85(1)(c) and (e) Wisconsin State Statute at 6:20 p.m.:

A. Consideration of terms regarding finalizing WCTC President’s Compensation

- **Unanimous roll call vote**
- Discussion was held in closed session.
- Ms. Katie Pantzlaff motioned to reconvene into open session; receiving a second from Mr. Garza.
- **Unanimous roll call vote**
- The open meeting was reconvened at 7:02 p.m.
- Mr. Wiebe motioned to approve the WCTC President’s Compensation based on modifications as discussed in closed session. Mr. Garza seconded the motion. **Approved; carried unanimously.**

IX. Adjournment – David Lancaster

- Mr. Karch motioned to adjourn the meeting, receiving a second from Mr. Garza. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Kristan Gochenauer, Recorder

Signed: _____
Michael Wiebe, Board Secretary/Treasurer

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE SUMMARY
March 04, 2021

**To the Secretary/Treasurer of the Waukesha County Area
Technical College District Board:**

**The Vice President - Finance submits for approval the attached
claims for payment, which include payroll deductions, of \$296,539.61
The Waukesha County Area Technical College
District Board and President have examined these claims
and approve their payment this 13th day of April, 2021.**

Chair

Secretary/Treasurer

President

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE SUMMARY
March 11, 2021

**To the Secretary/Treasurer of the Waukesha County Area
Technical College District Board:**

**The Vice President - Finance submits for approval the attached
claims for payment, which include payroll deductions, of \$409,783.45
The Waukesha County Area Technical College
District Board and President have examined these claims
and approve their payment this 13th day of April, 2021.**

Chair

Secretary/Treasurer

President

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE SUMMARY
March 18, 2021

**To the Secretary/Treasurer of the Waukesha County Area
Technical College District Board:**

**The Vice President - Finance submits for approval the attached
claims for payment, which include payroll deductions, of \$142,353.11
The Waukesha County Area Technical College
District Board and President have examined these claims
and approve their payment this 13th day of April, 2021.**

Chair

Secretary/Treasurer

President

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE SUMMARY
March 25, 2021

**To the Secretary/Treasurer of the Waukesha County Area
Technical College District Board:**

**The Vice President - Finance submits for approval the attached
claims for payment, which include payroll deductions, of \$179,829.92
The Waukesha County Area Technical College
District Board and President have examined these claims
and approve their payment this 13th day of April, 2021.**

Chair

Secretary/Treasurer

President

**WAUKESHA COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE
CORPORATE TRAINING CENTER
CONTRACT APPROVAL REPORT
MARCH, 2021**

Year	#	Customer	Start Date	Type	Service Description	Number of Participants	Total Revenue	Est. Direct Cost	Informational		
									Variance (1)	Est. Full Cost	Variance (2)
In-State Contracts											
2021	8119	Payne & Dolan Inc	1/21/2021	I	Leadership Development Training	6	5,499	2,033	3,466	2,279	3,220
2021	8142	Heale Manufacturing Company	1/19/2021	I	English as a Second Language	13	8,930	3,248	5,682	3,854	5,076
2021	8145	Eaton Corporation	2/23/2021	I	Welding	5	10,228	3,619	6,609	4,287	5,941
2021	8152	HUSCO International	3/4/2021	I	Motor and Controls	11	1,760	552	1,208	741	1,019
2021	8153	WRTP Big Step Milwaukee	3/10/2021	I	Class B CDL Permit Training	9	740	410	330	515	225
2021	8156	Dynatect Manufacturing Inc	3/11/2021	T	HAAS 2 Lathe	N/A	1,014	244	770	289	725
ALL CONTRACTS							28,171	10,106	18,065	11,965	16,206

N/A* denotes technical assistance contract. These are non-instructional activities provided to a company, no enrollment #s are available.

COLUMN DEFINITIONS:

Type of Service: I=Instruction T= Technical Assistance F=Fiscal and Management Service

Total Revenue: Contract Amount (Agreed upon selling price based on Board's pricing structure) + any related revenue from grants.

