



## Board of Regents

Ted Strickland, Governor  
Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor

University System of Ohio

### **DIRECTIVE 2008-007**

May 29, 2008

Re: GOVERNANCE OF THE OHIO LIBRARY AND INFORMATION NETWORK (OhioLINK)  
AND THE OHIO LEARNING NETWORK (OLN)

The Board of Regents has created two consortia whose core function is to support the excellence of the educational programs at Ohio's universities and colleges through the use of information technology. The Ohio Library and Information Network (OhioLINK), whose development began in 1987, helps Ohio's universities and colleges share library materials, licenses on-line information resources, manages collections of institutionally developed information resources and supports administration of the library depositories. The Ohio Learning Network (OLN), created in 1999, serves campuses by promoting the use of technology to enhance teaching and learning in the classroom and on-line.

Both organizations were formed by the Ohio Board of Regents as consortia under section 3333.04(V) of the Revised Code. Each has a governing board representative of the campuses it serves.

At the time these organizations were formed, all powers and duties rested with the Ohio Board of Regents. Effective May 15, 2007, House Bill 2 of the 127<sup>th</sup> General Assembly transferred all powers and duties held by the Ohio Board of Regents to the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents. House Bill 2 also provides that the Chancellor is the successor to, assumes all obligations of, and constitutes the continuation of the Ohio Board of Regents. In addition to transferring existing powers from the Board of Regents to the Chancellor, Section 4 of Sub. H.B. 2 of the 127<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, as subsequently amended by Am. Sub. H.B. 119 of the 127<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, mandated that the Chancellor report to the General Assembly and the Governor recommendations to accomplish the following: (A) make college more affordable and accessible for all Ohioans; (B) encourage Ohio graduates to remain in Ohio after earning their degrees; and (C) maximize higher education as a driver of the state's economy.

On March 31, 2008, pursuant to this charge from the General Assembly, the Chancellor delivered to the General Assembly and the Governor his recommendations, known as the Strategic Plan for Higher Education. The plan recognizes that an integrated university system requires a single, integrated technology infrastructure. An integrated infrastructure enhances the ability of staff to work collaboratively in key areas such as licensing and administrative support with the goal of increasing service, flexibility and efficiency.

To implement the strategic plan and realize the benefits associated with closer collaboration between OhioLINK and OLN, I hereby direct that all prior resolutions of the Ohio Board of Regents regarding the governance of OLN and OhioLINK be, and hereby are, superseded by the following:

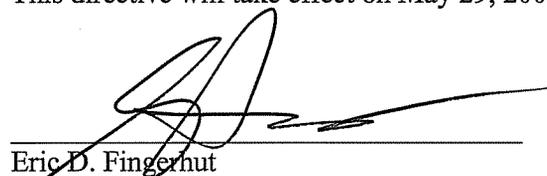
The Ohio Learning Network and Ohio Library and Information Network will continue to be structured as consortia in accordance with section 3333.04(V) of the Revised Code and shall have a fiscal agent designated by the Chancellor. The directors of the two consortia will be chosen by, report to and serve at the pleasure of the Chancellor.

An advisory committee on education and technology will be formed to advise the Chancellor on these and other programs related to the intersection of technology and education. The members of this committee will be chosen by the Chancellor. It is intended that the majority of the members of the advisory committee be chief instructional officers and provosts and that the committee include representatives of public and private not-for-profit institutions from both universities and community colleges. At the Chancellor's discretion, the advisory committee may include supplemental members who are not provosts or chief instructional officers. These members may include, but will not be restricted to library directors or chief information officers.

The term of service of the members of the advisory committee will be three years, commencing on the first meeting of the committee, which shall not be later than July 31, 2008. The initial members of the committee shall be the current members of the OhioLINK and OLN Boards. The initial members of the advisory committee shall be given staggered one, two, and three year terms, commencing July 1, 2008, and be replaced by members with full three year terms thereafter. The supplemental members of the advisory committee will not serve three year terms, but will serve at the pleasure of the Chancellor.

The role of the advisory committee will be to advise the Chancellor on the implementation of the strategic plan, monitor the completion of the plan's recommendations, suggest new goals, and help determine metrics for the success, cost effectiveness and efficiency of programs related to technology and education. At the request of the Chancellor, the advisory committee may develop and publish an annual report on the success of Ohio's education and technology programs that reflects the metrics developed for those programs and goals associated with the strategic plan.

This directive will take effect on May 29, 2008.



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