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THE LAST COUPLE OF newsletter articles I have written focused on the last 25 years of NETA. This is the last article before our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration at our annual spring conference. I have thoroughly enjoyed reading about the history of NETA through years of minutes and newsletters as well as writing about how many great things have created the strong organization we currently have. It is a tribute to you (the members), continuing to want more, that keeps us coming back year after year.

### Past Themes

So how have the themes and content of NETA changed over the last 25 years? Looking back through notes and conference programs, it wasn't until 1991 that the spring conference actually had a written theme attached to it. Prior to this, it simply stated, *NETA Spring Conference*.

The first written theme I could find was in 1991, *Educational Technology for the Information Age*. This was very forward thinking based on the World Wide Web really in the process of being invented and introduced to the public. In 1994 NETA discovered that programs

## Message from the President Elect

# Remembering 25 Years

could be printed in color. The theme was *Bridging Today to Tomorrow*. Since this time, we have seen:

- *Charting New Directions in Learning*
- *Filling our Technology Toolbox*
- *Teaching Tomorrow Today*
- *Discovering Pathways of Learning*
- *Discovering Digital Treasure*
- *Exploring New Territories*
- *Empowering, Encouraging, Engaging (E<sup>3</sup>)*
- *Designing Digital Dimensions*
- *Linking Technology to the Curriculum*
- *Learning Together for Our Future*
- *Creating Journeys to Learning*
- *Goin' Global*
- *Technology Pioneers for the Next Century*
- *Technology in Motion: Imagining and Developing*
- *Technology—A Winning Ticket, Prepare, Dare, Share*
- *Curriculum Challenges—Making the Connections*
- *Portraits, Perspectives & Paradigms: The Excitement of Technology in Education*

And finally this year: *25 Years of Innovation*. Get registered today!

### Past Session Topics

Not only have there been some great themes over the last 25 years, some of the session descriptions are rememberable. As I peruse the conference programs, I find that Linda Dickeson presented *Beginners' Approach to Using a Scanner*. Do you think that would make today's cut? How about Bill Menousek presenting, *Multimedia on the Apple IIGS*. I didn't know the Apple IIGS could do multimedia! The first real signs of the word Internet began appearing in the conference program of 1993. Joann Wilson presented: *Accessing Internet With Your Dusty, Trusty, Ile*.

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If you can share a success story related to technology in the classroom, or a software solution review, we’d love to print it in a future newsletter. For making the contribution, you will receive a 2012 Spring Conference T-shirt.

Contact Sandy Blankenship, phone (402) 540-1904 or e-mail [executivedirector@netasite.org](mailto:executivedirector@netasite.org) with a short summary to see if your story can be included in a future issue!❖



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## Message from the President

# 25 Reasons to Attend the NETA Conference

IN HONOR OF THE 25TH anniversary of NETA, here are 25 great reasons to attend the spring conference (not in any priority order):

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25. Five BYOD sessions
  24. Friday Pick your own Keynote Speaker—Travis Allen
  23. Experience and learn from Hands-on Playgrounds
  22. Past President's Parade
  21. \$2.50 Anniversary lunch coupon
  20. Friday Pick your own Keynote Speaker—Tammy Worcester
  19. Daily gift card giveaways
  18. Eleven 1:1 Strand Sessions for schools who are considering or have already done a 1:1 implementation
  17. Distance Learning Strand
  16. NETA Grant Winners, ISTE Trek Winners
  15. Dan Herlihy—Keynote, and four Assistive Tech Sessions
  14. Conversation strand, featuring one session with Travis Allen
  13. iPad giveaways both days!
  12. Vendors, vendors and more vendors
  11. Eleven sessions in Tech Strand for Techies
  10. Thursday Keynote—Kevin Honeycutt. Don't miss him!
  9. Kindle Fire giveaways at Fridays Pick Your Own Keynote sessions
  8. Tech Coordinators Meeting held on Thursday at 4 p.m.
  7. Contest Winners and NETA 25th Anniversary Logo.
  6. Learning Web and other Poster Sessions in Gatsby on Thursday!
  5. Networking with your Peers
  4. Over 150 informative and innovative breakout sessions
  3. Magnificent Embassy Suites Conference Center
  2. 25th Anniversary Bash—Dance, Karaoke and Contests held on Thursday evening in Gatsby from 7:30–10:30. Should be fun! (See page 7)
  1. New format for ending session—APPS Shootout and Prizes! ❖

And the final terrific reason to attend the 25th Anniversary NETA Conference—



## NETA Conference 2012 Network New Challenges!

*Revised message from Dennis McIntyre, Retired NETA Site Coordinator (Dennis, as “Mr. WiFi” in previous years, pictured at left)*

### ARE YOU COMING TO THE NETA 2012 Conference?

Here’s a few things we hope you will remember and apply while at the Conference.

1. Having 2200+ people—active technology advocates!—in one facility is more than almost any wireless (WiFi) network can handle.
2. Last year, along with some upgrading of the facility, and management of the network equipment, the conference participants also did their job—they were careful and thoughtful about WiFi dependent usage. Bravo! Thanks!
3. The cooperation and collaboration of those in attendance did make a difference!
4. Again this year, we will need everyone to be “mindful” about using WiFi based technologies during the conference, in the major conference areas.

5. A New York Times article put it very well,

*“Technology conferences are like revival meetings for entrepreneurs, deal makers and the digitally obsessed. Attendees compulsively blog, e-mail, text and send photos and video from their seats”..*

*“The problem is that Wi-Fi was never intended for large halls and thousands of people, many of them bristling with an arsenal of laptops, iPhones and iPads”..*  
**Wi-Fi Overload at High-Tech Meetings**, December 28, 2010—By Verne G. Kopytoff

6. This year we have some added challenges and required commitments. We now have smartphone technology that allows a user to set up a wireless *hot-spot* using their phone. Any such use during the conference creates another threat to the reliability of the conference network system. Please...don’t!
7. Together, we can do this!  
We can work together to help assure network capacity and reliability. Remember only you can prevent *network storms!!* ❖

## Pre-registration Open Through April 6th!

We hope to see you at NETA on April 26–27, at La Vista Embassy Suites & Conference Center. Please make sure you have registered for NETA by **April 6th**. Your registration needs to be done online by that date, faxed, or postmarked April 6th if sent via mail. After April 6th, please plan to register onsite.

Plan now to find your way to La Vista, Exit 442, for an exciting two days! In honor of NETA’s 25th Anniversary, the theme this year is **25 Years of Innovation** ❖

## Barcodes on Name Badges

Again this year your name badges will have bar codes on them. This will allow exhibitors to easily scan your name badge and you won’t need to complete forms to give them your information. When the exhibitors scan your badge, these are the fields of information they will receive: your name, organization, address, phone, and e-mail.

At this point we do not know how many exhibitors will participate in badge barcode scanning. We anticipate that there will be quite a few since many have suggested that we add this option. ❖

# The Election Results are In!

## Announcing the New 2012 NETA Officers and Directors

MANY THANKS to all of you who voted during the online election. Thanks also to all of the candidates on the ballot for their willingness to serve. All candidates were certainly worthy and you will hopefully see some of them on the ballot again in the future! The following people were elected.

### Officers



Jason Everett  
President-Elect  
ESU 10

The **President Elect** serves for one year in this position and then moves into the role of the president. The president elect is responsible for helping to plan the spring conference.



Pam Krambeck  
Secretary  
ESU 3

The **Secretary** is elected every two years. The secretary keeps records of the meetings of the Board of Directors, tracks Director attendance at meetings and files and distributes changes in policy issues adopted at board meetings.

