

*Ohio Learning Network Governing Board Meeting
May 17th, 2005*

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Columbus, OH 43221

OLD BUSINESS

- Minutes of the [December meeting](#): approved as written.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

- Academic Outreach Update:
 - Retreat Update: George Steele reported the Academic Outreach Committee elected Dr. Melody Clark from University of Cincinnati as chair; kudos to former chair, Tom Sink from Owens Community College.
 - Smarthinking Contract: OLN will add 3000 more hours to its existing Smarthinking contract which continues through December, 2006.
- Professional Development Update: Sheryl Hansen reported a new charge for the Professional Development Committee. Hansen invited the board to the Learning Communities Expo on June 14th at the Reese Center on the OSU-Newark campus, noting the event will cover knowledge gained from the 240 Learning Communities participants. [Registration](#) for the event is available on the OLN web site. [CourseCheck](#) was reviewed and Hansen reported its first phase is self-reflection and determining its impact on students.
- Emerging Technologies Update: Committee chair Steve Acker reviewed the committee's mission and agenda. The WebCT Vista and Blackboard 6.02 pilots have been successful and the committee now wants to make the results known throughout Ohio to attract additional institutions to take advantage of the services. The current contract expires in July, 2006. The board suggested not holding the CIO summit (a gathering of the decision-makers from state institutions to review the pilots and related costs) until the cost is known (possibly between October and December, 2005) and inviting representatives from Provosts' offices to the summit.
- Annual Conference Update: Carey reported the ODCE 2005 conference has done very well this year and the planning committee is moving toward selecting a conference theme for next year. Carey, Judy Leach, and the rest of the OLN staff were complimented on turning the conference into a profitable event. Paul Gaston noted the conference will remain at the Columbus Hilton.

NEW BUSINESS

- Governing Board Membership: Carey reported that based on the board's work session discussion, board membership will be left as it is; possibly the executive committee and the focus group formed during the work session will offer assistance with board membership issues. Gaston and Carey noted that several board members' terms will end in September, the gavel will be passed to Monica Posey, and a joint OLN/OhioLINK meeting will occur.
- Program Assessment RFP: Carey reported that outside reviewers will assess the OLN grants process by asking questions about OLN's mission and planning with respect to its grants, resource and administrative management of grants, and external relations with grants' recipients. Carey will offer a report to the board in September regarding the assessment.
- FY 2006-07 Update: Carey reported on the state's Biennial Operating Budget, as passed by the House, noting the variety of line items and that flat is the new success. Carey announced that, thanks to George Steele, E 4 ME is now a nationally award winning course, as OLN received a NACADA award for the

Outstanding Advising Technology Innovation Winner. She also noted that OLN and its programs have received some media coverage lately.

The next full board meeting will be held at OhioLINK on September 20, 2005.