Estimated Direct Cost: Salary and Benefits plus all Direct Expenses

Estimated Full Cost calculation: [Salary & Benefits + (Salary & Benefits x the appropriate State Indirect Cost Factor)]

Variance: (1) The difference between Total Revenue and Estimated Direct Cost

Variance: (2) The difference between Total Revenue and Estimated Full Cost

Comments: While the college is not required to recover full cost for 38.14 contracts, the WTCS mandates that the Board be made aware of contracts where estimated full cost is not recovered.

Rationale is provided for those contracts. WCTC Adm. Policy FIN-550 reflects that transcribed credit 38.14 contracts *will not* provide for full cost recovery.

Item for District Board Consent Agenda: Request for Recognition Naming Approval

According to the WCTC District Board Policy 3.15 - Contribution Recognition, approval for naming opportunities shall be recommended by:

- A four-member committee consisting of the:
 - College President
 - Foundation President
 - District Board Liaison to the Foundation Board
 - Foundation Chairperson

- With final approval by the WCTC District Board via consent agenda.

The following is a request related to a donation from the Gene Haas Foundation. The four-member committee has approved this request and it is now forwarded to the WCTC District Board for final approval via consent agenda.

Proposed Naming Opportunity

Donor: Gene Haas Foundation

Donation: \$500,000 (Pledge: \$250,000 – year 1; \$125,000 – year 2 and 3)

Purpose: To be utilized for renovation of the following areas in the Integrated Integrated Manufacturing Center:

- CNC classrooms and Labs

Naming Recognition Location: Classrooms I-123, 1-131, I-135 and I-137 in the Integrated Manufacturing Center (IMC)

Naming Appearance: “Gene Haas CNC Training Center” with its logo affixed in view of the classrooms, labs and hallway in a manner consistent with WCTC signage procedures.

WCTC Representative who met with regarding donation:

- Mike Shiels, Dean, School of Applied Technologies
- Mike advises that the Gene Haas Foundation chose WCTC for this gift in support of the outstanding integrated manufacturing programs at WCTC.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Ellen S. Phillips
President
WCTC Foundation, Inc.



MEMORANDUM

TO: WCTC District Board of Trustees

SUBMITTED BY: Andy Palen, Director of Public Relations, Marketing & Outreach

WRITTEN BY: Shelly Nelson, Public Relations Specialist

DATE: April 13, 2021

RE: 2021 Technical Education Champion (TECh) Award
(Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association) – Eaton Corp.

The Eaton Corporation is a diversified power management company that operates through various segments, including electrical products, electrical systems and services, aerospace, vehicle and, most recently, e-mobility. Eaton’s energy-efficient products and services help their customers effectively manage electrical, hydraulic and mechanical power more reliably, efficiently, safely and sustainably.

The company has long been a supporter of Waukesha County Technical College, and it continues to expand its partnerships with the College. This includes hiring additional WCTC graduates, participating in specialized training opportunities through the College’s Corporate and Community Training Center, exploring new apprenticeship offerings and providing informational sessions to students. In February, Eaton employees gave an online presentation to 33 students enrolled in the WCTC Dual Enrollment Academy, and shared information about the company, job opportunities, and application and interview process.

In fall 2020, Eaton generously donated \$30,000 to the College’s School of Applied Technologies to be used toward the purchase of a new fiber laser for use in the College’s manufacturing programs, specifically Metal Fabrication and Welding. In presenting the award to WCTC, executives from Eaton visited the campus and met with several WCTC students to learn more about their experiences in the program and their career aspirations.

Eaton’s desire to expand partnerships, along with its support of WCTC and Wisconsin’s technical colleges, make the company deserving of the 2021 Technical Education Champion (TECh) Award.



Memorandum

TO: WCTC District Board of Trustees

FROM: Jeffrey R. Leverenz, District Facilities Officer

DATE: March 26, 2021

SUBJECT: Initial approval to consider Richard T. Anderson education center renovation and requesting approval by the Wisconsin Technical College System Board (WTCSB)

This project would update audio visual equipment, lighting, carpet, and finishes in the Richard T. Anderson education center. The center was built in 2001 and has had very few updates over the past 20 years.

This capital project is being requested as part of fiscal year 2021/2022 with an preliminary budget of \$1,000,000 for the multi-use education center, \$500,000 for the audio visual upgrades.

We request the WCTC District Board approve the attached resolution and submission to the Wisconsin Technical College System Board for review and approval at the WTCS Board Meeting scheduled for May 2021.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REMODELING OF EXISTING FACILITIES AND
REQUESTING APPROVAL BY
THE WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM BOARD**

WHEREAS, the Waukesha County Technical College Board of Directors is required by Wisconsin Technical College System Board, Directive FBF, dated December 10, 1987 to approve certain remodeling of existing facilities,

AND WHEREAS, the Waukesha County Technical College Board of Directors has approved Project Number 5830YA in the 2021/2022 Budget:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Waukesha County Technical College Board of Directors that the following described project is approved:

5830YA Richard T. Anderson education center renovation

AND THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Waukesha County Technical College Board of Directors requests that the Wisconsin Technical College System Board approve the above described remodeling.

Board Chair

(Typed or printed name)

Date

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

REMODELING

Wisconsin Technical College System Board

This request for Wisconsin Technical College System Board approval for additional or new facilities is made pursuant to s.38.04(10), Wis. Stats. and Chapter TCS 5, Wis. Adm. Code.

Project Title and Description:

5830YA Richard T. Anderson education center renovation

This project would update audio visual equipment, lighting, carpet, and finishes in the Richard T. Anderson education center. The center was built in 2001 and has had very few updates over the past 20 years.

District: Waukesha County Technical College

Authorized Representative: Jeffrey R. Leverenz, District Facilities Officer

Date Submitted: March 26, 2021

Date of Requested WTCSB Action: May 18, 2021

3. **TCS 5.04(4)(c)**
"Evidence of compliance with s. 1.11, Stats."

An environmental assessment is not applicable for this remodeling submittal.

4. **TCS 5.04(4)(d)**

“A report relating programmatic and student station requirements, and the needs of business and industry, to the need for additional or new facilities. The report shall include data indicating the need for additional or new facilities based upon:

This project would update audio visual equipment, lighting, carpet, and finishes in the Richard T. Anderson education center. The C building was constructed in 2001 and has had very few updates over the past 20 years.

5. **TCS 5.04(4)(e)**

“Educational specifications relating specific space requirements for approved programs to the need for remodeling of existing facilities.”

See section TCS 5.04(4)(d)

6. **TCS 5.04(4)(f) and TCS 5.05**
"An analysis of the fiscal impact of additional or new facilities on the district's operating budget include:

Budget Amount

Increased instruction costs:	\$ 0
Increased administrative costs:	\$ 0
Increased maintenance costs:	\$ 0
Increased energy costs:	\$ 0
Replacement equipment costs:	\$ 650,000

The following represents the source of funds for the remodel:

(a) Tax levy - FY 22	\$ 1,000,000
(b) Fund transfer or reserve funds	\$
(c) Proposed sale of bonds or notes	\$
(d) Other funds:	
1. Federal funds	\$
2. Gifts or grants	\$
Total funds	<u>\$ 1,000,000</u>

The remodeling of this space will not increase operational costs, since no new square footage will be added and this area will be staffed by current employees relocated into this space.

7. **TCS 5.04(4)(g)**

"A conceptual sketch of the proposed remodeling of existing facilities."

Conceptual drawings are attached.

8. **TCS 5.04(4)(h)**

"The estimated project cost by the following categories:

1. General construction	\$ 678,000
2. Heating, ventilating and air conditioning	\$ 10,000
3. Electrical	\$ 100,000
4. Plumbing	\$ 4,000
5. Other contracts (security/media)	\$ 500,000
6. Equipment, both fixed and movable	\$ 150,000
7. Miscellaneous costs (contingency)	\$ 88,000
8. Fees – Architectural / Engineering	\$ 120,000

9. **TCS 5.04(4)(l)**

"A list of the various sources of building energy available and a plan for performing a life cycle costs analysis for an alternate form of energy." And

TCS 5.04(4)(j) *"A plan for performing a life cycle costs analysis for the structural frame, building skin and the total energy system, including the HVAC system, electrical system and plumbing system to satisfy the requirements under s.1.12, Stats."*

Most buildings at the Pewaukee campus are served by an existing central heating and cooling plant. The C building is served by the central plant, and since no additional square footage is being added; there will be no significant impact on the HVAC system.

February 2021 ACCT Legislative Summit

Thomas A. Michalski

This was my first ACCT Legislative Summit. It was also the first time the summit was held virtually. As such, I had no expectations and approached the summit as an event to be experienced and a learning opportunity.

My primary takeaway from the summit occurred on the first day. On that day, all the colleges were reporting on their Covid-19 shutdown experiences. The common thread was a sudden loss of students and the financial impact it had on their colleges. Simultaneously, the staff was experiencing additional stress as they strained to fulfill their college's mission in a virtual environment.

In the few months I have been on WCTC's Board, I've heard many times how resilient WCTC's staff was, the strength of WCTC financial position, and the surprising strength of our student body. To be clear, I never disbelieved these comments. At the same time, I didn't have the means to make a comparison with other institutions. The first day of the summit provided the yardstick I needed to understand firsthand WCTC's strength relative to other institutions.

By every measure, those reporting on the first day of the summit paled in comparison with WCTC. My personal confidence in WCTC's position is now on firm footing, and I am willing to report that to any who may ask.

The second day was full of Federal Politicians making statements of empathy and support. I felt like it was a complete waste of the day.

On the third day, I was impressed with Bryan Steil, Wisconsin's Representative from the first district, which is home to Gateway Technical College. His discussion of Gateway's experiences was similar to WCTC and suggested that Wisconsin's Technical College System may be a superior model compared to the two-year college approach taken by many other states.

Overall, I'm glad I attended the summit; it bolstered my conviction of WCTC's strengths. Most likely, I would have taken more away from this summit if it wasn't virtual and I had the opportunity to have one-on-one contact with others in attendance. But as it is, I'm not sure I need to attend this summit again.

February 2021 ACCT Legislative Summit

Brian Baumgartner

Shortly after returning home after last year's Legislative conference, the Covid-19 pandemic shut our country down and we have been forced to do things differently ever since. Even though this year's conference was held virtually the agenda was jam packed. We heard from Community College Presidents and Trustees from around the country along with Senior Directors and leaders from the ACCT. We also heard from numerous speakers from Capitol Hill, each one having their own opinion and personal agendas in how they relate to education and the importance of Community Colleges. No matter what side of the isle our state and federal representatives sit on, they all agree on the importance of education and especially work force development. They talk about infrastructure and how it relates to broadband and that we need to bridge the digital divide. Something that we may take for granted here in Waukesha County. Congress is looking at investing over \$730 million dollars in bringing broadband to more areas in our country. Our Representatives also agree that the most valuable resource in this country is our people. Our people need to get back to work and need the resources to learn the skills to get a good paying job. Members in Congress realize the importance of what we do at the community college level and help develop and push programs to help our students.

Capitol Hill does not come up with these programs without first listening and understanding the challenges Community Colleges face. Some of the priorities that Community Colleges brought to the table this year focused on the issues our colleges and students are facing as a result of the Pandemic by providing Stimulus Support. Other initiatives for this year's conference were to Support Dreamers, bring an end to the taxation of Pell Grants, investment in higher education and workforce development, and investing in basic needs support for students.

Meeting with our lawmakers proves to be invaluable when it comes to upholding our mission. Even though the format was different this year and we could not have face to face meetings with our lawmakers, I think our message was clear. I think our Legislators truly want to hear why their constituents care about an issue and as taxpayers we deserve their attention, and they need to hear it straight from us. If you are not at the table then we will be on the menu. They do not know what they do not know, and it is up to us to tell them. This is one of the most important conferences to attend and I am thankful that I could participate again this year.