Congratulations to Jason and Pam for being elected to these offices!

### Directors, Three-year term



Josh Allen  
Papillion-La Vista  
Director 2015



Nicole Badgley  
Arnold Public Schools  
Director 2015



Craig Badura  
York Public Schools  
Director 2015



Jackie Ediger  
ESU 9  
Director 2015

### Director—One Year Term (remainder of Jason Everett's term)



Angie Wassenmiller  
Concordia University,  
Seward  
Director 2013

### Leaving the Board this Year

The following people will be leaving the board this year as their terms expire. Each retiring Board member has willingly contributed endless hours of time, thought and effort into the organization and will certainly be missed.

#### William Bolen—ESU 10

Bill has been an active member of the NETA Board and also served as President-Elect, President, and now Past President. William has taken on many responsibilities throughout his years on the Board and always followed through with his commitments. William has been instrumental in helping other officers as they begin the review process to decide which sessions will be chosen and

using the new online system for assigning conference rooms. He has done an exceptional job of supporting others in their work. Those on the Board know that when there is a challenging topic for discussion, William will think it through, addressing all sides of the issue. William has served on a variety of committees throughout his tenure, and this year chaired the Teacher and Leader Award Contests for 2012. We will all miss William's presence on the NETA board as he has truly been an exemplary leader!

#### Lenny VerMaas—ESU 6

Lenny has been willing to lend a helping hand and especially attentive to doing whatever needs to be done during conferences. Lenny has served on the Retail Committee where decisions are made as to which conference bags and books for resale are ordered. When making decisions on the NETA Board, Lenny would draw from his many years as a classroom teacher, his experiences assisting teachers through his ESU work, and from serving on various other educational boards.

William and Lenny contributed with their ideas, their energy, and they were definitely team players. Our sincere thanks to both.

If you would like to be more active in NETA by serving on the NETA Board of Directors, consider being a nominee in 2013. Four Director positions are open each year as well as the President Elect and either Secretary or Treasurer (elected every other year). Watch for the call for nominees in the November newsletter. ❖

# NETA Conference Site 2012

Welcome to the La Vista Conference Center, Embassy Suites and so much more!

The NETA 2012 annual conference is proud to again use one of the newest facilities in the Metro Omaha area. This location offers easy access, state of the art facilities, adequate free parking, and more productive conference activities space.

## Location

- I-80 Exit 442 - Giles road @ Southport Parkway
- Other landmarks @ Exit 442—Cabela's and PayPal.

## Parking

1700 spaces, shared (All spaces in commercial area are available—owned by city of La Vista.)

## Lodging accommodations

Embassy Suites, Marriott Courtyard, and Hampton Inn hotels are full, but please check the NETA web site for additional options:  
<http://netasite.org/housing2012>

## Food accommodations

- Embassy—complimentary full breakfast & Manager's reception afternoon/evening
- Hampton Inn—Complimentary breakfast & Manager's reception
- Marriott—check out their Bistro area

## Lunch

- Embassy—Nines Restaurant, Caffenia's, and Atrium (box lunch pickup & sales)
- Marriott—Bistro Area
- Giles Road—Summer Kitchen, Runza, Jimmy Johns, and Pizza Gourmet

## Services

- Embassy—Internet & wireless, Public spaces free, Sleeping room charge
- Conference Center additional wireless facilities—free
- Marriott—Free Internet wireless in public spaces & sleeping rooms
- Hampton Inn—Wireless all areas

## BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Sessions

- located in Wingtip
- must pre-register
- must have ticket for admittance

## Conversation Strand

- held in Marriott Library
- come learn from the group

## Registration

- Register by April 6 or plan to register onsite

- Conference Center main door area
- Thursday Advanced registration—Main doors, turn right, Gatsby room
- Wednesday night registration hours are 5:00–7:00 PM

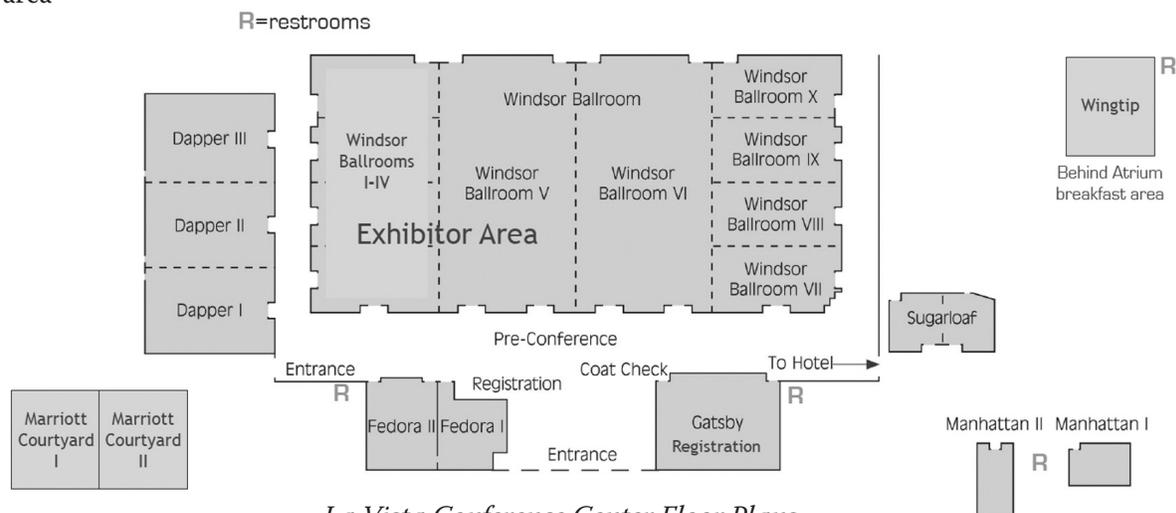
## Lunch Tickets for Sale

On both Thursday and Friday mornings, please look for a special booth where you can purchase a lunch ticket for your noon meal, then use your pre-purchased ticket to retrieve a meal. We are hoping to again eliminate the long wait time if lunch tickets are pre-purchased.

## Graduation Credit for NETA

Participants who attend both days of the NETA Conference can earn one hour of graduate credit through Peru State College. Interested participants will meet briefly with Gregg Robke on Thursday morning at 9:50 near the NETA Sales Booth, directly after the keynote. Resident and non-resident tuition is \$212.75 per credit hour + any applicable fees.

We look forward to welcoming you to the LaVista Embassy Suites and Conference Center! ❖



La Vista Conference Center Floor Plans

# NETA *25th* BIRTHDAY BASH

## "G.E.E.K.s ARE MY *Idols*"

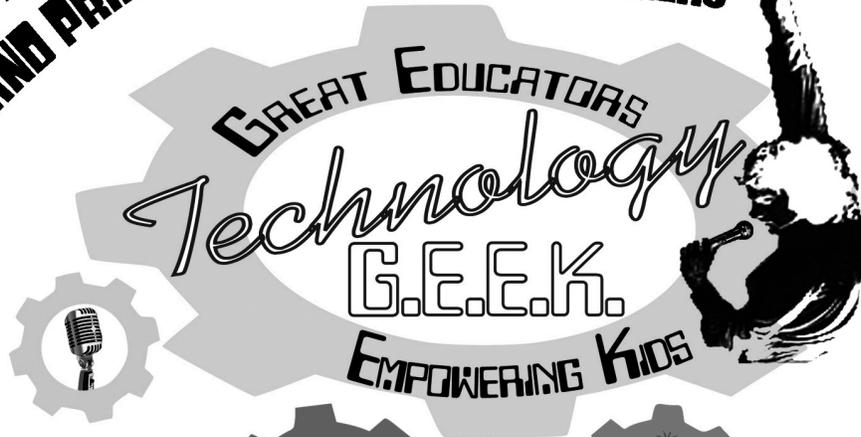
### THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2012

### 7:30-10:30 PM

### Gatsby Room

**TECH TRIVIA  
FUN AND PRIZES**

**DI AND KARAOKE ALL NIGHT!  
PRIZES FOR SINGERS**



**Party like it's 1987**

Costume Contest!  
Prizes for individual, couple, and teams:  
eg. "fiche and chips", Dress in 1's and 0's to  
form 25 in Binary, Dress like you did in the 80's  
or like you will in 25 years!

