

Report Form

MONTANA COSN CHAPTER

Date Submitted:

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I. Goals of the Chapter (2016-2017)

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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: