

ATEC National

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During our March 08 Western Region meeting, Western Region members began discussing national and regional membership. Knowing in the past few years that both the National and Regional membership has been declining, we decided to discuss the possible reasons. That discussion reminded me of the state budget crises that California schools met in 1999. That crisis affected the many vocational programs in the state. Some programs even closed their doors, three AMTS Programs included. The state of California is currently in a similar budget crisis. Twenty five percent cuts in vocational budgets may be a reality next fall.

San Bernardino Valley College submitted a letter to our membership which they forwarded to ATEC National, addressing their concerns on the cost of membership dues, even though during the discussion the Western Region membership understood their position and concerns yet they were not in total agreement with their position. Three past members of the ATEC National Board explained how the budget for National was developed and the budget concerns of ATEC National. They also explained how the school National dues investment provided representation and a voice in discussions with the FAA and the 147 curriculum.

During the April 5, 2005 National board meeting in Los Vegas, the Western Region would like to address the board on a concept of a single dues system, where a minor percentage of the National dues returns to the region, dues for their operational expenses. Currently Western Region has a \$35.00 a year dues structure. In theory, a single source dues structure would insure national membership along with regional membership something that has been the national desire for many years.

Thank You,

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