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Do You Know?

- The MEEC Board consists of members representing each constituent group making up MEEC.
- RFP and negotiating teams are staffed by volunteers. Volunteering for MEEC activities is a great professional development opportunity.
- MEEC has a website <http://MEEC.edu.org>
- MEEC has agreements with 30 vendors representing 12 agreements covering hardware, software and services.

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MEEC Minutes

Catching Up with MEEC

Welcome Back!

Welcome back after a long hot summer, an earthquake a hurricane and recently, plenty of rain. As you settle in to the routine of a new academic year please remember to put on your calendars the numerous events hosted by MEEC and our vendors. Good information is shared by the vendors and most web and in-person seminars are based on products you already own. Remember these events are free to MEEC members. Registration is encouraged.

Membership Dues

All MEEC member institutions have been invoiced for their 2011-12 MEEC dues. Members who have not paid their dues by January 1, 2012 are ineligible to purchase from any MEEC agreements. If you are uncertain if dues have been paid, please contact the MEEC Office.

Board Members

MEEC is pleased to announce new Board members who will take the seats of Board members who have retired or whose term has expired: Parris Jackson,

MHEC; Cheryl Lawrence, Caroline County Public Schools; Scott Reinhart; Carroll County Public Library; Lori Rounds, Frederick Community College; and Jeff Schmidt, Towson University.

MEEC would like to thank the departing Board members for their time and dedication to MEEC: Charles Benil, MHEC; Karl Hagelin, Queen Anne's County Public Schools; Daria Parry MSDE (Library); Tom Glaser Howard Community College; and Ahmed El-Haggan, Coppin State University. See the full list of Board members at <http://www.meeec-edu.org/directors>. Board members represent their constituent group. Feel free to contact them.

Procurement

An RFP was released in mid May for Learning Management Systems (LMS) products and LMS related services. An award of a contract(s) is expected before the end of the calendar year.

The current Hardware agreement expires June 30, 2012. An RFP team is being formed to address the scope of the solicitation and

volunteers are needed. Volunteers with a particular interest in hardware products or the contract should contact the MEEC office.

A solicitation will soon be drafted for Lecture Capture System products. MEEC members with a need for or interest in the product and who would like to serve on an RFP team should contact the MEEC office.

Member Conference and Vendor Showcase

Mark your calendars for the 4th Annual MEEC Member Conference and Vendor Showcase scheduled for Friday, April 27, 2012. All MEEC members and vendors are encouraged to participate.

This year the Conference will be held at the Hilton Baltimore BWI Airport on West Nursery Road, Linthicum Heights, MD

Soon the call for session proposals will be announced. Please consider showcasing your institution and the creative and cost effective ways you have used products purchased under a MEEC agreement.

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Vendor News and Contract Updates

Anti-Virus Agreements

Agreements with two vendors, McAfee and Symantec were renegotiated and resellers for those vendors were awarded contracts following a competitive bid process.

McAfee products are sold through Bell Techlogix. The term of this Contract began on July 1, 2011 and terminates on June 30, 2013 with three (3) additional one-year terms as an option to MEEC.

SHI, Inc is the reseller of Symantec products. The contract was awarded July 1, 2011 and terminates on June 30, 2014. At MEEC's option the contract may be extended for two (2) additional one-year terms.

Details and product information can be found on the MEEC website under Event Journal, 2011-12

InCommon

MEEC has entered into an agreement with InCommon which is operated by Internet2. InCommon provides for shared management of access to online resource for the U.S. education and research communities.

All participants have common policies and technology, allowing identity providers to control the release of user information, and service providers to manage the authorization for their online resources.. For additional information see the MEEC website.

Microsoft Office Hours

Microsoft has designated **Office Hours** as the last half hour of the currently scheduled Microsoft web seminars. Office Hours are open to MEEC members with in depth question on Microsoft products or the MEEC/Microsoft agreement.

Kudos

Many thanks to the MEEC members who sat on the teams to negotiate contracts and secure resellers for the McAfee and Symantec Agreements: procurement officers Joe Evan and Chuck Zinc, UMB; Team Chair Suresh Balakrishnan, USM; and Team Members Ruth Baber MSDE; Louise Finn, Loyola University of MD; Ajay Gupta Prince Georges CC; and Fred Hayes, USM.

Schedule of Events

- 9.20 The Lenovo Pad - **Daly**
- 10.4 Smart Technologies - **Daly**
- 10.6 ELA Deployment - **Adobe**
- 10.11 How to Leverage System Center to Manage and Optimize Your Infrastructure - **Microsoft**
- 10.12 Mobility (In Person) - **Adobe/Apple**
- 11.2 Mobile Security and Management—**Symantec/SHI**
- 11.8 How to Leverage Lync to Provide Audio/Video/Web Conference Service for Your Institution - **Microsoft**
- 11.15 nCircle - **Daly**
- 12.13. How to Leverage SharePoint to increase communication and collaboration - **Microsoft**
- 04.27 MEEC Member Conference and Vendor Showcase

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