Cash bar and  
snacks provided

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*Lucas Bingham  
Louisville  
Public Schools*

IN THE AFTERMATH OF recent disasters across the United States, and even in our own state, many school districts have evaluated their disaster recovery plans. The idea for a state-wide disaster recovery planning workshop started with a discussion among state technology coordinators about what their role would be in the event of a disaster and how to best prepare for one. The outcome of this discussion was a full-day workshop focused on planning for disaster recovery.

The workshop was held February 29th, 2012 at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney, NE. The event, co-sponsored by the Office of the CIO, ESU Coordinating Council, Nebraska Educational Technology Association, Nebraska Council of School Administrators and the Nebraska Department of Education, attracted representatives from over 60 organizations from across the state of Nebraska. Organizations represented included 49 public schools districts, four non-public school districts, nine educational service units, one higher education institution and one state agency. There were over 130 participants in attendance at the event.

Keynote speaker for the event was Kirk Langer (top image), Director of Technology at Lincoln Public Schools. Kirk recounted his first-hand experience with the LPS district office fire and shared important lessons learned from disaster recovery and business continuity efforts. Participants then were split into two groups: technology coordinators and administrators.

## NETA Co-sponsors Disaster Recovery Planning Workshop



Gary Needham, Technology Director for Kearney Public Schools, led the technology coordinators group. This session focused on preparing for a data disaster and inventorying an essential services checklist. Kirk Langer led the administrator group which focused on policies and funding in the midst of a disaster.

Over the noon hour, Dr. Steve Joel (center image), Superintendent of

Lincoln Public Schools, spoke about his role as a leader in the aftermath of the LPS district office fire. He spoke from an administrator's perspective and touched on how proper reactions to the events can send important messages. The afternoon consisted of administrator and tech coordinator teams actually working on plans with materials provided. The schedule also allowed time for disaster recovery partnerships to be developed between schools.

Other workshop facilitators and organizers included SuAnn Witt from the Nebraska Dept. of Education, Tom Rolfe from the State Office of the CIO/NITC and Lucas Bingham from Louisville Public Schools. On behalf of all involved, we want to thank the sponsors for helping to play a key role in making such an event possible. ❖





## Shooting a Story

### Learning with Photos, Videos and Captions

*Nicki Markut, School District 145 of Waverly*

Photography and video have taken a different role in education. Technology that was once used primarily for documentation purposes is now an essential part of students' everyday lives and learning. Educators have found many ways to integrate digital storytelling in their classroom, but one that appears to be a hit with students is the Comic approach.

The following are a mix of photography, video, and caption apps that can be used to get you started in your classroom! The apps are all compatible with iPad 2, iPhone, and iPod with camera.



**Camera Plus Pro**—This app will let you capture, edit, manage and share with ease. One can also tag both photos and videos to better manage and search. Some of the other cool features are an anti-shake option, 45 different filters, a count-down timer for self-portraits, as well as fun borders and frames. The cost for this app is \$1.99.



**FOTOLR**—This camera app has 50 live effect filters and is best for taking pictures that you don't want to spend time editing. Sharing the photos is supported with Twitter, Facebook, Tumblr and Sina Weibo. This is a free app.



**Popbooth**—This app is like stepping into a true photo booth! Hit the camera button and it will snap four shots using the front facing camera. Then apply various filters such as black & white, colorz, 1985 or hipster and save your favorite. To share your photo-strip, send it to Facebook, email, and if you'd like a real copy you can even order through mail.



**PictureShow**—This app is referred to as the 'All in One Toy Camera' due to its stunning effects. It offers 5 lens types, 45 Preset Filters, free or ratio cropping, HDR Effect, a 'Make Your Own Recipe', as well as text on your photo to tell a story. To share out you can use email, Twitter, Facebook, Flickr, Tumblr and Blogger. The cost of this app is \$1.99.



**Coloreffects**—This app can help create dramatic images by removing colors or changing them entirely. You can import photos from the camera or photo library and Facebook. Helpful features include the ability to fully zoom in on a photo, select various brush sizes and transparency, as well as having multiple levels of undo. This app is free, but the Pro version is only .99 if you find you are a fan of it.



**Comic Touch Lite**—Make your photos come alive or take on a personality by adding a balloon to express thoughts or words, add captions to describe a scene, or simply give a photo a title. Share your creations by email or save them to your Photo Library. This lite version is free and Comic Touch is \$2.99.



**Perfect Captions**—This is another app to help add the perfect thought or word to your photos. This app allows you to take the picture within and save to camera roll or use existing picture, add text boxes and call-outs in various forms (22 different shapes), customize colors, shapes, fonts and sizes, create albums, and choose between portrait or landscape modes. This is free version of app, but there is an upgrade for .99. ❖



by Susan Prbulos & Jason Rushing,  
Lincoln Public Schools

IF YOU WANT TO combine warm temperatures, sunny skies, palm trees, and throw in a LOT of learning about new and exciting technology tools to use in your classroom, then you need to check out the Florida Educational Technology Conference (FETC). This conference is held in sunny Orlando, Florida, during the month of January (this year's dates were January 21-23). Next year's FETC dates are set for January 28-31, 2013.

Over the course of the three-day conference we were impressed with the quality of sessions, featured speakers, and keynote addresses. Preparing our students to be productive 21st Century citizens was the resounding theme through most of the sessions.

FETC is more than just a state conference. Web 2.0 tools, tablet apps, and creative digital projects were shared by technology teachers and leaders from all over the states. See some of our favorite new finds here.

## FETC— More than just a trip to Florida!



Qwiki  
[www.qwiki.com](http://www.qwiki.com)

Qwiki is a great new research tool that combines video, pictures, infographics, and narration into a wonderful online presentation. There is also a free iPad app that can be downloaded from the iTunes store!



Curriculum 21 Clearing House  
[www.curriculum21.com/clearinghouse](http://www.curriculum21.com/clearinghouse)

Heidi Hayes Jacob presented a keynote speech on Digital Literacy and Globalizing the classroom. She also shared her web site, Curriculum 21, which provides resources for teachers and digital learning. The clearing house on Curriculum 21 as a wealth of resources for teachers. Topics covered include digital storytelling, iPad/iPhone apps, and 21st Century Skills to name a few.



Science360  
<http://science360.gov>

A collection of the latest science videos by scientists, colleges and universities, science and engineering centers, and more. Each video is embeddable into your own website, blog, or social networking pages. This great resource also has a free iPad app!



NinjaWords  
<http://ninjawords.com>

A REALLY fast online dictionary—"fast like a ninja."  
The best part about this site is that there are no ads!



