

*Ohio Learning Network Governing Board Meeting
December 13th, 2005*

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OLD BUSINESS

- Minutes of the [September meeting](#): approved as written.
- New Board Members: Monica Posey welcomed new board member Michelle Stapleton from Central Ohio Technical College. Fred Law from Lakeland Community College was not present but was noted as a new Board member. Kate Carey announced this meeting is Mike Snider's last one, noting he has been with OLN since its beginning and has been extremely supportive.
- Grants Assessment Report: Carey said the assessment team's report contains multiple recommendations to use for further grant planning and its implications include a call for data collection, accountability, funding shifts and collaboration. The board accepted the report and concurred with Carey's intent about its dissemination.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

- Academic Outreach Update:
 - Workforce Needs Grants: Melody Clark reported these grants did not develop as the Academic Outreach Committee anticipated and it is recommended the proposals be sent back and a new RFP drafted. The board agreed with this recommendation.
 - E-Learning Report: Clark reported the e-learning report is prepared, but one more round with HEI is necessary to verify data in the report. George Steele said this is the second year OLN has done the report and it focuses predominantly on public institutions (two- and four-year), as there is no data in the report from private institutions. The data reflects what is submitted to HEI and all courses are for academic credit. There are currently 154 degrees or certificates available via distance learning and 37,421 students enrolled in distance learning courses from fall 2004 data. The board accepted and referred the report.
 - Regents Degree Concept Paper: Clark noted the Academic Outreach Committee supports the degree on a number of fronts and asks the board to take the concept forward to the Regents in a way to better serve everyone, possibly via the creation of a task force. She noted the Regents degree idea can lend focus to achieving these goals: driving efforts to reduce course duplication; offering a more centralized marketing piece; expanding articulation and transfer modules. The board adopted the idea of the Regents degree and will forward it to the Regents.
- Innovative Learning and Teaching Update:
 - LCI Regional Centers: Wayne Hall reported the main item from the Innovative Learning and Teaching Committee (formerly Professional Development) is the RFP for the Learning Communities regional centers. The proposal calls for the creation of regional centers and how they might interact with institutions in their regions and OLN. The board endorsed an amended version of the RFP, allowing the Innovative Learning and Teaching Committee to send the RFP to institutions.
- Emerging Technologies: Cable Green reported the CLE summit on October 4th in Columbus was attended by nearly 104 representatives from more than 60 Ohio institutions. The summit offered an update of the variety of shared e-learning services that OLN, Ohio Supercomputer Center (OSC) and OhioLINK are working on. Green reported the open source pilot offers an alternative to current commercial options. Institutions have asked OLN to provide access, and OLN will provide hosting, training, online communities, and technical support for about 13 months. Forty institutions have signed up, plus OLN and OhioLINK. Green said the Emerging Technologies test bed will provide a space for

hands-on testing of new technical tools, the sharing of best practices (highlighting Ohio), and providing specific vendors in these spaces. OLN will place the vendors in the test bed space and in return, the vendors will allow OLN members to have direct access to these tools.

- Annual Conference: Judy Leach distributed a two-sided preliminary program to the board, noting pre-conference workshops on Sunday, March 5th and conference sessions on Monday, March 6th and Tuesday, March 7th. The keynote speaker for Monday is [John Seely Brown](#); the keynote speaker for Tuesday is [Mark Taylor](#). The [preliminary conference program](#) and [online registration](#) are on the OLN website. The [Windows on the Future conference](#), sponsored by OSC/OARnet will be held on Tuesday, concurrently with the ODCE conference. Board members were presented with John Seely Brown's most recent publication, [*The Only Sustainable Edge: Why Business Strategy Depends On Productive Friction And Dynamic Specialization*](#).

NEW BUSINESS

- March Retreat: Informal discussion about the retreat was held. Two topics were suggested – OLN grants activities and the new e-learning report. The retreat will begin Sunday afternoon and continue into Monday morning. Reading materials will be sent to board members in advance of the retreat.

The next full board meeting will be held during the [ODCE 2006 Conference](#) at [Hilton Columbus](#) at Easton Town Center on March 5-7, 2006.