CDLT News

AAACE Commission for Distance Learning and Technology

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Welcome

We are pleased to announce our new Commission for Distance Learning and Technology, which is designed to provide you with ways to share best practices and research on how adults learn in networked environments. The *CDLT News,* our biannual newsletter, will keep you up to date on our activities and opportunities for you to share your knowledge and practice about teaching and learning with virtual technologies. This issue features four ways you can get involved to help us really get off the ground and a *News You Can Use* item about tools that help learners refine their thoughts and broaden their learning.

We welcome your participation in the CDLT Commission and your ideas for opportunities you would like to explore that we have not included. Feel free to contact any of us via email and to check the AAACE March newsletter for more details on our commission.

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Webinar Presenters Needed

Share your experience with learner interaction during our one-hour webinar in late April. We are looking for three presenters to lead *Learner Interaction: How Much is Necessary in Online Discussions and Assignments?* While promoting interaction through discussion board assignments is an accepted practice in online teaching, some researchers are questioning the value of forced interactions. This webinar will focus on the types of interactions, tools to foster meaningful interaction, and the question of how much interaction is necessary to maintain and sustain high levels of learner engagement.

If you are interested in presenting, send the following information as an email attachment to dlt@aaace.org by **Tuesday, Mar. 25:** (1) name, (2) title, (3) employer, (4) email address, (5) phone number, (6) title of presentation being proposed, (7) brief one-paragraph summary of content, and (8) brief one-paragraph statement of practical experience or research interests as related to the topic proposed. Include **CDLT Webinar Proposal** in the subject line of your email. Presenters will be selected by a panel based on proposal relevance and related experience, research, and/or expertise. *Research experience is not required.*

Proposal Reviewers Needed

Get a sneak peek at session ideas proposed for the AAACE conference by reviewing technology-related proposals. The online review process is easy, and your time commitment will be minimal. To volunteer, send an email to dlt@aaace.org by **Monday, Mar. 31,** with **AAACE CDLT Peer Reviewer** in the subject line. Include your name, title, employer, and email address. You will be contacted before late April with instructions.

Join Us on LinkedIn

Do you have a best practice to share, an emerging trend to discuss, or a question about distance learning and technology to ask? Log into LinkedIn and become part of the CDLT subgroup. We will facilitate quarterly discussions on topics of interest to you, and we are open to AAACE members and non-members alike.

Reminder: Proposals are due April 21.

News You Can Use

by Constance Wanstreet

Technology tools can help us create worthwhile and exciting learning experiences, but the array of available tools and apps can be daunting. In a recent workshop, David Stein and I shared tools we use for three phases of instruction: pre-training, during training, and post-training transfer. The phases correspond with three stages of knowledge building: preparing, producing, and publishing. For example, watching a YouTube video before training begins can help a learner prepare for your session. Producing a group video can help refine ideas during training, and publishing the video on YouTube can foster dialogue with the larger community to reinforce post-training transfer. Check our complete presentation at http://go.osu.edu/KnowledgeBuildingTools.

Have a practical idea for *News You Can Use* or would you like to report on an emerging issue? Send it to Constance Wanstreet at wanstreet.2@osu.edu.

Our Commission is Seeking Leaders

We are looking for leadership team and committee members to help coordinate membership services and networking activities in collaboration with the executive committee for the commission. Available positions and responsibilities include:

- **Awards chair**(s): Creates and administers a commission awards program annually
- **Technology chair**(s): Provides technology support and expertise for activities like webinars and website development
- **LinkedIn networking chair**(s): Plans and leads quarterly virtual discussions on distance learning and technology-related topics through the Commission for Distance Learning and Technology Linked-In subgroup
- **Graduate student chair**(s): Coordinates networking and information-sharing activities for graduate students with technology-related interests as related to adult learning

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Team in the subject line of your email.