



**TWICE Annual Meeting
March 18, 2005
At the MACUL Conference – COBO Hall, Detroit, Michigan**

The meeting was called to order by President Janine Lim.

Janine introduced the TWICE Board members who were present: Janine Lim, Mike Richardson, Arnie Comer, Debbie Glasgow, Mike Maison, Greg Marten, Eric Packer, Aaron Schippert, Diane Zoellmer, Sue Porter.

TWICE Awards:

Diane Zoellmer presented the TWICE Board of Directors' Award to Connie Solis on behalf of the REMC Association of Michigan for their REMC MCODEC Project. This project has placed 5 CODECs in content providers in Michigan – Cranbrook Institute of Science, Michigan State Museum, Gerald Ford Museum, Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum and the Port Huron Museum of Art and History – to provide curriculum support to students and teachers in Michigan and around the world.

Janine Lim presented the President's Award to Arnie Comer, past president of TWICE for his continuous work in supporting and providing quality distance learning experiences not only for Macomb ISD constituents, but students and teachers in Michigan.

New Opportunities for Video Conferencing:

Janine reported on March 7th, 2005, taking advantage of the new Internet connectivity service now available on selected Airlines, the VRVS Team was able to perform a high quality video/audio collaborative session between several of its members located at Pasadena, California (USA), Kosice (Slovakia), Geneva (Switzerland) **AND on a plane (Boeing 747 From Los Angeles to Munich) in the middle of the Ocean at 12,000 m Altitude.**

Read Across America

Janine reported another successful year of TWICE's Read Across America –

- 2005: 650 connections to 17 states
- 2004: 700 connections to 24 states
- 2003: 500 connections to 15 states
- 2002: 200 connections to 18 states

This year we added a site verification process to alleviate connectivity challenges between sites. This process, although very valuable, was also very time consuming for some TWICE members around the state. Janine is working on a plan for help with this process next year using state bridges, institutions of higher ed, etc. Debbie Glasgow

again contributed her time, organization and communication skills for a wonderful RAA – great job, Debbie!

TWICE Field Trip Database:

Janine's Berrien County database of field trips continues to set the standard for an accurate, comprehensive list of 180 providers and 1500 programs - all correlated to Michigan Curriculum Standards.

Discount Partners:

TWICE continues to support and appreciate our discount partners!

- COSI Toledo \$100 vs. \$170
- COSI Columbus (discount varies)
- Cleveland Museum of Art \$85 vs. \$95
- Cleveland Institute of Music \$148.75 vs. \$175

Membership:

This year TWICE has 27 Michigan ISD members, 1 Michigan school district (Pentwater Public Schools), 1 institute of higher ed (Grand Valley State University), and 2 school districts out of state (East Port County Schools in Indiana and Durango School District in Colorado).

Professional Development:

- TWICE and Saginaw ISD hosted iSafe America Training, October 19.
 - iSafe America (www.isafe.org) is a non profit organization dedicated to Internet safety for children.
- Keystone Conference, Oct. 25-26
 - 14 sites around Michigan participated
 - Next Keystone Conference: Oct. 3-5

Newsletter:

The new TWICE newsletter for members has drawn rave reviews and continues to keep our members informed about opportunities for students and staff.

New Business:

Connie Solis thanked the TWICE organization for their support of the Keystone Conference (paying sites who participated half of the registration fee). It was an invaluable experience for the MCODEC sites as they continue to grow in the distance learning arena.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Porter for Wanita Kampmueller