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Do You Know?

- The MEEC Board consists of members representing each constituent group making up MEEC. The list of MEEC Board members can be found on the MEEC website <http://www.MEEC-edu.org> under About Us.
- RFP and negotiating teams are staffed by volunteers. Volunteering for MEEC activities is a great professional development opportunity.
- The 2013 MEEC Member Conference and Vendor Showcase is scheduled for April 18, 2013.

MEEC Minutes



Catching Up with MEEC

A New MEEC Initiative

....Pass It On!

If you have received MEEC Minutes via direct e-mail, you also receive numerous announcements throughout the year from MEEC. These announcements invite you participate in web or in-person seminars, introduce new agreements, alert you to important contract information and share general MEEC information. After you read the announcement and before hitting the delete button, please take a moment to think about those in your organization who could benefit from the information. And.... Pass It On!

MEEC information is shared with the Primary Contact of each member institution as designated by the institution. Information is also shared with anyone who has ever attended a MEEC event. When you “Pass It On” you are giving other members of your organization the same opportunity to learn from MEEC vendors and the organization.

So, the next time you are about to hit the delete button on your keyboard, hit the forward key instead and “Pass it On!”

Membership Dues

MEEC has distributed, to all member institutions, invoices for their 2012-13 MEEC dues. Members who have not paid their dues by January 1, 2013 are no longer in good standing and are ineligible to purchase from any MEEC agreements. If you are uncertain whether your dues have been paid, please contact the MEEC Office.

Member Conference and Vendor Showcase

Mark Your Calendars for the 5th Annual MEEC Member Conference and Vendor Showcase. The Conference will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2013. The new venue for the Conference is Martin’s West, just off of the Security Boulevard exit of I-695 on the west side of Baltimore. Please note the day has changed as well; the Conference will be held on a Thursday.

A Call for Session Proposals will be released soon. Begin thinking of topics that you would like to share with other MEEC members. The most popular sessions are those that members and vendors present together. MEEC looks forward to seeing all our members at the Conference.

ROI Seminars

Don’t forget that MEEC in conjunction with MEEC vendors offer web and in-person seminars. If your institution is a member of MEEC you are invited to participate in these events. Refer to the schedule of events on page two of this Newsletter. As always, for the most up to date information visit the MEEC website at www.MEEC-edu.org. A schedule of events is located on the MEEC homepage.

MEEC Board

Members of the MEEC Board represent each constituent group of the organization. The Executive Committee is elected from the Board. The 2012-13 MEEC Executive Committee is Chair Melissa Wisniewski, Johns Hopkins University, Vice Chair Louise Finn, Loyola University, Secretary Steve Engorn, Stevenson University. Many thanks to the outgoing Executive Committee Chair Joseph Rossmeier, Prince George’s Community College and Secretary Doreen Heath, Montgomery County Public Schools.

New to the MEEC Board is Pete Young, University of Maryland University College.

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Vendor News and Contract Updates

It was a busy, busy year for the Procurement Officers who support MEEC in securing contracts with vendors. Two major agreements were established in the 2011-12 academic year. A Learning Management Systems (LMS) agreement was established with six vendors all of whom are new to MEEC. Also procured was a new Hardware agreement. There are twenty-nine Hardware vendors, nine of which previously held contracts with MEEC.

In addition to procurement officers, Valerie Rolandelli, UMUC and Blair Blankinship, UB, a huge thank you goes to the many volunteers who worked on the RFP teams. Stan Jakubik, USM, held the role of coordinator of the teams and liaison to the procurement officer and MEEC Board. Thank you Stan.

Also, many thanks to the following volunteers who worked tirelessly on the two RFP teams. When you see these MEEC members, please extend your thanks as well.

Learning Management Systems

Greg Van Lehman, University of Maryland University College
 Barbara Zirkin, Stevenson University
 Chris Voelker, Calvert County Public Schools
 Christopher J. Higgins, University of MD College Park
 Doug Grey , Chesapeake College
 Steve Hellen, Johns Hopkins University
 Bill Glover, Archdiocese of Baltimore
 Fabio Chacon, Bowie State University
 Steve Engorn, Stevenson University
 Tom Glaser, Howard Community College
 Daria Parry, MSDE
 Nini Beegan, Carroll County Public Library

Hardware

Darby Ashmore, Carroll County Public Schools
 Bob Kuntz, Carroll County Public Library
 Norwin Malmberg, USM
 Steve Silvious, Johns Hopkins University
 Greg Tull, Salisbury University
 Aided by Specification team members:
 Mark Addy, Towson University
 Oliver Hansen, Prince Georges Community College

Jenny Skoda, Montgomery County Public Schools

Steve Fox, Loyola

The list of vendors for both the Hardware and Learning Management (LMS) agreements can be found on the MEEC website. Hardware vendors are listed under the Hardware tab; LMS vendors are found under the Software tab.

Future Contracts

There are three procurements MEEC expects to complete or begin soon. First, a solicitation was done for Lecture Capture products. The final contracts are being executed and an announcement regarding the Lecture Capture agreement will be released in the near future.

Next, an Audio Visual team has been formed to begin developing the specifications, both technical and financial, for an AV solicitation. As is always the case with MEEC Agreements, it will be a multivendor award. The AV team is looking towards a mid-2013 completion date. Many thanks to the MEEC member volunteers and to Towson University for hosting the procurement.

Finally, the current MEEC e-Learning agreement, with Skillsoft and Springforward, expires in 2013. The MEEC Board has decided, from your response to the e-Learning survey, to complete a solicitation for e-Learning products. The procurement will be hosted by University of Maryland University College. If you are interested in serving on the RFP team for this e-Learning contract, please contact the MEEC Office.

Schedule of Events

- 11.13.2012 Windows8/Windows To-Go- Microsoft-Webinar
- 11.14.2012 Daly & EMC Storage-Daly Webinar
- 11.20.2012 Alliance Technology Group-Webinar
- 11.28.2012 Cyber Warfare-Janus- Webinar
- 12.04.2012 Alliance Technology Group-Webinar
- 12.11.2012 Windows 2012 Overview-Microsoft-Webinar
- 04.18.2013 MEEC Conference and Vendor Showcase**