

CONVERGED COMMUNICATIONS WORKING GROUP  
ANNUAL REPORT  
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This is the first Annual Report following the highly successful merger of the Integrated Communications Strategies Working Group and the Wireless Working Group, into the CCWG. As a part of this merger a rotating chairmanship was established consisting of a chair and a co-chair. Each year on July 1, the chair is replaced by the co-chair for a one year term, and a new co-chair is designated. This process ensures a steady rotation and sharing of leadership responsibilities... The Converged Communications Working Group Steering Committee (CCSC) comprises volunteer members from both previous working groups as their interests and time commitments permit.

The CCWG continues to provide information flow during two basic venues, namely the Net@EDU annual meeting in February, and the EDUCAUSE national meeting in October. In addition to participating in plenary sessions at both meetings, CCWG has provided information to participants in a more topic specific manner through day-long sessions at both venues. The content of the sessions are developed by the CCSC, and topics are chosen either as being of current importance, e.g. Emergency Notification/Management, or of general knowledge to our members, e.g. 802.11n or WiMax technologies. In addition, based on current relevance and actual experience of some of our members, CCWG has prepared a "Peer Survey on Emergency Communications Notification and Management in Higher Education", which will be distributed in spring '08. Results of the survey will be tabulated and distributed to Net@EDU members as a measure of their institution's preparedness compared to other institutions.

Members of the CCSC have been active in many areas besides ENS/EMC. We have been watching with interest, discussions concerning spectrum auctions and commercial offerings in the EBS spectrum. As always, we try to stay abreast of technology in communications media, be that G3, G4, VoIP, Wifi, Imax, or myriad others. We are currently developing an agenda for our day-long session preceding EDUCAUSE in Orlando.

Members of the CCSC are:

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Richard Hach, Virginia Tech  
Kurt Jeschke, Penn State  
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Bill Lewis, Arizona State  
John Nichols, Virginia Tech  
Chris Peabody, City of District of Columbia  
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As always we are extremely grateful for the support and participation provided by Wendy Wigen!

Submitted by,  
Bob Vonderohe, Chair