

**Minutes**  
**Texas K-12 CTO Fall Business Meeting**  
**October 2, 2008**

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Alice Owen. She thanked our platinum sponsors for the fall meeting, Cognos and Follet, and our gold sponsor, Paranet. All three sponsors provided information about their products and services.
2. Treasurer Gray Salada presented the current Financial Statement. We have a balance of \$51, 150.81 on hand. He noted that FY 08-09 expenses have not been subtracted from this balance.
3. The Awards Committee reported that members are encouraged to nominate both individuals and districts for the new state awards. The deadline for submitting them is **Friday, November 7**. The recipient does not have to be a member, but the 'nominator' does. To submit your names, go to the CoSN web site area for awards: <http://www.cosn.org/about/awards/index.cfm> . The two awards that correlate to our state awards are the 2009 Withrow Award for individual accomplishments (our state award is called the Grace Hopper award) and the 2009 TEAM award for recognition of a school district.

Our state awards will be presented at the February 3 meeting.

4. Ed Zaiontz, Chair-Elect of the national Board of Trustees for CoSN, provided an update from the national level. The Texas chapter is the largest state chapter as well as the first state chapter, and he encouraged us to participate at the national level. The national group meets three times a year, with the next meeting at the T+L conference October 28 - 30. The next meeting will be the national CoSN Conference in Austin, March 10 - 12, 2009 in Austin. The third meeting will be June 27 at the 2009 NECC conference. This year's CoSN initiatives are Small Districts, Green Computing, and a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Superintendents' initiative with TASA.

Ed provided this information about Texas chapter membership:

- To join the Texas CTO group, a school district must first become an institutional member of the national CoSN organization. State membership dues are collected by CoSN. Dues are based on district

size: large districts (\$1000 CoSN/\$150 state); medium districts (\$750/\$100); and small districts (\$250/\$100).

- Individual membership in the national organization does not qualify a person for the state chapter.
5. Alice reminded everyone of our next meeting, the Tuesday of TCEA which is February 3, 2009 in Austin. Our meeting room will be in the Hilton Hotel. Our next conference call is Thursday, Nov. 6 at 1 PM (Phone 800-416-8128; Passcode 239743#).
  6. The remainder of the day was a 6-hour training session on ITIL (Information Technology Infrastructure Library) framework presented by Third Sky.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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Secretary