

## **February 2008 Regional Meeting Recap**

Greetings! Thank you for participating in the February 2008 regional meetings held in Kansas City, Maryville, Chillicothe, Warrensburg, Springfield and Joplin. During this meeting MOREnet highlighted a variety of topics, including the introduction of the MOREnetworking website, how to utilize your My MOREnet tool, program updates, how to access online resources-especially Learning Express Library, information on bandwidth and information on security. We hope that you found this content useful. In addition, MOREnet asked members 3 questions during the roundtable portion which will be instrumental in strategic planning.

1. Would you take advantage of a fee-based on-site consulting service?
2. How do you propose to best get services and announcements to end users?
3. What is your organization's #1 consumer of bandwidth? What would you like it to be? How do you see your bandwidth growing in the next few years?

## **Fee-based On-Site Consulting Service**

Thank you for the overwhelming positive responses we received for the idea of creating a fee-based on-site consulting service. As you are aware, this idea is exactly that, an idea, and needs further research before implementation. Currently Connie Stickney, MOREnet's Manager of Technical Support, is in the process of reviewing all notes made by attendees and developing a survey to better assess the parameters of this potential service.

## **Best Ways to Spread the Word about MOREnet Services**

Wow! I was overwhelmed by the numerous ideas given during the roundtable sessions. However, I believe the biggest shocker, for me at least, was learning we're all facing the same communication challenges. With limited access to computers and educators having sometimes limited familiarity with technology, information and training are going to be key. As a result I have talked with program managers on how we can provide necessary support to ensure all members can freely and comfortably use our online resources and videoconferencing services.

One suggestion that has gained popular momentum within the organization is the creation of online videos that offer quick tutorials on how to use each online resource. However, until the first video has been posted, I recommend contacting our training team at [training@more.net](mailto:training@more.net) to have one of our MOREnet trainers visit your organization to provide training.

## **Legislative Update**



During the legislative session the Governor recommended flat funding which basically means funding remains the same as the previous year. This does not affect the quality of service you will receive as members. MOREnet remains dedicated to providing the best services and support possible.

## **Bandwidth**

Currently, members find that the number one consumer of bandwidth happens to be non-educational activity such as videos, music, games, etc. because students are able to get around blocks. Another consumer was found in web-based applications, such as Student Information Systems, web-centric administrative programs, United Streaming, e-Mints, etc.

We are constantly striving to meet members' bandwidth demands, and as a result of some member comments, our Security group is working on a bandwidth management white paper to help you control the traffic and activity on your network.

## **Training**

For information on available scheduled training please visit:

<http://solutions.more.net/apps/training/schedule/> or for more custom training, e-mail [training@more.net](mailto:training@more.net).

## **Upcoming MOREnet Conferences and Events**

### **MOREnet Instructional Technology Conference (MITC) 2008**

**Oct. 5-7 , 2008, Tan-Tar-A, Osage Beach, Mo.**

MITC 2008 features professional development sessions, hands-on seminars, roundtable discussions, human networking and collaboration opportunities, plus an Exhibitor Fair boasting the latest technology tools.

And check out [www.more.net/conferences](http://www.more.net/conferences) for other upcoming events and more regional meetings.

## **Future Growth and Momentum**

I hope that you are as excited as I am about MOREnet's forward momentum. I look forward to seeing you at our next round of regional meetings, but if you have any questions in the meantime please feel free to contact me at [linderj@more.net](mailto:linderj@more.net) or call 573-884-7205.

Take care!



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