

## VIRGINIA TECHNOLOGY AND ENGINEERING EDUCATION ASSOCIATION MILESTONES

- May 17, 1958 Virginia Industrial Arts Association (VIAA) organizational meeting held at the Virginia Education Association headquarters. At the time, Virginia had 375 Industrial Arts teachers.
- May 1962 The first Teacher of the Year Award for Industrial Arts was established. The first recipient was Arthur H. Schwartz of James Monroe High School, Fredericksburg.
- March 1964 VIAA affiliated with the American Industrial Arts Association (AIAA). However, association records show strong connections since its inception.
- June 1, 1969 The VIAA effort to encourage the establishment of a state-level office exclusively for the profession was realized when the Virginia Department of Education formed the Industrial Arts Service within its organization. The first appointed staff was Thomas A Hughes, Jr., State Supervisor and Marshall O. Tetterton, Assistant Supervisor.
- August 11-14, 1969 Virginia's first statewide conference exclusively for Industrial Arts personnel was conducted in Richmond at the John Marshall Hotel through a cooperative agreement with the new Industrial Arts Service. Participant expenses were reimbursed via the Department of Education and exhibitor fees were paid to VIAA.
- May 16, 1970 The first VIAA sponsored student project exhibit and leadership program was held at Hopewell High School. Titled the Industrial Arts Spring Festival, it evolved from the previous Council of Industrial Education Clubs Fair that also exhibited work of Trade & Industrial students, which were to be served through their new organization, VICA. Another first was a leadership program for the newly supported Virginia Industrial Arts Student Association directed by Marshall Tetterton, Assistant State Supervisor with John Monroe of Nansemond County as State Advisor.
- February 23, 1972 A coordinated master schedule of state-wide professional development activities and an annual schedule for the student association was prepared through cooperative planning by the Executive Committee and the Industrial Arts Service staff.
- November 30, 1985 The Association's name was changed through the leadership of President Charles Pinder (Virginia Tech) to the Virginia Technology Education Association to be consistent with national trends and the continuing thrust of the Virginia Department of Education encouraging technological studies within the curriculum.
- March 1988 VTEA – James Doyle, President (Norfolk) – was the hosting organization for the International Technology Education Association's 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, which was held in downtown Norfolk with theme: *Technosphere '88: A Technological Journey*. Conference chairpersons were William Dugger (Virginia Tech) and Thomas Hughes (Virginia Department of Education). Conference program chairman was John Ritz (Old Dominion University).

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- August 1991 VTEA appointed its first Executive Director, Thomas Hughes, who agreed to assist the organization in its transition to become self-supporting as the former Virginia Department of Education was totally disband in March and a new type structure was developed without subject area offices. The former Technology Education Service with six professional staff was gone. The new DOE employed two specialists with technology education credentials, Thomas Hughes, Principal Specialist and George R. Willcox, Associate Specialist.
- August 1994 VTEA - Douglas Smith, President (Fairfax). - assumed the complete planning and management of the annual summer conference for technology teachers, which first began 25 years previously via the Virginia DOE.
- March 1996 VTEA became an official 501 © (3) non-profit organization via the IRA.
- January 1998 VTEA's Governmental Relations Committee – William Dugger (Blacksburg) & Pam Newberry (Wytheville) – encouraged the Virginia General Assembly to enact legislation calling for technology education to be within each learner's curriculum grades K-12. A type of legislation passed, but it was construed from the facts and testimony given: therefore, offered little value to VTEA intent. It is important to note that this effort marked VTEA's initial effort to bring action to the state legislature.
- November 2004 VTEA – Jason Perry, Past President, Middlesex County, launches initial that resumes in a statewide program that provides geospatial technology resources to all middle and high schools across the Commonwealth with emphasis on teachers and students in technology, science, agriculture, and geography. This effort was co-led by George Willcox, Technology Education Service, Virginia Department of Education.
- January 2006 VTEA's Governmental Relations Committee – Kathleen F. Stansbury (Past President), Marcia Hickey (Children's Engineering Council), and other members of the association encouraged the Virginia General Assembly to enact legislation calling for (a) funding support for elementary school technology education, and (b) requirement for the study of technology in middle and high school through House Joint Resolution 25 (HJR-25). This two-year legislative study was extended during the 2008 session of the Virginia General Assembly (HJR 90).
- February 2008 VTEA – Council for Children's Engineering, held the twelfth annual statewide Children's Engineering Convention for elementary school educators. Over 200 elementary school (K-5) teachers and administrators attended.
- August 6-8, 2008 VTEA celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary during the Technology Education Summer Conference. The conference was held at the Virginia Beach Resort Hotel and Conference Center. John Ledgerwood, Technology Education Supervisor, Virginia Beach Public Schools, served as the conference chair. Thomas Hughes provided the closing session keynote address.

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August 5, 2011      The Association's name was changed through the leadership of President Georgette Yakman to the Virginia Technology and Engineering Education Association to be consistent with national trends.

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