

*Ohio Learning Network Governing Board Meeting
March 4, 2002*

**Hilton Columbus located in Easton Town Center
3900 Chagrin Drive
Columbus, OH 43219**

OLD BUSINESS

- Minutes of December Meeting
 - The Board informally approved the minutes of the December 18, 2001 meeting.

CONTINUING PROJECTS

- Academic Outreach:
 - Mott reported that 34 content and planning proposals were received March 1 in the Emerging Needs Program. The board informally agreed the review committee should continue the content competition to fit within the \$1.8 million available, review the proposals on merits, and give appropriate information back to other submitters indicating there will be another competition announced with FY03 funding. The board informally agreed to take the recommendations of the review committee and make final decisions at the May 21st board meeting. It was suggested strongly that the quality of proposals should drive the review process. The Board also recommended that similar proposals NOT be asked to work collaboratively until their quality was determined. Once similar proposals were determined to be of high quality, then OLN staff could request that proposants collaborate.
 - Mott announced the Academic Outreach Committee has now formed a subgroup to review the quality aspects of online learning, particularly the Principles of Good Practice, the content of OhioLEARNS!, and OLN's quality statements.
 - Mott noted the Academic Outreach Committee has identified a marketing sub-committee to determine overall marketing strategies for OLN.
- Professional Development
 - Houshower offered statistical updates on the Professional Development programs, including TECPD, TeachU, and Technopoli.
 - Houshower reviewed OLN's "Learning Communities Initiative." Siff asked the Professional Development Committee to make recommendations to the board and offer a sense that the idea is understood by the community and realistic responses are received. General consensus of the board was very positive toward the "Learning Communities Initiative" draft.
- OLN 2002 Conference:
 - Cain reported preliminary numbers for the conference are good at approximately 270 and he will submit a written report after the final numbers are in. The board offered the following suggestions for next year's conference: broaden the registrant list to include legislators; get more showcase people to participate and pay; search for higher student involvement.
- OLN Assessment Process
 - Siff reported Paulson and NCHEMS were selected as the assessment team and offered a brief history of the selection process. He reminded the group that the assessment is being done for the Board and managed by the Assessment Committee to measure OLN's

impact as a start-up operation and give guidance regarding how to increase that impact. Carey announced the Assessment Committee will meet with the futuring panel on July 29th and 30th. During the Board retreat on September 16th and 17th, the Assessment Committee and the futuring panel (and possibly OLN stakeholders) will meet with the Board. Paulson will interview board members.

The next full board meeting will be held on May 21, 2002 from 11 A.M. until 3 P.M. in the OhioLINK 3rd floor conference room.