

*Ohio Learning Network Governing Board Meeting  
December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006*

**OhioLINK**  
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Columbus, OH 43221

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Minutes of the [September meeting](#): approved as written.
- New Member Welcome: Linda Simmons, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs at Cuyahoga Community College, was welcomed to the group. This meeting is Ilee Rhimes' last one, as he has accepted a position as vice provost for Information Technology Services and Chief Information Officer at the University of Southern California.

**CONTINUING BUSINESS**

- OLN Mission Statement: The board approved the vision statement, "OLN will earn national recognition for leading collaborations that enhance learning through technology." The board approved the mission statement in its draft form and assigned editing to the OLN staff: "OLN works with higher education, schools, policy makers, business and industry, government, and local communities using technology to expand educational opportunities for Ohioans."
- OLN Grants and Contracts Policies: The board reviewed and approved the Grants and Contracts Guidelines, which were previously two separate policies.
- Constituency Committee Updates:
  - Academic Outreach: At its last meeting, the Academic Outreach (AO) committee spent time talking about student services, what is currently provided, and what should be provided. The Delivery of Web-based Student Service Improvement Project is an example of how to advance and/or enhance student services. [The Center for Transforming Student Services \(CENTSS\)](#) has created [audit tools](#) to help assess the effectiveness of Web-based student services. OLN invited seven institutions to compete for openings at a national workshop where teams can learn how to improve Web-based student support services. University of Cincinnati, Sinclair Community College and Stark State Technical College were awarded spaces at the workshop. It was suggested the board formally accept the e-learning report based on the discussion during the board's work session.
  - Innovative Learning and Teaching: At the Innovative Learning and Teaching (ILT) fall meeting, the committee reviewed the new Web site, looked at the synthetic world, Second Life, discussed a survey, and considered ways of continuing to build development. The latest iteration of the Learning Communities initiative is that five regional centers have been created with goals of: getting out information; building on the history of this initiative; creating metrics and support for teaching and learning technologies at a regional level. The board approved the 2007 phase of the Learning Communities for capacity building and grants.
  - Emerging Technologies: The Emerging Technologies committee (ET) met in the fall and welcomed three new members: Karen Tucci, Director of Technology Services at Jefferson Community College; Joe Deck, Director of Computing Services at Wittenberg University and Thomas Ruddick, Associate Professor of Speech at Edison Community College. Steve Acker recently stepped down as ET chair and Mark Cain is the new chair. At its November meeting, the committee reviewed the Blackboard patent, the software students use to create media ware, and the hosting of services for institutions.
  - Annual Conference: A [preliminary conference program](#) was distributed to board members. Out of 102 responses to the Request for Proposals, the conference program committee chose to use 65 proposals for five pre-conference workshops, 45 sessions and 12 Innovation Island

presentations. This year's focus is to change presentation styles; one track accepted no lecture formats. The keynote speaker on Monday will be George Siemens, who has been asked to stay for the whole conference and do a wrap-up session on Tuesday. The lunch session on Tuesday will be last year's best session awardee, Brenda Boyd ("Quality Matters: An Inter-Institutional Process for Improving Quality Online"). [Online registration](#) for the conference is currently available.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Strategic Investment Fund: The partnership with the Madison Literacy Center/Zanesville City Schools has resulted in 17 E 4 ME Completers, three of whom have enrolled in college at Ohio University-Zanesville or Zane State. The E 4 ME Scholarship pilot builds on this activity by offering one-time \$500 scholarships to adults who complete E 4 ME. The pilot will create data and processes which will be adapted to scale for the statewide program in 2008. The board approved the proposal for each campus to receive a contract to fund 10 students.
- March Retreat:
  - Six-Year Planning (FY08-13): Planning around specific projects will be done, keeping metrics in mind. The board will devote a portion of the time for show and tell of OLN projects. The retreat will begin at 3 PM on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, and go through dinner. The board will have breakfast on Monday and should complete meetings by 10 AM or noon.
  - New Leadership: The Governor-elect has been invited and the new Chancellor will be invited to the ODCE Conference. The Governor-Elect and the Chancellor will be invited to spend some time with the board on Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Meeting Evaluation: Board members were asked to complete a meeting evaluation.
  - Future Meetings: The board plans to meet via videoconference for its May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - An OLN listserv subscription sheet was distributed to board members.

**The next full board meeting will be held during the [ODCE 2007 Conference](#) at Hilton Columbus at Easton Town Center on March 4-6, 2007.**