We will be sharing more of our FETC finds and some of our own favorite Web 2.0 tools and apps at the NETA Spring Conference! Make sure you remember to add our session, *25 Terrific Technology Finds*, to your list of things to do while attending NETA 2012! ❖



# CCS Presents

## What's Hot in Education Presentation Technology



April 26 Sugarloaf South

2:30-3:15

**This session will explore what's hot and new in education presentation technology. We will discuss response system trends, document camera use, ways to make the presenter mobile, new available software, and interactive technology that is available for your classroom today. We will demonstrate programs that include dance pads, interactive pens, and much, much more!**



## Please Join Us

### Insight Learning Station

April 26 Sugarloaf North

3:30-4:15

**The Insight online assessment platform makes real-time assessment and intervention a reality. Educators can quickly create assessments aligned to state standards, identify achievement gaps, and access aligned resources for remediation. Principals, curriculum officers and others can monitor student progress in real-time, benchmark successes through daily and weekly reports and address problems as they arise, not weeks or months later.**



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# The Winners!

Complete Judging Results of NETA Student and Teacher Contests

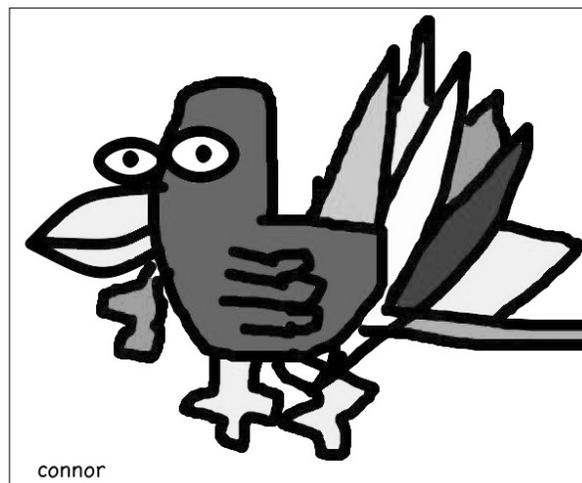


## NETA's Student Logo Contest

The NETA Conference Logo Contest, based on the conference theme *25 Years of Innovation*, was judged by a subcommittee in December, 2011. There were numerous entries for each division, making the task of judging challenging but very enjoyable. Our thanks to Jason Rushing, Lincoln Public Schools, for his work as the NETA Logo Contest coordinator.

◀ **Winner—K-12 NETA Conference Logo Contest**  
Abigail Swanson, Lincoln Public Schools Information Technology Focus Program.  
Sponsor: Steve Carr

## K-12 Digital Imagery Contest



## ▲K-2 Graphic Imagery

1st: Connor Donald, Meadow Lane Elem., LPS

## ▲3-5 Graphic Imagery

1st: Regan Glock, Engleman Elementary, GIPS

## 6-8 Graphic Imagery ▶

1st: McKenna Kaskie, Barr Middle School, GIPS





### ▲9-12 Graphic Imagery

1st: Skylar Tatreau, Tekamah Herman HS

### Technology Grants for the Classroom

The following worthy projects were chosen for this year's technology grants for the classroom. Grant winners will submit updates on their project during the next school year to the NETA newsletter and will participate in poster sessions at the NETA conference in April, 2013.

Thanks to Nicole Badgley, Arnold Public Schools, for coordinating this contest.

#### iPads for First Graders

Students will use iPads to experience interactive lessons in all academic areas. Each month students will learn a new app. (\$1500)

**Teacher: Becky Rogers**  
**School: Tekamah-Herman**

#### Livescribe Pens for DL Classrooms

NTS is a consortium of 11 schools who collaborate via distance learning as part of high school curriculum. Livescribe pens will allow pencasts of classes for absent students and for review by all. (\$1428.90)

**Teacher: Cyndi Kersch**  
**School: Northern Tier Schools (NTS), within ESU 8**

#### Making Music

This grant will provide a MacBook Pro and USB microphone for the students in music department. With GarageBand and other resources students will be able to create music for movies, produce podcasts, plus enhance many other projects. (\$1410.95)

**Teacher: Patricia Miller**  
**School: Neligh-Oakdale**

### ISTE Teacher Trek Contest

Teachers applying for the ISTE Teacher Trek Contest were to share how they use technology and how attending ISTE would strengthen what they already do in the classroom. Expenses will be paid up to \$1500 to attend the conference, held in San Diego, CA, June 24–27, 2012.

- **Lynn Spady**, Westside Community Schools (\$1500)
- **Peg Coover**, Grand Island Northwest High School (\$1500)
- **Emily Dunbar**, Hastings High School (\$1500)

Thanks to Nicki Markut, Waverly Middle School, for coordinating this contest.

### Free NETA Registration for Teachers in First Three Years of Teaching

These teachers were selected through a drawing of entries, with each winner receiving a free registration to attend NETA.

- **Molly Hunt-Spisak**, Westside High School
- **Alissa Koester**, Laurel Elementary
- **Kaylee Heitkamp**, Ashland-Greenwood Elementary

Thanks to Contest Coordinator, Nicki Markut, Waverly Middle School, for coordinating this event.

### K-12 Graphic Imagery Contest

For this contest, students could digitally capture, create, enhance, or draw the image themselves (no clip art). They were permitted to create their image using a digital camera, image creation program, drawing tablet, or other digital device. Winners will receive medals. First place winning images are displayed on this and the previous page.

#### K-2 Graphic Imagery

1st—Connor Donald, Meadow Lane Elementary, LPS  
Sponsor: Susan Prabulos

*(More winners on the next page)*

*(Contest Winners, continued)*

2nd—Josie Loosvelt,  
Madison Elementary  
Sponsor: Erin Reeves

3rd—Ariana Amezcua,  
Madison Elementary  
Sponsor: Jane Lafleur

**Grade 3-5 Graphic Imagery**

1st—Regan Glock,  
Engleman Elementary, GIPS  
Sponsor: Lisa Blase

2nd—Kelsey Bliston,  
Plattsmouth Elementary  
Sponsor: Melanie Anderson

3rd—Megan Woods,  
Engleman Elementary, GIPS  
Sponsor: Lisa Blase

**Grade 6-8 Graphic Imagery**

1st—McKenna Kaskie, Barr  
Middle School, GIPS  
Sponsor: Ann Buckner

2nd—Haley Miller,  
Plattsmouth Middle School  
Sponsor: Carol Crosland

3rd—Nicole Church, Westridge  
Middle School, GIPS  
Sponsor: Stacey Vogel

**Grade 9-12 Graphic Imagery**

1st—Skylar Tatreau, Tekamah  
Herman High School  
Sponsor: Linda Farrens

2nd—Sonia Nguyen & Dyna  
Orthengren, Northeast HS, LPS  
Sponsor: Chad Petska

3rd—Maggie Goldhammer,  
Thayer Central Schools, Hebron  
Sponsor: Stephanie Lanik

**K-12 Open Class Contest**

As NETA continually seeks to develop contests that accurately reflect classroom uses of technology, the Open Class Contest was created, and has been a very popular contest. Winning students will receive medals.

