

SR-PLN IT Committee Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2021 | 9:00 AM CST / 10:00 AM Eastern

Location: Zoom

Plan of Work Updates Report

Item 1 - Customize our existing grant repository in Teams into sub-categories based on the various technologies (AI, ML, AWL, etc.). Members will contribute grant opportunities as they are identified.

Karen DiCicco, Ashwani Srivastava

- As we find grants we will share in this file.

Item 2 - Refine the Best Practices document related to IT security, post COVID-19. Share these best practices with other PLN committees, directors, and administrators to help promote security awareness.

Brian McGhee, Dwayne Hunter

- Dwayne sent a message asking everyone to review the document before the meeting today.
- Karen and Diana have reviewed. Looks good to publish.
- Give the committee till conference to see if it is good to go.

Item 3 - Create whitepaper for the Directors in reference to non-compliant software acquisitions.

Rhonda Conlon, Jason Shoemaker

- No report available

Item 4 - Software list for use by the IT Committee. Divided into categories and business use cases. Institution agnostic if shared with others outside the committee. Create a Teams channel for this purpose.

Brian Watson, Karen DiCicco, Jason Shoemaker

- Folder "Software" created. Brian created the spreadsheet for everyone to use. Karen added the In-House category to the spreadsheet.
- Arkansas and Georgia are the only contributors to date.
- Karen has updated for Arkansas recently.
- Work in progress

Item 5 - Participate in the SR working group for best practices in virtual program delivery, challenges, and evaluation / impact reporting. (Description available in notes)

Jonathan Davis, Dwayne Hunter

- Jonathon and Dwayne had a team meeting with Dan from Virginia Tech. Dan is heading up the group. They met and decided that Teams was going to be a good tool and platform to organize their thoughts of the meeting. Jonathan quickly set up a Team on Auburn's platform and met with Dan in Teams to show him how to manage it. Dan was very excited and had some plans to move forward. Since that time, nothing has happened. Jonathan reached out to Dan yesterday and he explained that they have had some institutional changes that has caused him to refocus some of his energy on that rather on this. He is hoping to move forward in the coming months.
- Jonathan reported they have set-up several meetings. They are using Teams. Survey was created and sent out to various committees. This is where they are currently. They have not had a follow-up meeting since survey closed. Will report the results when available.
- **Update? Dwayne – believes this item has been finished and will get confirmation on this.**

Previous discussion items:

- Brain Watson/Karen DiCicco - StarLink
 - Arkansas has ordered the service for two locations for testing – coming this fall.
 - Brian reported they preordered one unit. They are on hold until delivered. He is also working on an infrastructure and has 11 sites he would like to use StarLink.
 - **On hold until late Summer/early Fall to be released**
 - **Brian reported they have put a list together for locations that it will help.**
 - **Diana reported we hope it will work like they say and we can use this in our county offices.**
- The UAEX to UADA domain change is now approximately 85% completed. We will soon turn off the old domain controllers so we can shake out whatever remains - death by fire. 😊
- Ashwani reported that they have been going through a college name change and will soon have to go through a domain change as well. **How is it going? Not yet finalized.**

New discussion items:

- Any new software implementations?
 - **Arkansas - Trumba (calendar), SlickText, CanvaPro, LinkTree, Zoom Phones**
 - **UGA is looking at alternatives for Adobe, started using Foxit. Invested in a software called Destiny One.**
- This year's conference will be online.
 - 2021 Virtual Conference - [SRPLN || Southern Program Leadership Development \(msstate.edu\)](https://www.srpln.org/Southern-Program-Leadership-Development-2021)
 - August 23-25, 2021
 - Same format as last year
 - 2022 will be Fort Worth
 - 2023 will be Orlando