

MINUTES
Oregon WIN Board Meeting
January 24, 2003, 1:00 – 3:00 PM
Chemeketa Community College, Salem

Members: John Greydanus, Alan Heywood, Larry Pribyl, Tom Matney, Paul Snyder. **Participating Members:** Donna Carver, Gary Schiedel, John Sneed, Steve Vincent

I. Board Changes

John Greydanus reported that Paul Yeiter stepped down as the Oregon WIN Board representative for Linn-Benton-Lincoln ESD. Nancy Vollmer will replace Paul as the new LBLESD representative.

II. Oregon WIN Network Updates

- A. Cottage Grove beambender installed. The new beambender installation at Hanson Butte was completed in January. The new installation provides Oregon WIN coverage throughout Cottage Grove and includes a receive site installation at the Charter Communication cable headend. Lane Community College is programming channel 21 on the Charter cable system that serves the following communities: Creswell, Drain, Yoncala, Coburg, Lowell, McKenzie, Whitewater, Oakridge, Westfir, Cottage Grove, Venetta, Elmira, Noti.
- B. Greydanus reviewed a handout on the status of pending receive site installations in the Corvallis/Albany area and a list of receive sites in Central Oregon. The Central Oregon sites that will be available once video connection is installed on the OSU-Bend fiber. The new sites will be added to the WIN webpage as the installations are completed.
- C. It was reported that Sprint is working with PCC to upgrade the STLs in Portland and improve interconnects with the WIN switch at Healy Heights. It was also noted that WIN is pursuing a modification to move the C-group in Salem from Eola Hill to Prospect Hill. If the modification is granted, Chemeketa Community College will have to make the necessary arrangements with Sprint to begin broadcasting from Prospect. Sprint has estimated it will take 12 months to make the transition.

III. Oregon WIN Program Updates

- A. OPAN. John Greydanus provided an update on OPAN. Oregon WIN continues to distribute daily, live Legislative coverage from Legislative Media to cable channels. Beginning February 3, 2003 OPAN will begin broadcasting a 2-hour nightly program from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. The Monday through Friday broadcasts are supported by a new digital encoder/editor purchased by OSU and leased to Oregon WIN, and

additional Oregon WIN staff. OPAN has secured funds to reimburse WIN for program production costs. OPAN has also secured a donation of routers from Cisco to support the video connection to Bend. The video link to Bend will deliver legislative coverage to BendCable and the ITFS network in Central Oregon that services Bend, Prineville, Madras, Warm Springs and Redmond. OPAN continues to add programming outside of Legislative coverage by working with campuses, city clubs and PEG channels to secure lectures and political debates. In January, OPAN ran a 2-hour debate on Measure 28 impacts that was produced in Klamath Falls. OPAN also has initiated a civic education effort to support k-12 government teachers. The effort includes curriculum development and logistical support for schools that wish to incorporate Legislative coverage into government and social studies curriculum.

- B. Campus program updates. Paul Snyder asked for comments on a proposal for community colleges to collaborate on telecourse distribution over Oregon WIN. A single community college could deliver telecourses over Oregon WIN and simultaneously serve several cable markets. The ensuing discussion raised concerns over whether the colleges use similar telecourses and how to handle the increased logistics associate with sharing programs. Paul agreed to host a follow-up meeting on the proposal and report back to the Board.

IV. Closing Comments

During campus updates, Board members reviewed new media technologies being implemented on their campuses (video streaming, digital archiving, non-linear editing, etc.). Members discussed the importance of sharing information among OUS campuses and community colleges and the need to create more opportunities to discuss new media technologies and applications. Possible formats for hosting these discussions included Oregon WIN, the Oregon NWMET caucus, or organizing a separate group to host regular discussions. The Board agreed to set aside time at WIN Board meetings to share information on new media initiatives and continue to discussion ways to improve sharing information and expertise among campuses.

The next Oregon WIN Board meeting will be held in March - date and location to be determined.