

Minutes
Texas K-12 CTO Conference Call
Nov. 6, 2008

Members Present: Chair Alice Owen acknowledged these members as they called in at 1 PM--Ed Zaiontz, Harold Rowe, Mary Ann Beseda, Gray Salada, Joe Barnett, Dianne Borreson, Steve Young, Greg Veal, Randy Wilbanks, and John Orbuagh.

Treasurer's Report: Gray Salada reported a balance of approximately \$40,000, depending on remaining expenses from our fall meeting.

COSN Update: Ed Zaiontz provided national updates from the COSN meeting. He told us to expect detailed information regarding the COSN conference in Austin in March. March 10, 2009, is the date for the International Symposium and the topic will be Web 2.0 in the World. The main conference is March 11-12 and will feature exciting keynote speakers. Our state chapter meeting will be March 12 from 7 – 8:25 AM and will include breakfast. Harold, Alice, and Mary Ann will invite the state legislators who spoke at our clinic to attend and share information about the 2009 Texas legislative session. There are two post-conference activities, a site tour of New Tech High in Manor, and a small school district symposium.

Ed reminded us to vote for candidates for the COSN Board of Directors. Most are incumbents, with two new candidates. He also mentioned that COSN is working on a Strategic Plan for 2009-12 with four main goals. Look for information about the plan and individual goals in email messages from COSN. The last topic he mentioned was that COSN is encouraging state chapters to plan their clinics with other states in their region. We all agreed that Texas is large enough to plan and support our clinic as a state chapter.

Old Business

- Awards committee – **New deadline is Friday, November 14.** Mary Ann reminded everyone to submit nominations for the individual award (know as the Grace Hopper award) and for the state TEAM award for a district. 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> . Under Related Links, click on the 'Texas Nomination – Grace Hopper Award' or on the TEAM award. The web site shows November 7 as the due date, but the deadline was extended by one week.
- Spring Meeting before TCEA – Feb. 3, Hilton Hotel - Room 406. Potential topics are:
 - Anita Givens update – funding, new initiatives
 - Ideas to follow up on ITIL
 - Update on Online TAKS
 - Mini laptop initiatives
 - COSN's superintendents initiative
- Plan for CTO Clinic summer – June 18-19 in Austin area (Gray and Ed will check on prospective locations); ideas for topics:
 - Second Life – Peggy Sheehy; via distance learning
 - Online training and courses
 - Texas Virtual School
 - Email retention – case studies
 - Best practices session – Frankie and Mardee
- CTO Website – School Wires offered to host in exchange for a sponsorship opportunity and all agreed to this idea.

New Business:

- Open bank account – this will be discussed at the next conference call.

Next Face to Face Meetings:

- Feb. 3 – before TCEA Convention, Hilton Hotel - Room 406
- June 18-19? – CTO Clinic – still looking for a location

Next Conference Calls

Phone: 800-416-8128 (this may change; Alice will update if necessary)

Passcode: 239743#

Thurs., Jan. 15	1:00 Central time
Fri., March 27	1:00 Central time
Tues., May 6	1:00 Central time

Respectfully submitted,
MaryAnn Beseda
Secretary