



## OPAS Initiative Motivate Workgroup Meeting #4 June 7, 2007

### Roster

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**Guests:**

Karen Lakin, Saturday Academy board member with experience in volunteer relations  
Bruce Schafer, OPAS Evangelist and ETIC Executive Director

Co-Chair Ben Manny	Retired from Intel R & D	Ben is an enthusiastic UT Austin alumni with a passion for education. He also volunteers for NOISE, the Network of Informal STEM Educators.
Co-chair Eileen Boerger	VP and General Manager, Agilis Solutions	Eileen is a member of ETIC, and has a long history of educational activism. She led the first several "Take Your Daughter to Work" days at Mentor Graphics. She's also an enthusiastic UT Austin alum.
Ryan Collay	Programming and Evaluation Coordinator	Ryan joined us for ETIC day at the Capital with a large metal robot. He's responsible for creating the events and materials that keep SMILE kids excited about STEM.
*David Coronado	Director, MESA (Math Engineering Science Achievement) PSU	David is working on a Pre-Engineering Conference for MESA students and their families at PSU on April 14.
Joyce Cresswell	Executive Director, Saturday Academy	Joyce came to the OPAS Strategic Planning Summit in 2005 and worked on Best Practices, and then spent some time with the Marketing Committee in 2006. Lately, she's been establishing Saturday Academy as an independent non-profit, but found time to attend the NOISE kickoff conference.
*Don Domes	PTE Teacher, Hillsboro High School	Don is a passionate advocate of hands-on education, and changing the system through grass roots activism. He's coached LEGO Robotics, and this year has a Lemelson InvenTeam.
Endi Hartigan	Communications and Administrative Coordinator, OUS Office of the Chancellor	Endi 's background is in writing, and she is an active part of OUS communications team supporting OPAS. She is dedicated and resourceful administrator whose time and ingenuity has benefitted the initiative.
Mary Beth Horton	Deputy Director, BEC (Business Education Compact)	Mary Beth is enthusiastic about the synergies between the missions of BEC and OPAS. She has been working on the NOISE planning committee.
*Bill Lesh	Principal, The Center for Advanced Learning	Bill is an enthusiastic champion for close involvement between schools and business. He is also a caring principal who attends his students' major events, such as the First Robotics Regional Competition in March.
*Valeree Lane	Director of Public Affairs, OIT	Valeree was at the OPAS Workshop in November, and travels around the state often.
Jo Oshiro	OPAS Staff Support	Jo came to OPAS after 10 years "at home" as personal assistant to a kid who's done soccer, Girl Scouts, LEGO Robotics, marching band. She thinks that STEM education is more closely allied to arts education than most people are willing to admit, and believes passionately in active learning and immersion. In a previous life, Jo did a variety of computer programming and support.

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John Ossowski	Program and Advancement Manager for the Software Association of Oregon Foundation	As one of the foundation's projects, John works with enthusiastic educators to produce SuperQuest – a unique professional development series designed to support the work of technology educators across the region.
*Roger Rennekamp	State 4H Program Leader	The 4H program benefits from funding by ETIC Pre-College Collaborative; they have an array of STEM enrichment activities and programs. Roger recently attended the NOISE conference.
Ray Vandiver	VP of Exhibits, OMSI	Ray has been an enthusiastic and proactive supporter of OPAS and has made OMSI a generous donor to OPAS workshops and outreach efforts.

**Advisors and Interested Observers** - on the listserv to stay informed, not attending meetings regularly

*Eda Davis-Butts	Director of SMILE (Science and Math Investigate Learning Experiences) OSU	Eda chairs the OPAS Initiative Succeed Strategy Workgroup and is an articulate and well-traveled champion for diversity and creating a college-going culture. She likes the symphony.
*Wendy Hawkins	Executive Director, Intel Foundation and Manager of Strategic Initiatives, Intel Education, Intel Corporation	Wendy interested in the work of the OPAS Initiative, and has been instrumental in setting up the TV show "Design Squad"..
*Di Saunders	Director, Communications Department, OUS Office of the Chancellor	Di has been a key part of the OPAS effort from the beginning. She's a NW native who has spent time with the Peace Corps, in Africa, and in the foundation sector in the Northeast.

***\* Not expected at this meeting***

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