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Conference Update! I@CON 2010

April 16, 2010 is the date for the IACON Conference, the annual joint conference for the Iowa Distance Learning Association and the Iowa Association of Communication Technology. This year's theme is Possibilities to Realities.

The conference will be held in the same location as last year, making it convenient to all parts of the state and to anyone flying into the Des Moines area. The location is the Adventureland Inn in Altoona, Iowa, which is right off interstate 80 near Des Moines, IA.

The 2010 Request for Proposals has been added to the IDLA Web site at www.idla.org, so please check it out and make sure you notice the deadline for proposals: October 15!

IDLA will also give out \$500 mini-grants to 2 IDLA members this year at the annual conference. These proposals are also due October 15.

There is more information on page 2 of this newsletter and at the Web site.

Awards for Innovative Programs and Points of Presence

will be given out this year again. Please make sure you submit a nomination for your program, if you think it is award worthy!

The keynote speakers for 2010 are soon to be chosen, and we have several excellent candidates in the mix. Keep checking back on the Web site for our announcement about keynote speakers!

The IDLA and IACT Boards are proud and excited to offer this annual great opportunity to our members, current and new. We hope you join us April 16th for I@CON 2010!

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A Word from the 2009-2010 President, Susan Fey

Dear IDLA members and friends,

I am so excited to take on my role as president for this year. It is a great time for distance education, as more and more people are finding ease with learning anywhere, anytime. I am also excited to extend our hand to more partners, including all levels of educators, as well as

trainers from the corporate world. I think we all have so much to gain from interacting with one another.

This year, IDLA is striving to be more innovative and cutting edge as we reach out to our existing and new members. Through offering Webinars on

timely issues, as well as more opportunities to forward your goals in distance and online teaching/training.

Come join the fun this year! It's a perfect time to be a part of IDLA!

Best,
Susan Fey

The Iowa Distance Learning Association is a non-profit association formed to promote the development and application of distance learning to education and training. Our goal is to bring together professionals in distance learning areas from education, corporate training, government and military organizations to share our experience, knowledge, and expertise to better serve lifelong learners. Please visit our Web site at www.idla.org for more information.

IDLA Welcomes New Board Members: Joan McCleish, Lois Lindell, and Gwen Nagel!

At the 2009 IACON annual conference in Altoona, the IDLA Board of Directors met and voted on new members. Sadly, we said goodbye to some of our members whose terms were up, but we have a very fresh, motivated group of people now on the IDLA BOD! Three of our newest members are Joan McCleish, Lois Lindell, and Gwen Nagel.

Joan comes to us from Mercy College of Health Sciences,

Lois from the University of Northern Iowa, and Gwen from Iowa Learning Online. All three of these women are extremely accomplished in their work on distance education and training, and we are so proud to have them on our board

In the next few issues, we will spotlight one or two members of our BOD, so that you can get to know them a bit better, professionally and personally. It is quite a dynamic group!

IDLA Webinars 2009-2010

IDLA will host a series of FREE webinars throughout this year. They will cover a variety of topics and hosted by IDLA Board Members or members of IDLA. The first one will be held September 23 over the noon hour (Central time).

This first one hour webinar will cover a variety of topics, including a Welcome from the President and New Professional

Development Opportunities for IDLA members such as information about the Quarterly Professional Development Series, and information about the Second Life Series.

If you are interested in participating in the webinar on September 23, please contact Ana Donaldson at ana.donaldson@uni.edu, and she will give you instructions for log-

ging into the event. Or, check back to the Web site for more information about this first webinar as the date nears.

If you cannot make it on September 23, the presentation will be recorded for later viewing.

NEW!!!! IDLA Mini Grants!

Are you an IDLA member looking to start a new distance education program? Are you trying something very innovative in the next year, but you need some additional funding to help you get it kickstarted? Well, IDLA is here to help! We are offering two \$500 min-grants to our members who are working on new and innovative projects in distance learning for the next year.

To apply, go to the IDLA Web site at www.idla.org and click on the mini-grant RFP link on the front page. There you will find instructions about how to apply.

Recipients will be notified by January 15, 2010 and awarded the grants at the IDLA annual conference on April 16, 2010, and also provided free registration and time to

present on their project. Recipients will also need to submit a report by the following year's annual conference about how the money was spent.

IDLA is committed to the advancement of distance learning innovation, and we hope we can help you enhance your programming!

IDLA Membership Drive—Want to Win Free Stuff???

Are you a current member, but you know some people who should join IDLA? Are you looking for some extra benefits to go along with your membership? Well, this year, we are giving you a great opportunity! If you are a current IDLA member and recruit members, you could win a free registration to the conference, free night in the hotel at Adventureland Inn, or free IDLA related gifts, such as t-shirts and coffee mugs. The top five recruiters will be honored at the IDLA annual conference, and you will be notified prior to the conference if you have won anything from your efforts. So, get out there and find some new IDLA members for 2009-2010!