

*Ohio Learning Network Governing Board Meeting
September 20th, 2005*

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OLD BUSINESS

- Minutes of the [May meeting](#): approved as written.
- Board Bylaws: Kate Carey reported the bulk of the board work sits at the public level and board representation is much lighter from the independent sector. The board approved the restructured [Bylaws](#) reflecting this change. Carey noted that Fred Pestello from the University of Dayton resigned from the board this summer. The OLN Governing Board will now consist of five university provosts, five two-year chief academic officers, and two provosts from the independent sector.
- Election of Officers: The board approved nominations of Monica Posey as the incoming board chair and Kathy Krendl as the chair elect. Fred Siff and Linda Steele were both recognized as outgoing board members. Paul Unger was welcomed as a new board member.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

- Academic Outreach Update:
 - Grants Program Assessment: Carey said the external assessment team that was hired to review OLN grants will report in December.
 - Carey reported [OhioLearns!](#) now has 151 degrees and certificates and growth patterns are evident. An e-learning enrollment report will be offered in December and those numbers top 50,000.
 - Workforce Development Update: Carey reported that Columbus State Community College and The Ohio State University are working through an agreement to offer an articulated Logistics program (due to an increasing need locally). The Columbus Chamber of Commerce has set up four areas that will be surveyed and Logistics is one area. Carey suggests the board review this data in March.
- Emerging Technologies:
 - CLE Summit: Cable Green reported the [Collaborative Learning Environment](#) (CLE) summit will be held on October 4th at the Fawcett Center. Green said the shared hosting project is halfway through its two year pilot and is now growing and recruiting new schools. Input is requested to determine how best to recruit additional institutions and how to position the CLE project so that it fits into the larger e-learning picture in the state. A goal is to involve more institutions that will benefit from shared hosting. He outlined the following timeline: attend the summit; visit institutions; make decisions in winter; transition and train faculty in the spring.
- Annual Conference:
 - Call for Proposals: Judy Leach reported [the call](#) is active on the web site for presentations, workshops, and demonstrations. [Vendor information](#) also is active. Leach noted the conference has a theme this year: "Open Doors to the Future." Conference tracks are similar to last year's, but more developed based on conference evaluations. Leach asked board members to help promote the conference.

NEW BUSINESS

- FY 2006-07 Biennial Budget and Strategic Plan: Carey reported that the budget, Regents Degree white paper, and OLN Strategic Plan all fit together. Aggregate dollars were inserted where appropriate at the strategy level of the plan so as to relate the plan to the budget. The Strategic Plan outlines what OLN

plans to do and how those plans will be funded. The board approved the budget. The mission and priorities in the Strategic Plan haven't changed, though the technology piece was moved up, while the capacity piece was moved down.

- Priority one is expanding access and includes the following strategies: support e-learners through services and staff resources; aggregate educational content to increase offerings to Ohioans.
- Priority two is using technology and includes the following strategies: provide statewide shared services via the Ohio Digital Commons for Education to support higher education e-learning activities; support 21st century learning through communities of practice knowledge, and disseminating Best Practices.
- Priority three is advocating for effective policies and funding and includes the following strategy: utilize OLN statewide 'voice' to influence e-learning policies and funding at the state level, institutional level, and within collaborations.
- Regents Degree Concept Paper: Carey worked with about 15 different individuals across Ohio institutions to write the paper. This Regents Degree is designed for literate, high ability, working adults to help them meet their educational needs. Carey said it is important to note that OLN cannot implement these Regents Degrees. Much discussion ensued. Posey said the paper offers much to think about and suggested the discussion be continued at the next meeting.
- Annual Retreat: Carey asked board members to think about the March retreat and offer suggestions for retreat topics. She also asked the board to consider what time to begin on Sunday, March 5th. Posey suggested looking at ways to make the Sunday meeting more interactive, relaxing, and less formal.

The next full board meeting will be held at OhioLINK on December 13, 2005.