

OSWG Meeting Summary

Tuesday, August 10, 2010

An informal summary of highlights of the meeting

The monthly meeting of the Oklahoma State Webmanagers Group was held, Tuesday, July 14 at 2 p.m. at the Oklahoma Department of Libraries. President being in the chair. Minutes from the July meeting were reviewed and approved.

Welcome and Introductions – everyone introduced themselves.

Presentation – “Modernization of State Government” Representative Jason Murphy

Rep. Murphy told the group of the state’s effort to modernize the way we do business. In 2007-08, the Legislature conducted a modernization study and educated them on best practices.

In 2008, HB 1410, upgraded the state’s purchasing to web-based technology that would save the state money. He also sponsored legislation to rid the state of obsolete laws that require hard copies due to notarized forms and such.

The need for a state Chief Information Officer was made apparent with Oklahoma being the second to last state (he believed) to hire a CIO. That position was given the mandate to evaluate and provide the legislature with the long term goal and vision.

Through HB 1032 all licenses and permits where required to be online. Thus, this law should free up state employees on simple data entry tasks and provide a convenience to Oklahomans.

SB980 created the transparency in government and built the frame work to hold agencies accountable and built in avenues for data sharing.

HB2318 was designed to remove road blocks to social networking, removing the terms of service conflict with Oklahoma’s own standards that would allow agencies to agree to various social networks’ terms of service.

What lies on the horizon depends on the CIO’s plan and the new legislation required to implement it.

Rep. Murphy then took various questions from the audience. He did encourage us to notify him in the event we have any suggestions or comments to improve the new world of computer usage in state government. His email address is Jason.Murphey@okhouse.gov

Presentation – “Training Day” Dusty Teague, Training Committee Chair

This year’s Training Day is October 13 and the speakers are confirmed. The theme of this year’s training is Emerging Trends with speakers on web expertise, Ok.gov emerging trends and 508 update. Dusty will email the group the speakers and agenda.

Presentation – “State Web Day at the Capitol” Mark Harrison, OSWG President

Mark asked the group if they would be willing to spend \$25 on the training day so that we could have hard wire internet connections ran to fourth floor rotunda for OSWG Web Day. The fear is that with 25

to 29 booths all connected to the web over the wireless that it would be too much for the system. No objections were made to this idea.

Web day is May 10, 2011 from 9 am to 3 pm. Each booth will have a 6^{ft} Table, plastic silver table cloth, and two chairs.

New Business

Rodney Davidson spoke to the group about the up-coming Electronic and Information Technology Accessibility (EITA) Advisory Council meeting, Sept. 9, and solicited comments and suggestions from OSWG to present to the group. He stated that the state's accessibility standards will need to be revamped to follow revamped federal standards. The EITA law was passed in 2004 and the accessibility standards became effective in Sept 2005. The Section 508 Refresh has completed its public comment period and should be effective within the next six months. On July 23, 2010, the U.S. Department of Justice gave advance notice of their rulemaking authority to extend the Americans with Disabilities Act to include accessibility of information technology for all state and local governments, as well as public accommodations. The duration of the EITA Advisory Council has been extended by the Oklahoma legislature through 2014.

Comments and suggestions from OSWG members included:

- In most agencies there is still a lack of knowledge and awareness of accessibility from the top down. Accessibility is still being driven mostly from the bottom up. Until this changes, it will continue to be difficult to get needed software and resources to address the problem.
- It was suggested that a directive from the Governor would perhaps prompt the heads of state agencies to notice accessibility.
- A suggestion was made that accessibility training include putting the attendees "in the shoes" of someone with a disability so they can see first hand how the lack of accessibility impacts their ability to access IT.
- Hope was expressed that the new CIO could use economies of scale to make software to remediate accessibility more affordable to state agencies.

Meeting adjourned.

Upcoming Meetings:

Sept. 14 – Alex Pettit, Chief Information Officer

Oct. 13 - Wednesday – Training Day

Nov. 9 – Nominations – Michael O'Hasson, ODL agency web page archiving process
(tentative)

Dec. 14 – Christmas Party – Andy Behrens, OneNet