K-4: Untitled  
Kevin Fierro-Chavez,  
Lincoln Elementary, GIPS

K-4: Untitled  
Dax Davis, Dodge Elementary, GIPS

K-4: Make Room for Fernanda  
the Racon  
Fernanda Aldana, All Saints  
Catholic School, Omaha

K-4: Candy Cane  
Eli Anson, Dodge Elementary, GIPS

K-4: Black Footed Ferret  
Emilie Ziller, Newell Elementary,  
GIPS

5-8: Caring Cow  
Andrea Rhoads, Newell Elementary,  
GIPS

5-8: State Fair Movie—On a Stick  
Jacob Carter, Dodge Elementary,  
GIPS

5-8: Untitled  
Isaac Sanchez & Jacob Strong,  
Jefferson Elementary, GIPS

5-8: Mitosis  
Pammela Garcia & Connor Bywater,  
Schuyler Middle School

9-12: Magic Coins  
Jackson Huber, LPS Information  
Technology Focus Program

9-12: Maxcraft (iPhone app)  
Max Burchell, LPS Information  
Technology Focus Program

9-12: Cookie Chase (iPhone app)  
Nolan Cooney, LPS Information  
Technology Focus Program

9-12: Untitled  
Ethan Friesen, Thayer Central,  
Hebron

Thanks to Jason Rushing, Lincoln  
PS, for coordinating this contest.

**Web 2.0 Tools Contests**

Web 2.0 tools are characterized as online tools to encourage and foster communication, information sharing and knowledge in a

user-centered design, allowing the user to navigate through the information and therefore interact with it.

**Web 2.0 Student Group Winners**

K-4: Animal Riddles  
Ms. Chmelka's Class,  
Dodge Elementary, GIPS

5-8: Native American Artifacts  
Ms. Carter's Class, Dodge  
Elementary, GIPS

Thanks to Jane Davis of Hershey  
Public Schools, contest coordinator.

**Web 2.0 Teacher Winner**

5-8: World Language Wiki  
Marlene Knobbe, Guardian  
Angels Elementary, West Point

Thanks to Dawn Prescott of  
Schuyler MS, contest coordinator.

**Creative Comics**

We asked for the best original digitally created comic strips!

- Students—a comic strip that highlights learning or showcases curriculum topics
- Teachers—original classroom or technology humor.

The winning comics may be published throughout the year in the NETA newsletter.

**Creative Comics for Students**

Science Lab Safety  
Olivia Nymann, All Saints  
Catholic School, Omaha  
Sponsor: Trish Finley

How to Prevent Cyber Bullying  
Jacob Weskamp &  
Caleb Rasmussen  
Sponsor: Susan Prabulos,  
Meadow Lane Elementary, LPS

Homonyms  
Jacob Carter, Dodge  
Elementary, GIPS  
Sponsor: Judith Benner

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(Contest Winners, continued)

### Creative Comics for Teachers

Mad Scientists in the Chemical Science Lab

Trish Finley, All Saints Catholic School, Omaha

Thanks to Lucas Bingham, Louisville Public Schools, for coordinating this contest.

### NEW—Point/CounterPoint Video: Social Media (teacher contest)

Teachers were to create a 30-second video taking a side on the issue “Should social media be allowed in the 21st Century classroom?”

#### K-12 Winner:

Shane Haley from Schuyler Middle School

Thanks to Matt Lee, Westside High School, for coordinating this contest. ❖

## ISTE 2012 in San Diego

### NETA Registration and Housing Options



**PLAN NOW** to attend ISTE 2012 on June 24–27, 2012 at the San Diego Convention Center! Join more than 13,000 educators from across the United States and several foreign countries to participate in the largest educational technology conference of its type in the U.S.

NETA is providing a special ISTE 2012 housing and registration offer for our membership. This offer provides Nebraska NETA members a block of reserved rooms at a hotel, guaranteed super early bird registration rate of \$338 (\$239 if you are an ISTE member through July 2012), and an opportunity for a Nebraska reception while at ISTE.

ISTE organizers have reserved a block of rooms for Nebraska NETA members in the Embassy Suites San Diego Bay, 601 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92101—a short walk from the Convention Center. The rates are \$273.00 (single), \$293.00 (double), \$313.00 (triple), and \$333.00 (quad). Complimentary shuttle busses are available to and from the Convention Center. This hotel offers free breakfast and an evening manager’s reception. All accommodations are subject to state and room taxes.

To register for the ISTE Conference or to reserve rooms, please go to <http://netasite.org> and click on the link for **ISTE Conference info**. If you have any questions about registration or housing for ISTE 2012, please contact Sandy Blankenship at 402-540-1904 ([executivedirector@netasite.org](mailto:executivedirector@netasite.org)) ❖

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## NETA'S TECHNOLOGY GRANT PROGRAM MIDTERM REPORTS FROM 2011 WINNERS

### Jenna Krambeck Elkhorn Ridge Middle School

#### iPads for 21st Century Literacy

Improving 21st Century Literacy is a key classroom focus over the past five months. As many of you know, 7th graders don't necessarily jump for joy when asked to read difficult text, decode words, and memorize Greek and Latin Roots, so the addition of the iPad into my classroom has been a starting point for many students to get excited about reading once again. One of the best FREE applications I have found is the QR Reader for iPad/iPod. Below you will find a few 7th grader approved QR code ideas and applications for your classroom.

#### Word Walls

By using a simple template I type in the vocabulary word that the students are focusing on for the week. Then, I create a QR code using the Kaywa QR Code Generator (<http://qrcode.kaywa.com>)



The QR code for the Kaywa QR Code Generator website

and upload the picture file to the template. Students draw pictures to represent the meaning of each word to complete the word wall addition.

#### Resource Links on Classroom Handouts

If students are struggling to understand a concept a QR code link might make the difference. Place a QR code with a link to online notes or resources strategically on the handout. This allows students either at home or on a bus to activities (such as sporting events), to see notes, a quick review of the lesson, or materials from a mobile device.

More information/ideas that I have uncovered through this project can be found at this website address:  
<http://krambecktechtips.blogspot.com>  
Happy Teaching!

### Mike Mansour Jesuit Academy, Omaha, NE

#### Green Monkey Project for Recycling and Renewable Energy

The Green Monkey Project 2011 is going very well. We started with a unit on recycling and natural resources in October and began creating the Green Monkey Homes ([greenmonkeyhomes.com](http://greenmonkeyhomes.com)) website in November. Students, working in pairs, had to research a particular area related to recycling or saving energy in their homes and assemble resources for their page of the website. The 6th graders are blogging about their progress at the Green Monkey

Blog ([greenmonkeyschools.com/blog](http://greenmonkeyschools.com/blog)) and have just completed their first presentation of the site to the 5th grade class at our school.

Keeping up with the volume of blog posts has been the biggest problem. We're using a hosted Wordpress blog and each student has writer level permissions. If I miss a couple of days, I can end up with nearly 50 posts to approve. This takes a while to get through. Along with the site domain and hosting fees we purchased a pro Weebly account, which the students are using to create their sites. Weebly allows you to set page level edit permissions for multiple users on a single site. Unfortunately, we ran into some log-in trouble when we tried this feature. After contacting Weebly, I learned that you can't set student accounts as site editors on a shared site—only regular Weebly users can become co-editors. They hope to add this feature for students soon. To work around this, the students created pages on their student accounts then linked to their classmates' pages.

### Moni Hourt Crawford High School

#### Crawford Historical Documentaries

The funding we received from NETA enabled us to buy one more double-screened computer for our computer lab. Three years ago, we had five computers with the capability of running a video editing program, today, thanks to grants like NETA's we have ten.

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We have accomplished many different projects in our technology department. We produce the school newspaper, the yearbook and a myriad of documentaries. All of those projects record who we are and will tell that story long after the students who produced them have graduated. We are also currently working with other departments in the school to produce a PBS video that will be used to promote positive behavior in our district. The students have all come to realize how important technology can be.

