

***Ohio Learning Network Governing Board Meeting  
December 17, 2002***

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Minutes of September Meeting - approved unanimously.
- Executive Director's Report - Kate Carey reported OLN is a changing organization, a successful catalyst, and offering new opportunities, information, and processes. Among the opportunities to pursue are the Ohio Commons for Digital Education (see [www.olin.org/about\\_olin/olinnews.php](http://www.olin.org/about_olin/olinnews.php)), Smarthinking tutoring, a free e-learning course and statewide policy work.

**CONTINUING BUSINESS**

- Academic Outreach - Tim Mott reported on the Emerging Needs grants review process for health care: there were 31 total submissions and the Committee is recommending funding for \$2,093,790.55. The Board approved the Emerging Needs awards, but requested a subgroup of the Academic Outreach Committee work with the Board to arrive at a consensus on reshaping next year's grants requirements. A preliminary report from the subgroup is due at the March Board meeting. Mott noted the OLN radio ads would be coming up in the next several weeks. He referred to the Executive Summary of the "Ohio Learning Network Southeastern Ohio Focus Groups" and explained a subcommittee analyzed marketing strategies for OLN. George Steele reported the CAS project will help students see the relationships of E-learning courses transferring from one campus to another.
- Professional Development - Sheryl Hansen reported the Learning Communities kick-off meeting held on October 15th went well, noted the timeline is being met, and the OLN web site reflects the institutes' work. Hansen reviewed the TECPD contract for administrative work at the University of Dayton that supports Professional Development and the WebCT contract for license management and OLN's continuing work with Ohio Supercomputer Center (OSC). The Board approved the two contracts.
- OLN-ITEC Conference Update - Carey announced 105 proposals were received for the conference program, with the best 50 being chosen. She noted OLN has blended with ITEC Ohio for this year's conference and reviewed the registration costs. She reported Chancellor Rod Chu will speak at the conference on Monday, March 3rd, followed by a Board meeting and Town Hall meeting. (See [www.olin.org/conferences/](http://www.olin.org/conferences/).)
- Quality Task Force Report – Fred Siff introduced Mark McBride, a member of the Quality Task Force from Miami University, noting Chair Susan Metros was unavailable to give the committee's report. McBride's presentation reviewed the Quality Task Force's charges and corresponding recommendations. He said dissemination of the Quality Task Force report should include: support from Chancellor Chu; shared broadly in Ohio; posted to the OLN web site; shared nationally. The Board accepted the report and invited the Quality Task Force to return with implementation processes in priority order so the Board can move in a systematic way to approve the report.
- FY 03 Recommendations and Budget - Carey reviewed the following recommendations as discussed during the Board's work session: Ohio Learning Utility (now the Ohio Commons for Digital Education); free E-learning course; Smarthinking pilot; E-Learning K-16 policy audit; NCHEMS contract continuation. The Board: accepted the concept of the Ohio Commons for

Digital Education; authorized limited spending for the free E-learning pilot course; approved a pilot project with the Smarthinking tutoring tool; approved continuing the NCHEMS contract and the policy audit.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- OLN Assessment –Vision – March Town Hall - Carey reported all issues resulting from the Assessment are being worked on at the staff level, noting she will bring issues to the Board when appropriate. She said a new Strategic Plan is being drafted and requested full participation from the Board during the March 3, 2003 Board and Town Hall meetings.

**The next full board meeting will be held during the OLN/ITEC 2003 Conference at Hilton Columbus at Easton Town Center on March 3-4, 2003.**