

Texas K-12 CTO Council AGENDA

DATE: October 13, 2006
TIME: 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
PLACE: Austin Airport Hilton Hotel
Map: <http://www.austinairport.hilton.com>

The group met along with TCEA's TECSIG Meeting with the following agenda:

- **8:15 a.m. - Welcome and Introductions (Miguel Ghulin)**
- **8:30 a.m. - TEA Ed-Tech Update (Anita Givens)**
- **10:00 a.m. - 15-minute Break**
- **10:15 a.m. - TEA Ed-Tech Update, continued**
- **11:45 a.m. - Requesting Feedback (John Evans)**
- **Parting Words**
- **Adjourn Meeting**

The members of the Texas CTO Council moved to the Del Valle Meeting Room for lunch. A presentation was given by Tom Fitzgerald of Fourier Systems about their new Nova5000 student learning appliance.

Ed Zaiontz gave a COSN update. There are several resources that are offered by COSN:

- K12 Open Technologies www.k12opentech.org
- Value of Investment www.edtechvio.org

There are several events at the NSBA T+L Conference in Dallas.

- CTO Leadership Forum Nov. 9 2:30-4:30pm
- COSN/SIAA Feedback Focus Group Breakfast Nov. 10 8:30am

The COSN Networking Conference will be held in San Francisco this year March 28-30. There will be an International Symposium on March 27 before the conference. The Advocacy Event will take place in Washington DC on April 23-24.

There are several webcasts that will be coming up soon all held at 1:00-2:00 EST:

- Oct. 18 – Collaboration in K12 Schools
- Nov. 15 – Keeping Students Safe in a MySpace World
- Jan. 17 – Planning for the Inevitable – IT Disaster Preparedness

COSN has several new publications that are out:

- Emerging Technologies Report
- Essential Leadership Skills for the CTO
- Telling the Technology story – PR strategies
- Crisis Preparedness

Ed gave a membership report. There are now 57 districts that belong to our local Texas CTO Chapter. Many other states are forming their own local chapters of COSN.

Ed also told the group that there will be officer elections held soon. Jim Hirsch had to give up his post for President due to commitments in his district. It has been suggested for Ed to continue as president and to elect a new secretary. Harold Rowe will continue as Treasurer for another year so as to stagger terms of Secretary and Treasurer. Ed will select a nominating committee and present a slate of officer candidates later in November.

Future meetings will be held on Feb. 6 during the TCEA Conference and some time in June when we will host a COSN Leadership Conference. Plano has agreed to host this at the Sockwell Center again.

Future conference calls will be at 1:00pm CDT:

- Oct. 23
- Nov. 27
- December – no call
- Jan. 22

Check out the Texas K12 CTO Council website at www.texascto.org

Preparing for Online Assessment in Texas

A panel discussion with Glenn Kirchner, Director of Online Testing, TEA and Kim Ackermann, Online Testing Manager, TEA was done with group members asking questions of the panelists. Over 50% of the districts in Texas have done some online testing. They need to send out a survey to find out the compatibility of each campus. Some issues to be addressed were: moving toward a more consistent testing environment, address wireless issues with online testing, and identify devices that are appropriate for online testing.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice E. Owen
Secretary