In the past year, students in our technology class have scanned and restored dozens of photographs belonging to area residents and the local museum. They have captured and edited many oral interviews, and are completing the construction of a video production that records the history of our community. One set of photographs that we located for the production had been stored away in a basement for nearly 60 years. In addition to using those photographs for the documentary, one of my students is correlating those photographs and placing them in archival quality binders to be returned to the family. She is also writing a brief history about the photographer and his work. When her project is complete, digital images and the feature story will be presented to the local museum.

The use of technology has allowed our students to expand their capabilities and investigate new worlds far from the Panhandle of Nebraska, and using technology has also allowed them to record our history for future students—for future historians to explore.

*Thanks to Nicole Badgley, Arnold Public Schools, NETA Grant Coordinator.* ❖

## Executive Director Position

As announced in the February newsletter, the NETA Executive Director position is open for applications. In October, current NETA Executive Director Sandy Blankenship notified the board that she plans to leave the position. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. If you are interested, please contact NETA President Renee Kopf at [rkopf@fallscityps.org](mailto:rkopf@fallscityps.org).

### The Executive Director shall:

1. Be appointed by the Board of Directors. The position shall be non-voting and compensation will be determined by the Board of Directors. The position and the pay shall be reviewed annually.
2. Attend all meetings.
3. Assist with maintaining a continuity of the organization.
  - a. Act as the official documents repository.
  - b. Keep copies of all official communications and/or historical records.
4. Increase management efficiency of the organization.
  - a. Maintain the Post Office box of the organization.
  - b. Transmit all communication between membership and the Post Office.
  - c. Facilitate production of, but not be limited to:
    - i. The NETA newsletter (4/year).
    - ii. NETA Conference packets.
    - iii. NETA web site.
    - iv. Official correspondence.
    - v. Mailing of all materials (Bulk mailings).
  - d. Maintain current membership lists and release necessary materials to members.
  - e. Manage conference and workshop registrations for NETA-supported events.
  - f. Assist the Board as requested.
5. Increase visibility of the organization.
6. Secure additional funding for the organization.
7. Maintain organization's non-profit corporate and tax exempt status.
8. Protect legal and financial interests of the organization.
9. Assure compliance of association activities with bylaws.
10. Remain current in topics of educational technology at regional and national levels. ❖

## Meeting Minutes on the Web



### NETA Board, 1:1 Community & Tech Coordinator meetings

The NETA Board decided to save print publishing costs by posting the minutes from the NETA Board meetings on the NETA website only. The same will be true for the 1:1 Community group and the Tech Coordinator group.

- Find minutes from the February 2012 NETA Board meeting here: <http://netasite.org/resources.html>
- Minutes for the 1:1 Community meetings can be found here: <http://laptop.communities.esu10.org>
- Minutes for the Tech Coordinators' meetings are available here: <http://netasite.org/techcoord> ❖

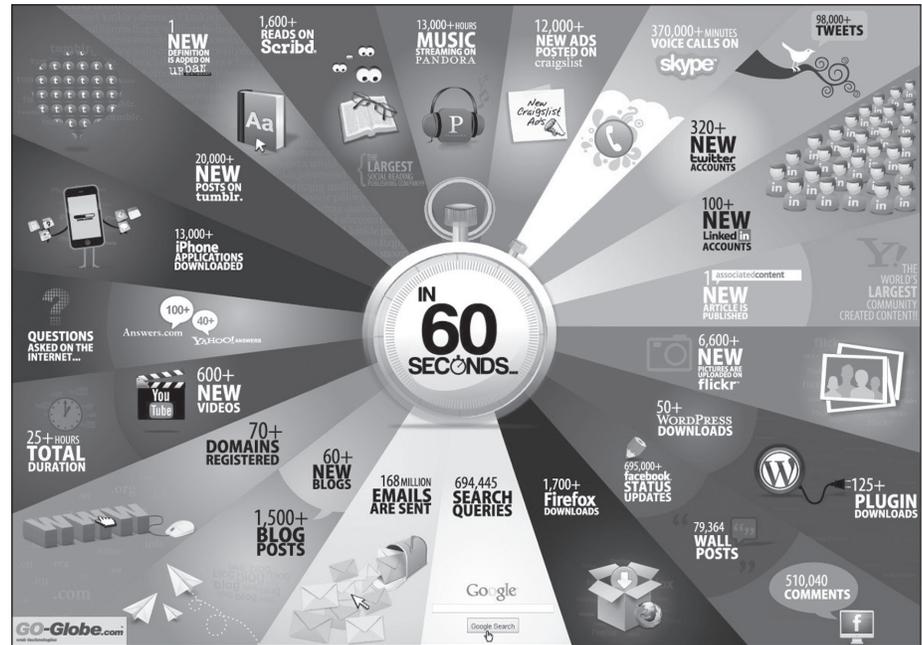


Contributed  
by Jackie Ediger,  
ESU 9

## Things that Happen on the Internet Every 60 Seconds

THE NUMBERS ARE staggering—the information overload is immense. Every 60 seconds:

- Search engine Google serves more than 694,445 queries
- 6,600+ pictures are uploaded on Flickr
- 600 videos are uploaded on YouTube videos, amounting to 25+ hours of content
- 695,000 status updates, 79,364 wall posts and 510,040 comments are published on Social Networking site Facebook
- 70 New domains are registered
- 168,000,000+ emails are sent
- 320 new accounts and 98,000 tweets are generated on Social-Networking site Twitter
- iPhone applications are downloaded more than 13,000 times
- 20,000 new posts are published on Micro-blogging platform tumblr
- Popular web browser FireFox is downloaded more than 1700 times
- Popular blogging platform Wordpress is downloaded more than 50 times
- WordPress Plugins are downloaded more than 125 times
- 100 accounts are created on professional networking site LinkedIn
- 40 new Questions are asked on Yahoo Answers.com
- 100+ questions are asked on Answers.com
- 1 new article is published on Associated Content, the world's largest-source of community-created content
- 1 new definition is added on UrbanDictionary.com
- 1,200+ new ads are created on Craigslist
- 370,000+ minutes of voice calls done by Skype users
- 13,000+ hours of music streaming is done by personalized Internet radio provider Pandora
- 1,600+ reads are made on Scribd, the largest social reading publishing company



Are you standing on the sidelines or are you checking out some of the incredible happenings on the Internet?

<http://www.go-gulf.com/blog/60-seconds>  
Infographic by Shanghai Web Designers ❖

*(Remembering, continued from page 1)*  
 Wow—I bet that was speedy fast! Several HyperCard and Hyperstudio presentations begin popping up next. Renee Bose did a session on *Hands-on Introduction to Hyperstudio* and Scott Johnson presented *Hands-on Introduction to Hypercard*. ClarisWorks was a big hit in the late 90's when Janet Caughlin presented *ClarisWorks Projects Created by Teachers Like YOU with Students Like Yours*. I bet Palace E at the Holiday Inn was packed for that one. As the end of the century approached, the topic of students as producers of video began showing through the presentations. William Bolen presented both *Happy Mac, Avid Cinema* and the following year, *Effective Use of Video Production In Your Classroom*.

Starting in the new century, sessions on Microsoft products began appearing for productivity. Scott Plummer did an entire workshop on *Excel and Access*. In the description he wrote, "...use these programs as time saving productivity tools." Handheld devices were a big theme throughout the early and mid 2000's. Many presentations and keynoters presented on the use of them in the learning environment. This was evident when Tony Vincent and his students presented *Using Handhelds in the Classroom*. More than a half a decade ago, iPods began appearing in the learning process. They were more than a music player. Sue Burch presented *The iPod, More Than a Music Player* and the description said, "... as a versatile productivity and professional development tool." I also need to mention the ongoing sessions that have referred to the iLife suite. There have been many instructional strategies that attendees have received from multiple sessions offered. In fact,

podcasting was (and still continues) to be a way for students and teachers to show off their creativity. Dan Schmidt presented: *Podcasting with Purpose—25 models to Energize Research and Learning*. So many great topics and sessions have been presented over the last twenty-five years. With some quick math, close to 4,000 breakout sessions have been presented at NETA conferences. As we look to the future, can we continue to sustain the momentum? I know we can! Keep up the awesome work!

