

Minutes
Texas K-12 CTO Conference Call
Jan. 15, 2009

Welcome and Check In – Attendees were Alice Owen, Gray Salada, Mary Ann Beseda, Harold Rowe, Ed Zaiontz, John Alawneh, Frankie Jackson, Karon Tarver, Dianne Borreson, Ernie Stripling, Fran McTigrit, Bob Daughrity, Sean Casey, Joe Barnett, Greg Veale, Lori Gracey, Patty Viramontes, and John Selgren.

Treasurer's Report – The current balance of \$25,962 does not reflect expenses and revenue associated with the spring meeting.

COSN Update – Ed reminded everyone that the 'early bird' registration for the National COSN conference in Austin ends tomorrow, January 16. The International Symposium is March 10, with the main conference March 11-12. It will be held at the downtown Hilton where we are having our spring meeting.

Two new chapters have been added to COSN: Massachusetts and Florida (via their Dept. of Education). Ed also reported that COSN, ISTE, and two other organizations have been working with the Obama transition team on education technology funding issues. One topic of discussion was the estimate to give every child a laptop (\$50 billion so don't expect this soon). A more realistic plan is part of the economic stimulus plan: out of the proposed \$850 billion, \$300 billion is targeted for tax cuts, and \$550 billion is for domestic spending. Out of the \$550 billion, \$80 billion is targeted for education, with \$2-5 billion for ed tech. They plan to use the EEET funding mechanism with formula grants to the states so that extra bureaucracy is not needed. \$8 billion is planned for rural high speed Internet service. John Bernstein has been working as the advocate for COSN and Iste. Ed encouraged everyone to join ETAN via their web site, www.edtechactionnetwork.org.

Old Business

- Awards committee – Mary Ann thanked her committee (Dianne Borreson, Joe Barnett, Frankie Jackson and Mardee Barnett) and explained the process. Our state winners—to be announced at the Feb. 3 meeting—are automatically nominated for the national COSN awards. Texas was the only state to successfully follow this new process.
- Spring Meeting before TCEA – Feb. 3, Hilton Hotel - Room 406 – 8 a.m. breakfast
 - Sponsors – Deep Nines, LightSpeed, Certica Solutions
 - Alice will send out a revised agenda to include Anita Givens, ITIL strategies in education and industry, and a presentation by Bill Rust of Gartner, “Cost-Saving Measures for Technology”. Gartner is offering one-on-one meetings with members who are interested in their services.
 - The meeting will end at 3:30 to allow members to join TechSig at a reception for state legislators beginning at 4 p.m. This will be in Ballroom C of the Convention Center.
- Update on plans for CTO Clinic summer – Gray reported that we have booked the Pickle Center in Austin for June 22-23. Alice would like to have members submit suggestions for topics.
- CTO Website - Schoolwires will do a brief presentation at our spring meeting on the new Texas CTO web site and the services their company offers.
- Breakfast at the COSN Conference – March 12 at the national COSN conference is the date for our breakfast meeting with state legislators. Representatives Strama and Eissler have agreed to attend, and Maldonado may also be there. This will be an informal event, and members are encouraged to invite their respective legislator.

New Business:

- Open bank account – Alice and Gray are working with the national COSN office to determine our earnings for the past three years. This will help us file for 501(c)3 status so that we can open our own bank account.
- Officer elections will be coordinated by Ed and will take place this spring. The offices of Secretary and Chair-Elect are open. Alice encouraged everyone to think about running so that more people can be involved in the organization.

Next Face to Face Meetings:

- Feb. 3 – before TCEA Convention
- June 22-23 – CTO Clinic in Austin at the Pickle Center

Next Conference Calls

Phone: 800-416-8128

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Fri., March 27 1:00 Central time

Tues., May 6 1:00 Central time

Respectfully Submitted,
MaryAnn Beseda, Secretary