

**Minutes**  
**Texas K-12 CTO Conference Call**  
**Aug. 28, 2008**

**Welcome and Check In:** Members calling in were Alice Owen, Ed Zaiontz, Harold Rowe, Gray Salada, Frankie Jackson, Mardee Barnett, Greg Veal, Ernie Stripling, John Alawneh, Jan Short, John Selgren, Steve Young, Patricia Viramontes, Bob Daughrity, and Mary Ann Beseda

**Treasurer's Report:** COSN is still finalizing books from last fiscal year. We should know how much we earned from summer soon.

**COSN Update:** COSN Board member Ed Zaiontz reported on the upcoming clinic in Georgia and reminded everyone of the national conference to be held in Austin next March. Florida is planning to join the growing number of state chapters.

**Report from CTO Clinic:** Alice complimented all presenters and noted the positive feedback from participants and vendors. All were in agreement that the legislative panel was outstanding, and that a continuing dialogue with them is a good idea. Some ideas suggested for next year's clinic are Second Life in Education, Online Learning/Virtual School, Email Retention in Practice, and a continuation of the Best Practices presentation from this year.

**Old Business:**

- **Fall Meeting:** This will be a new format, including training on ITIL strategies. We will have a 5-6 hour executive overview of IT management practices with a centralized focus and common vocabulary. See the attached flyer for details regarding this meeting. Note: everyone needs to register soon. Deadline for hotel reservations is Sept. 17.
- **Awards committee:** There will be three state awards—the Texas Team award for district achievement, the Grace Hopper award for individual accomplishments, and a Friend of Education award for non-educators. Nominations will be made using the chapters section of the CoSN web site. When this is ready, we will send out an announcement so start thinking about nominees for all three awards. Nominations need to be completed by early October and voting completed by mid-November.
- **Spring Meeting before TCEA:** This will be held February 3 during TCEA week at the downtown Hilton.

**New Business:**

- **CTO Website:** The new site is up and the temporary URL is [www.irvingisd.net/CTO](http://www.irvingisd.net/CTO). We are working with Plano ISD to transfer the original web site name and we are investigating using independent web site hosting so that the site will be easier to maintain.
- **Online survey for testing readiness:** Members shared their experiences with completing the survey.

- Legislative session at COSN Conference in March 2009: The state chapter meeting breakfast—usually the morning of the second day, March 12—might be a good time for a followup with our legislative panel, since they will be in session.

**Next Face to Face Meetings:**

- Oct. 2 - Hilton Austin Airport (reception night before—see flyer)
- Feb. 3 - before TCEA Convention, and we will try to schedule Anita Givens to speak with us.

**Next Conference Calls:**

Thurs., Sept. 18	1:00 Central time
Thurs., Nov. 6	1:00 Central time
Thurs., Jan. 8	1:00 Central time
Fri., March 27	1:00 Central time
Tues., May 5	1:00 Central time

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary Ann Beseda