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Dear Ihor:

The proposed resolution submitted by the Council for Technology in Mathematics Education to the NCTM Affiliate Services Committee (ASC) was referred to the NCTM Headquarters staff for review. Our response to proposed resolution O.R.12.01 follows:

Be it resolved…that: They provide an area in the convention center that would model how current technologies are changing and empowering math education. This area would include:

- Learning Station Poster session(s) scaled appropriately and modeled similar to the ISTE learning station poster sessions (see attached photo) which were located in a public space and included access to power, wireless Internet connectivity, and (optional depending on cost) a large-screen monitor or projection device to connect to their personal laptop. This area can become the Math/Web 2.0 Space and replace the dated Cyber Cafe model, which can be replaced by independent computer kiosks, which NCTM has set up at recent conferences for those without Wifi or Smartphone access.
- Free Wi-Fi access to those with laptops, iPads and Smartphones (which run faster with Wifi.) The cost for this limited location access could be shared among the corporate sponsors for the conference.
- Tables where conference goers can comfortably sit, connect with their own personal computers as well as with colleagues and new acquaintances.

We are pleased to inform you, new this year, we will be introducing a technology supported area called the "BuzzHub" at the NCTM 2012 Annual Meeting and Exposition in Philadelphia. This is in addition to offering speakers the most current audio visual choices at no charge for their presentations. Also complimentary wireless access will be provided in the concourses and Overlook Area in the Pennsylvania Convention Center. Some of the "BuzzHub" offerings include:

- "Member Showcase" providing technology support to update your membership information and more.
- "Social Networking Lounge" is an area for attendees to sit, relax, access Wi-Fi (paid for by NCTM), charge their devices (through electrical outlets), mingle and network with other attendees and stay connected with the latest NCTM social media. This large lounge will also feature live twitter and facebook feeds will be displayed on monitors.
- "Internet Station" computers provided for attendees to check email or access the online conference planner.
- "NCTM Presentation Spotlight Stage" is a place for attendees to stop by and listen to short sessions to include NCTM journal editors discussing how to write an article for the NCTM journals and become a reviewer, technology supported short sessions on Coretools, Research, Online resources and Illuminations and many other exciting sessions.

We are excited to showcase this new area enhancing NCTM and the technology experience for all. Thank you for submitting the proposed resolution.

Sincerely,

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