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Spring has arrived . . . annual membership invoices to follow ... Joan Allbery (Gonzaga), our treasurer, is sending out the annual AJCU-CITM institutional membership invoices. So please disable your spam filters and receive (and process) the invoice. We appreciate your prompt attention and continued support.

Our upcoming annual meeting at St. Joseph's University \* some items worth noting include:

- David Lees, (St. Joseph's), our conference president, has set up a web site for the conference meeting, scheduled for May 22-25, 2005: <http://it.sju.edu/ajcu05>. Check it out.
- Thanks to the work of Ron Danielson (Santa Clara), Dr. Brad Wheeler, Associate VP for Community Source Initiatives and Dean of IT, Indiana University, will be addressing our meeting in the plenary session providing an update and discussion on community source projects such as the Sakai Project and the Open Source Portfolio Initiative (OSPI). Dr. Wheeler sees community source projects as an appropriate and workable new model for software development and maintenance in higher education. Check out Dr. Wheeler's recent article, "Open Source 2007: How Did This Happen?" at <http://www.educause.edu/ir/library/pdf/ERM0440.pdf>

Some of us may already be familiar with Dr. Wheeler's involvement with the Sakai Project, e.g., the recent EDUCAUSE Live seminar titled "The Sakai Project: Outcomes, Reflections, and What's Next", which he co-presented with Dr. James Hilton, Associate Provost for Academic, Information and Instructional Technology Affairs, University of Michigan.

- Chris Gill, (Gonzaga), has been working very diligently and with great patience to organize the presentations for the CIO track \* please expect to hear from him very soon and be prepared to help him with the presentations.
- Hotel reservations \* next Friday, April 22nd \* is the deadline for us to make our reservations at the Omni Hotel at Independence Park (800 843-6664 \* mention the AJCU conference to get conference rate).
- You can easily register and pay online.

- So far, 52 persons from 21 Jesuit colleges and universities have registered including 26 from AJCU-CITM representing 17 schools and 26 from AJCU EdTECH representing 15 schools. Jaime Alberto Reinoso from Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Cali, Colombia, one of our AUSJAL colleagues is planning to join us.

New CIO at Loyola Marymount University \* Erin Griffin with Collegis, is now the CIO reporting to Lynne Scarboro, VP for Administration. Erin can be reached at [egriffin@lmu.edu](mailto:egriffin@lmu.edu)

New CIO at Loyola University Chicago \* Last week, Len Brush, former Director and Assistant Vice-President of Administrative Computing for Carnegie Mellon University, came on board as the new CIO \* reporting directly to Fr. Michael Garanzini, SJ, the university president. Len succeeds Jerry Sanders, who left Loyola this past December. Len can be reached at [lbrush@luc.edu](mailto:lbrush@luc.edu)

We wish to extend a warm welcome to Erin and Len.

AJCU Benchmarking \* Bob Clapp (Le Moyne) has been working very diligently and with great persistence in exhorting and cajoling us to get our AJCU benchmarking tools current. As a result, 21 AJCU schools completed the EDUCAUSE Core Data survey. Congratulations to Canisius for being the first to submit their survey \* back in mid-January. However, a few of us did take the opportunity to wait until the very last minute \* twice.

So far, 13 AJCU schools have completed the online AJCU CITM 2004/2005 Survey. Bob is asking us to complete the survey by April 30th. If you have not yet done so, please take time to complete the AJCU-CITM 2004/2005 Survey that is located online at <http://www.lemoyne.edu/ajcu>

Where will we meet in 2007? We had originally planned to meet at the University of San Francisco in 2007 but due to some major scheduling issues, Tracy Schroeder, (USF), has asked to take a pass and wait for another opportunity to host our annual meeting. Pete Greco, (Regis), has graciously offered to host the 2007 annual meeting in Denver. By the way, did you know that Regis University maintains a campus location in Nevada?

Where will we meet in 2006? We plan to meet at Le Moyne College along with the AJCU Librarian Deans conference with Bob Clapp as our host, from April 30th-May 3rd.

EDUCAUSE Midwest Regional ... our group made a good showing at the recent EDUCAUSE

Midwest Regional Conference held in Chicago last month. The conference theme was "Technology, Culture and Collaboration: Next Challenges for Higher Education".

Brian Young, (Creighton), served on the conference planning committee. Conference presenters included:

- Austin Winkleman, (St. Louis), "Conceptual Model for Information Security Strategy"
- Lynn Gunn, (Marquette), "WIRED Computer Protection CD: Healing Students' Personally Owned Computers"
- Marc Lynn and Jay Tarby, (John Carroll), "Using Web-Based Virtual Worlds to Enhance Teaching, Learning, and Research".

Lynn Gunn also conducted a poster session, "Students Engineer a Solution with IT Services and Industry" and Kevin Proot (St. Louis) facilitated the session: UniversITy: Where does Your IT Fit In?"

Closing thought . . . thanks to the efforts of Ron Danielson in bringing Dr. Brad Wheeler, who is the vice-chair the Sakai Project board to our meeting next month, to our experiences with commercial vendors of enterprise systems, and to the vision of some of our colleagues regarding open source, we in the AJCU-CITM will have a very good opportunity to discuss and consider how we collectively and collaboratively may want to proceed with community source projects such as the Sakai Project for the benefit of our institutions. Let's make the best of the opportunity.

Within next two weeks I will send out a brief online survey asking about current or future open source initiatives (or past near-initiatives) at your institution with the idea to prepare us all for our discussions at our conference next month.

Hoping to see you soon in Philadelphia!

Jack