

**Des Plaines Valley Region
Business Committee
End-of-Year Report 2012-2013**

Tech Share Workshop

We reviewed the evaluations from the Tech Share event held in February and determined that the event was very successful. The 24 participants scored the event with an average of 9.8 out of 10.

Participants particularly appreciated the presentation by Mike McGuire of Triton who presented information on how to use Twitter and Linked In more effectively as well as information about social media security issues. The consensus was to continue Tech Share next year.

Workshops

Members reported that the Connections Conference was very productive as well as CABEA. Karen presented the Virtual Enterprise International program at Connections. Barb Burchill suggested the use of an online conference site.

Triton Program Changes

Dr. William Griffin and Mike McGuire relayed new information about changes at Triton:

1. There is a new Financial Services Certificate.
2. New programs under review and research...CPA Pathway Program, Accounting Administer/Bookkeeping Certificate, and a Fast-Track Program for Human Resource Associate Degree.
3. New Offices for Accounting and Business Faculty...which will launch a proposed entrepreneurial partnership agreement with DePaul University is under consideration.
4. New courses in Cloud Computing and Virtualization are being offered in the fall along with Social Media for Business. In the spring Search Engine Optimization and Analytics will be taught. These courses can lead to certificates.
5. Triton is also moving into Gaming with the intent to tie the courses to a 4-year program in partnership with other schools.

Teacher Work Experience

Members submitted the names of TWE participants from their schools. All 12 slots are filled. TWE is scheduled for June 25th and 26th.

Opportunities

Tapestry Workshop – Lauren Martire and Karen Bear submitted applications for the Tapestry Workshop. Their acceptance will be confirmed sometime in May.

Teaching in the Cloud – 3D Printing – information was shared about these opportunities.

AP Accounting Pilot – Members will have the opportunity to attend the pilot/training session in the summer.

Curriculum Sharing

Debra Ridgner shared two marketing simulations with which she has had great success: Teen Entrepreneur and The Dream Team.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Bear, Chairperson, Business Committee