

## **Report Form**

### **COSN CHAPTER: Montana**

**Date Submitted:**

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#### **I. Goals of the Chapter (2016-2017)**

##### **UPDATE:**

Our META Strategic plan was reviewed and updated at our September board retreat. Our goals, strategic objectives and actions are broken down into 3 distinct categories; Organizational Development, Advocacy and Professional Learning.

A major goal for Organizational Development is expanding our membership participation. Objective 1.6 (Membership Participation in Committees) includes updating our committee structure and recognizing member contributions. In addition, the implementation of our CoSN component this year will be an added benefit to our members and should prove to increase overall membership. Completion date for this objective is set for December 2016.

- *We have increased membership for META/CoSN to an all-time high this year. We will further discuss membership value at our annual membership meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017.*

A major goal for Advocacy is continuing to pursue Objective 2.5 (Equitable Broadband and Transparency of Costs). This includes Objective 2.5.1 (Continued Partnership with Education Superhighway) and Objective 2.5.3 (E-Rate Consultation in Each Region). This objective will be pursued through our Advocacy Committee with a completion date set for November 2017.

- *We have a formal E-Rate consultation plan to discuss at our annual membership meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup>.*
- *Russ Hendrickson presented in Helena on March 10, 2017 in conjunction with Education Superhighway in support of HB390 which will add a state match fund for broadband projects in Montana.*

A major goal for Professional Learning is Objective 3.2 (Establish a Technology Solution Sharing Mechanism). Objective 3.2.4 includes the completion of a new META website that will connect to the SAM website and centralize all working documents of META. Completion date is set for December 2016.

- *This project has not been completed. It will be discussed at our annual membership meeting.*

**NEW ADDITION:**

In lieu of recent cyber attacks throughout Montana and the country, META has established a Network Security Subcommittee. This subcommittee will work with various stakeholders to develop a set of resources for technologists, principals and superintendents across Montana.

- *META has collaborated with CoSN to work with both their cybercrime task force as well as the Trusted Learning Environment platform.*
- *META is looking into partnering with MASS (Montana Association of School Superintendents) in regards to this initiative.*

**II. Chapter Activities and Progress Timeline (Include Specific Dates)**

**UPDATE:**

Our major CTO activity of the year is our annual spring METATechEd conference which is scheduled March 13-14, 2017. We plan to expand on last year's success to make this conference the "go-to" conference for all Montana technologists. This conference is also an opportunity for all of our technology partners to have direct access to Montana technologists and administrators. We will reach out to each of these partners and encourage them to participate in this conference.

- *METAtechED 2017 "Unlock the Future" is scheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. We have increased exhibitors and attendees to an all-time high.*

Objective 3.5 has also been created to form a committee to explore and report to membership on the viability of the CoSN CETL program for META members. This report will be given at our annual membership meeting in March.

- *We have also scheduled a session at METAtechED 2017 specifically for the CoSN CETL program.*

**III. Meeting and Conference Calls**

- 9-16-16, 9-17-16-Board Retreat & CoSN Council Meeting
- 1-11-16-META Board Meeting & CoSN Council Meeting
- 3-13-17, 3-14-17-METATechED Conference
- 3-14-17-META Board Meeting & CoSN Council Meeting
- 3-14-17-META Annual Membership Meeting
- 5-17-17-META Board Reorganization Meeting & CoSN Council Meeting

#### **IV. Chapter Leadership Updates**

META Executive Board & CoSN Council -

META President & CoSN Chair Elect– Rich Lawrence (term until 6-2018)

META Past President & CoSN State Chapter Chair – Russ Hendrickson (term until 6-2018)

META President Elect & CoSN Secretary– Brian Norwood (term until 6-2018)

META Board of Directors – all terms are currently annual for regional directors for

META. Elections are held during our annual membership meeting scheduled for

Kelly Veis and Travis Baumann: Hi Line Region

Jeredene Mayfield and David Dobbins: North Central Region

Glenn Wehe: Northwest Region

Deanna Flemmer: Western Region

Mindy Obert and Brad Somers: 4 Rivers Region

Mark Branger: South Central Region

John Jensen: Central Region

Branson Rogers: South East Region

Anita Freeman: Northeast Region

#### **V. Concerns or issues the CoSN Board/staff should know about**

None at this time.

#### **Requested Board Actions**

Action Needed

None

If action requested, please briefly describe: