Online SWALLT business meeting, Friday, 1 February 2013

Reviewed Felix's postings about election:

e-mail: call for nominations

Dear Members of the SouthWest Association of Language Learning Technology:

It is time for our bi-annual election for SWALLT officers. In my role as Immediate Past-President of SWALLT and on behalf of the SWALLT Board of Directors, I am leading the election process to fill the role of President-Elect as well as Secretary of SWALLT. I would like to thank our current President, Joseph Kautz, for his leadership over the past two years. With this message, I officially invite nominations for the offices of President, as well as for Secretary and for Treasurer of the SouthWest Association of Language Learning Technology.

The nomination period will run from February 8, 2013 to February 20, 2013. Call for candidate nominations goes out to all current members. You may self-nominate or nominate somebody else. Please note that

The positions are:

- President-Elect
- Treasurer
- Secretary

Beginning February 25, 2013 through March 8, 2013 at 9pm (pacific time zone), we will offer a ballot via electronic means to current members of SWALLT. We intend to announce the newly elected officers at the SWALLT conference.

Please note: nominators and nominees must be current members of SWALLT. Memberships can be purchased here: http://swallt.org/membership/ . You may nominate yourself or someone else. It is suggested that you check with a possible candidate before nominating them, to see if they are interested in the position - although this is not required. If you nominate somebody else, I will contact that person and ask whether he or she will accept the nomination. Please submit nominations directly to kronenbergf@rhodes.edu. All such nominations will be acknowledged.

Nominations are due by February 20, 2013. For further information, please contact kronenbergf@rhodes.edu

Position Descriptions:

Proposed Agenda

II. Old Business

A. Conference Update from Harold

1. Website improvements
2. Lodging issues: input from those who have tried to make reservations
3. Commercial sponsor contacts
4. Friday night group activity and other possible activities around the conference times
5. Program committee

B. Strategizing for Conference.

Discussed UCLA's plans for hosting SWALLT 2014

Center for Digital Humanities

New lab space, 5 tables, 10 stations each, computers can face in group or podium configuration, break out rooms, include library, aiming for Spring 2014

Harold's Report:

A. Conference Update from Harold

1. Website improvements
Joseph would like something on what to do in Provo. I'll try to get that up next week. Any issues with the website as is looks now?

2. Lodging issues: input from those who have tried to make reservations
Hopefully I've fixed all the hotel reservation glitches. Any one had any problems?
The Super 8 is right next door and it is very nice. Not a dump on the edge of town, so don't be afraid to use it.

3. Commercial sponsor contacts
I have only one commercial sponsor so far. Anyone know of any others that might be interested?
I have a $500 grant from our department and unknown amount from the one sponsor. Hopefully this will be enough to keep the conference free. I will get the registration page up next week. I was waiting until I could confirm we wouldn't have to charge.

4. Friday night group activity and other possible activities around the conference times.
Besides going to a nice restaurant, any other ideas?

5. Program committee
I have 15 proposals submitted so far and at least one more coming.