### Past Presidents

Whether you noticed it or not, I gave several "Shout Outs" to many of our past-presidents that have given so much time and dedication to NETA. I apologize for not being able to list all of their presentations throughout the last 25 years. Their contribution continues to create positive change throughout our association and classrooms throughout the world. Please join us on April 26 at the opening keynote where we will recognize all of our great NETA Presidents.

### NETA Presidents

1987-1988	Connie Baxter
1988-1989	Mike Burns
1989-1990	Jane Ludwig
1990-1991	Janet Caughlin
1991-1992	Linda Dickeson
1992-1993	Dennis McIntyre
1993-1994	Bill Lambrecht
1994-1995	Woody Ziegler
1995-1996	Sandy Blankenship
1996-1997	Rich Molettieri
1996-1997	Sue Burch
1997-1998	Ken Messersmith
1999-2000	Steve Carr
2000-2001	Renee Bose
2001-2002	Dan Schmit
2002-2003	Bill Menousek
2003-2004	Jay Opperman
2004-2005	Lynne Herr
2005-2006	Sara Messersmith
2006-2007	Kent Steen
2007-2008	Pam Krambeck
2008-2009	Scott Plummer
2009-2010	Sue Oppliger
2010-2011	William Bolen
2011-2012	Renee Kopf
2012-2013	Bob Goeman ❖

### Great Plains Google Apps for Education Summit

Nebraska Educational Service Units (ESUs), in partnership with the Nebraska Educational Technology Association (NETA), the Nebraska Council of School Administrators (NCSA) and Lincoln Public Schools (LPS) are excited to bring you the first *Great Plains Google Summit* to be held at Lincoln Southwest High School in Lincoln, Nebraska on **July 19–20, 2012**.

The Summit has strands for technology directors, school administrators and classroom teachers! All presenters are either Google staff or invited Google Apps for Education Certified Trainers from across the country.

Registration opened on February 14 and is limited to the first 500 to register, so register early! We look forward to seeing you in Lincoln this summer!

<http://www.greatplainssummit.org>



# Excellence in Leading with Technology Awards



**Dr. Kent Steen**, Assistant Principal at Lincoln Public School's Kooser Elementary, is one of NETA's two recipients

of the 2012 Excellence in Leading with Technology. Kent has been with LPS since 1995 when he was hired as a classroom teacher.

The principal at his school noted, "Kent's name in Lincoln Public Schools is synonymous with technology. He is always a willing partner and responds in a helping, non-threatening manner, demonstrating that he is a leader who sees the big picture for our school district..."

Kent demonstrates leadership by finding ways of helping students throughout the district. He promotes

the use of assistive technology for students with special needs while assisting gifted students express creativity through the use technology. Students, teachers and administrators look to Dr. Steen for leadership in technology use.

Professional Affiliations include the Nebraska Council of School Administrators, Nebraska Education Technology Association, Global Association of Teachers of Economics

Kent's Local Leadership includes experience as a Trainer, Facilitator, Committee Chair, Website Editor and these LPS Committees: Technology at all grade levels; School Improvement, Curriculum; Safety, Wellness; Math, Social Studies, Literacy, Music; Special Needs, Gifted, Behavior; Drug Free Nebraska; & Student Council.

Dr. Steen's State & National Leadership includes serving as the NETA President 2006-2007 and delivering presentations at NETA (2001, 2004, 2005, 2009, 2010, 2011), the Midwest Internet Institute (1999, 2002, 2003), & Leadership Talks Academy (2001-2002). Kent has also served as a Nebraska Department of Education Project Coordinator and MarcoPolo Educational Foundation Trainer.

Kent has received numerous Outstanding Educator awards from various groups, several Trainer awards and Educational Scholarships. He has been a Leader & Sponsor for many team and individual NETA contest winners. He has published articles for the *Journal of Computers in Math & Science Teaching*, *Thinkfinity.org* and *Hypernexus*.



**Kirk Langer**, the Director of Technology at the Lincoln Public Schools, has been a tireless advocate for seeking out and

implementing the best and most appropriate technology tools for educators, students, administrators and staff. Since becoming the Director of Technology in 2003, he successfully merged the LPS Instructional Technology and Information Systems departments, creating a unified Computing Systems department with over 40 employees.

Mr. Langer was also the first responder to the catastrophic fire on May 30, 2011, that completely destroyed the LPS District Offices. With Kirk's exemplary organization and planning skills, the Computing Services teams built from scratch a temporary data center at UNL, and within days had critical systems up and running. Under Kirk's leadership, teams of specialists in Computing Services had

all systems running for an on-time start of the 2011-12 school year for over 36,000 students despite the fact that the original 250+ employees of the office building were scattered throughout several remote temporary locations.

For the Lincoln Public Schools, Kirk has guided the implementation of Enterprise Content Management for all staff and students, Pinnacle Gradebook and Scheduling, Time and Attendance System, School Board paperless eMeetings, Distance Learning program, and the Teacher 1:1 laptop implementation.

Kirk's District Leadership roles include the Business Affairs Leadership Team, Instructional Directors Council, Human Resources Leadership Team, ESU Accreditation—Technology Services, Community Technology Advisory Committee (Chair), Strategic Planning Committee and the Technology Strategic Planning Committee (Chair). Locally

he serves on the City of Lincoln Cable Advisory Board (Chair).

Kirk is involved with many statewide groups, including the Nebraska Information Technology Commission, Learning Management System Workgroup (chair), NETA (presenter several years), Network Nebraska Advisory Group, ESU Network Operations Committee (NOC), Nebraska Distance Learning Assoc. (presenter).

Presentations regionally & nationally: EdWeek National Webinar, Technology and Learning National Webinar, Gartner Print and Imaging Summit (best of show), NETA/NCSA K-12 Disaster Recovery Workshop (Keynote), Great Plains Google Apps for Education Summit (Steering Committee), GovTech.Com—Nebraska Digital Government Summit, CoSN and ISTE presentations in various years.

*Congratulations to Kirk and Kent, and thanks to William Bolen, the contest coordinator.* ❖

# Recommended Bylaw Changes

By the NETA Board Governance Committee, submitted by Tom Rolfes

Pursuant to Article XI, Section B of the NETA Constitution and Bylaws, I, Tom Rolfes, Chair of the NETA Board Governance Committee, do hereby submit the following Bylaw changes for consideration by the NETA membership at their April 2012 General Meeting.

## Article III. Membership *(itemize student member privileges)*

C. 3. Student members must be full-time undergraduate students, and will have all the rights and privileges of regular members, with the exception of voting rights and receipt of printed publications.

## Article VI. Officers and their duties

A.2. ~~Nominating~~ Nominations Committee *(grammatical change)*

D. The Secretary shall: *(modify Secretary's duties and term)*

D.1. ~~Keep a record of~~ Record and archive the minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors and ~~the~~ NETA annual meeting.

D.2. ~~See that actions requiring communication with members, other individuals or groups are promptly carried out.~~ Make available a copy of the minutes to be made public within ten (10) working days of such meetings.

