

*Ohio Learning Network Governing Board Meeting
December 14th, 2004*

**OhioLINK
2455 North Star Rd.
Columbus, OH 43221**

OLD BUSINESS

- Minutes of [September meeting](#) - approved as written.
- Governing Board Membership: Kate Carey and Paul Gaston welcomed new Board members Al Hoffmann and Shawn Daly.
- Strategic Plan Update: Carey reviewed OLN projects for the coming year and associated them with their respective budget line items.
- NCHEMS Policy Study Update: Carey reported this was the study of available content for workforce and professional development that NCHEMS did two years in a row.
- Carey reported the 21st Century Workforce Certificates Project compliments the Accelerate Ohio Project. OLN will host meetings and provide the staff work. The commitment is that the institutions will participate to determine if offering aggregate content can actually happen. General consensus of the Board was to continue this work and the Board authorized funds for the Project.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

- Academic Outreach Update: Tom Sink requested the Board accept the e-learning report as a preliminary report. The Board determined the report should have four destinations: OBR, IUC provosts, community colleges, private colleges for review and critique. The Board commended Carey and her colleagues for writing the excellent report and suggested communication about it continue.
 - Workforce Needs Grants: Sink reported the Emerging Needs program is divided into two areas this year: Workforce Needs grants and Course Redevelopment grants. The review process for the Workforce Needs grants was explained and the Board approved [seven grants](#).
 - Course Redevelopment Grants: Sink reported the Technology Innovation Course Redevelopment review process was similar to the Workforce Needs procedure. He noted this portion of the grants was not new content development, but would redirect the focus of courses already provided and make the courses more beneficial. Sink noted the stipulation that if the grants do what they say they will do, additional funds will be made available to each institution to continue the work. The Board approved [nine Course Redevelopment grants](#).
 - Sink reported there are plans to implement the quality recommendations as best practices of student services. An online adjunct faculty exchange is almost ready to be rolled out and the online exchange will consist of three parts: collection data from potential instructors; institutions can advertise positions available; a data matching exchange which matches adjunct faculty seeking employment to institutions seeking adjunct instructors.
- Ohio Commons Update: Cable Green reviewed the vision for Ohio's CMS services now approved by both the ODCE Advisory Committee and the OLN Board. Green reported the Emerging Technologies Committee will hold its inaugural meeting on January 20th and thanked Ilee Rhimes and Fred Siff for providing Board linkages to the Committee. The Emerging Technologies Committee will advise statewide CMS activity.
- Conference Update: Paul Gaston noted the [annual conference](#) is a public conference and also presents the Board with an opportunity to engage in strategic thinking each year. He asked the Board how its retreat time should be scheduled as a board, relative to the conference schedule. The Board informally agreed to come in on Sunday afternoon to begin the work session, have dinner together Sunday evening and continue meeting Monday morning. Judy Leach reviewed the three pre-conference workshops

scheduled for Sunday, March 6th, and the preliminary conference program for Monday, March 7th, and Tuesday, March 8th. The Conference Program Committee drafted [the program](#), which is now live on the OLN web site. [Online registration](#) is also live on the web site.

NEW BUSINESS

- FY 2006-07 Update: Carey reminded the Board that the grants funds would be programmed into the next fiscal year to keep dollars available to institutions. Carey reviewed the FY06-07 Biennial Budget and a Flat Scenario. The Board approved a resolution of appreciation for Carey's leadership and the work of the OLN staff. Discussion followed regarding the TAGS initiative and if there might be some alignment there for OLN.

The next full board meeting will be held during the ODCE 2005 Conference at Hilton Columbus at Easton Town Center on March 6-8, 2005.