

Professional Development Committee Meeting – February 23, 2000
2455 North Star Road
Columbus, OH 43221
10am-2pm

Co-Chairs: Martha Garland, Jon Tafel

Members Present: Tim Best, Jeff Gordon, Bonnie Kroeger, Joffrey Jones, Hans Houshower, Harry Searles, Len Simutis, Ray Timlin, Kathy Wright

Members Absent: Greg Bernhardt, Terry McCullum, Bill Thomas

Guests: Mike Governanti

OLN Staff: Kate Carey, Sheryl Hansen, Elisabeth Nixon

Jon Tafel called the meeting to order at 10:15am. The committee met for several purposes: to formally organize the Professional Development Committee into a recommending body for OLN Governing Board; to discuss and agree upon mission and goals for OLN's professional development activities; to finalize committee membership; and to finalize member and leader terms.

- Professional Development Charge: Carey presented members with a historical overview of OLN. Carey explained that OLN's mission and function deals directly with the issues of making higher education more easily attainable for adults and providing opportunities for technology-related professional development of teachers and faculty. Carey stated that she sees both Degree Completion and Professional Development committees closely linked in regards to each committee's goals. The committee suggested changes to the draft charge, and will formally accept the charge at the next Professional Development committee meeting.
- Database of Statewide Professional Development Opportunities: Tafel asked the committee to revisit the idea of offering a juried database of distance education and technology resources for teachers and faculty.
- OLN and Technology: Carey suggested institutions could use technology to enhance courses and faculty development at the campus level.
- Professional Development RFP: Hansen presented to committee members an update of the current review process. Fifty-seven (57) proposals were received and it is anticipated that the review process will be completed by May 10.
- Membership and Leadership: Tafel suggested the committee meet in late March to formally accept the charge, to determine length of terms, and to schedule future meetings. Both Tafel and Garland were persuaded to continue to serve as co-chairs for the committee; both agreed to serve for an additional year.

The meeting was adjourned at 2pm.

The next meeting of the Professional Development Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, March 29, from 10am – 2pm, at the OhioLINK offices (2455 North Star Road), Columbus.