D.3. ~~Help the president elect in the coordination of conference information and registration materials.~~

D.6. ~~The position may be held by the same person for a maximum of two consecutive terms.~~

E. The Treasurer shall: *(clarify annual review requirements)*

E.5. Be prepared to submit records for an annual internal and/or external audit review to by a committee composed of the Executive Director, the President, the President Elect and one board member.

## Article VII. Board of Directors *(clarify and harmonize language)*

A. The Board of Directors of NETA shall be composed of the elected officers and twelve (12) directors elected by the membership as voting members.

E. Whenever a board member or officer changes employment, the member or officer submits a resignation for discussion by the board.

## Article VIII. Duties of the Board of Directors *(clarify and harmonize language)*

E. The Board of Directors will establish operational policies and procedures consistent with existing policies set by the voting membership.

G. The Board of Directors will recommend ~~policy and policy~~ Bylaw changes to the voting membership.

M. The Board of Directors may establish and abolish appointive ~~officer~~ positions, as necessary, to carry out its function, consistent with these Articles.

O. The Board of Directors has the power to impeach any ~~elected official~~ officer or member of the Board of Directors for ~~reasons that the Board would deem necessary~~ just cause.

P. The Board of Directors shall appoint an ~~Executive Liaison~~, Executive Director and ~~Exhibitor Coordinator~~ other appointive positions with each ~~the executive officer's~~ Executive Director's and each appointive position's duties being prescribed by the Board.

S. The Board of Directors will maintain a financial reserve with a value no less than one year's operational expenses of the organization.

*(Bylaw changes continued on the next page)*

*(Bylaw changes continued)*

**Article X. Executive Positions Director** *(relocate two appointive positions to Policies and Procedures)*

- A. ~~The Exhibitor Coordinator shall:~~
- ~~1. Be appointed by the officers of the NETA Board and approved by the Board. The position shall be non-voting and compensation will be determined by the Board of Directors. The position shall be reviewed annually.~~
  - ~~2. Attend all board meetings.~~
  - ~~3. Coordinate relations between NETA and interested vendors.~~
  - ~~4. Assist the officers in coordinating the annual conference.~~
  - ~~5. Explore commercial funding sources for NETA activities.~~
  - ~~6. Remain current in topics of educational technology at regional and national levels.~~
- B. ~~The Executive Liaison shall:~~
- ~~1. Be appointed by the Board. The position shall be non-voting and compensation will be determined by the Board of Directors. This person shall be appointed every three years.~~
  - ~~2. Assure a continuity of the organization:~~
    - ~~a. Act as the official contact with the national organization (ISTE).~~
    - ~~b. Share all information received by ISTE with the NETA Board.~~
    - ~~c. Attend all meetings.~~
    - ~~d. Advise the Board on historical issues facing the organization.~~
  - ~~3. Facilitate communication on educational technology issues at local, state, and national levels:~~
    - ~~a. Make available the results of nonpartisan analysis, study, or research.~~
    - ~~b. Provide technical advice or assistance to a governmental body or to a committee or other subdivision thereof in response to a written request by such body or subdivision, as the case may be.~~
    - ~~c. Appear before, or communicate to, any legislative body with respect to a possible decision of such body which might affect the existence of the organization, its powers and duties, tax-exempt status, or the deduction of contributions to the organization.~~
    - ~~d. Communicate between the organization and its bona fide members with respect to legislation or proposed legislation of direct interest to the organization and such members.~~
  - ~~4. Remain current in topics of educational technology at regional and national levels.~~
- A. The Executive Director shall: *(modify Executive Director duties)*
- ~~2. Attend all meetings.~~
  3. ~~2.~~ Assist with maintaining a continuity of the organization.
    - a. Act as the official documents repository.
    - b. Keep copies of all official communications and/or historical records.
    - c. Attend all meetings.
    - d. Advise the Board on policy and membership issues facing the organization.
  8. Assure compliance of association activities with the Constitution and Bylaws and operational policies and procedures.

**Article XI. Amending the Constitutions and Bylaws** *(clarify procedures and capitalization)*

- B.2. Any regular member may submit ~~in writing~~ a proposed amendment that shall be in written form. This must ~~come to be received by~~ the Board of Directors at least sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting.
- B.4.5.6. Constitution and Bylaws

**Article XII. Fiscal Year** *(clarify audit procedures)*

- B. An external or internal review of financial statements will occur annually in accordance with standard accounting practices, concurrent with the election of the treasurer, and include all accounts controlled by the treasurer or other special projects.
- B. An audit will occur within 60 days of the end of the fiscal year, including all accounts controlled by the treasurer or other special projects:

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# CALENDAR OF TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

Events of every type for educators, technicians & administrators

## April 2012

### Infotec (by the AIM Inst.)

April 17–18, 2012  
CenturyLink Center  
Omaha, NE  
infotec.org

### National School Boards Association (NSBA)

(No more T+L events—NSBA has stronger tech strands!)  
April 21–23, 2012  
Boston, MA  
annualconference.nsba.org

### NETA Spring Conference 25 Years of Innovation!

April 26–27, 2012  
La Vista Embassy Suites & Conference Center  
La Vista, NE  
netasite.org



### United States Distance Learning Association (USDLA)

April 29–May 2, 2012  
St. Louis, MO  
www.usdla.org/  
2012-usdla-national-conference

## June 2012

### Nebraska Career Education Conference (NCE)

June 5–7, 2012  
Kearney, NE  
nceconference.com

### Technology in Education (TIE)

June 19–21, 2012  
Copper Mountain, Colorado  
tietcolorado.org/conference/

### ISTE Conference Expanding Horizons

June 24–27, 2012  
San Diego, CA  
www.isteconference.org/2012/

## July 2012

### Great Plains Google Apps for Education Summit

July 19–20, 2012  
Lincoln, NE  
www.greatplainssummit.org

## August 2012

### Annual Conference on Distance Teaching & Learning

August 8–10, 2012  
Madison, Wisconsin  
www.uwex.edu/disted/conference

## October 2012

### ITEC (Iowa Technology Education Connection) Conference

October 14–16, 2012  
Des Moines, IA  
itec-ia.org/en/conference/

### Nebraska Distance Learning Association (NDLA) Conference

Durham Museum  
Omaha, NE  
October 26, 2012  
ndla.org

## January 2013

### MacWorld Expo

Jan. 31–Febr. 2, 2013  
The Moscone Center  
San Francisco, CA  
macworldexpo.com

### Florida Educational Technology Conference (FETC)

January 28–31, 2013  
Orange County Convention Center,  
Orlando, FL  
fetc.org

## February 2013

### Midwest Educational Technology Conference (METC)

February 11–13, 2013  
St. Charles, MO  
metcconference.org

### Texas Computer Education Association (TCEA)

February 4–8, 2013  
Austin, TX  
www.tcea.org

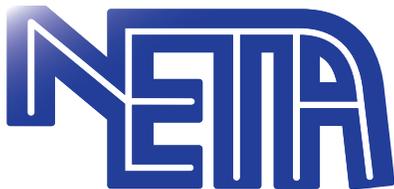
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If you attended the Spring Conference in April, 2011, one year of membership was included with your registration. If you would like to be a member, but can not attend the Spring Conference 2012, membership dues are \$25 .00 and are good through April, 2013. Make checks payable to NETA. To become a member, please fill out the above form and mail with check to:

NETA Membership  
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Waverly, NE 68462

- I am a new member  
 I was recruited by this current NETA member

Address changes should be sent to the above address or e-mailed to: [executivedirector@netasite.org](mailto:executivedirector@netasite.org)