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Terri Cameron opened the meeting with introductions. Attendees went around the room and introduced themselves by giving their name, position, school they represented, and any technology project they were working on. The following people reported: Institutional Updates

Norman Scott, Kirksville School of Osteopathic Medicine, reported that they are working on a consortia working on PBLs. They also are working on standardizing competencies, PDA coding, and assessment. Kirksville School of Osteopathic Medicine

Kathy Lovell from Michigan State stated that they were offering clinical courses using Blackboard, primarily for quizzes that provide feedback. In addition, they have put computers in each room that allow for searches during small group discussions. They have implemented online course evaluations and an information management system. Michigan State

Christopher Reznich reported that they are using an EMR to help build a virtual clinic. In addition, they have been using the image database, Cumulus. Their primary purpose is to provide uniformed curricula for external teaching. (East Lansing MI)

John McNulty shared with the group that from experience he has provided image databases to faculty but they don't use it as they want to use their own. They are using a IAMES grant that uses a portal concept to get information relevant to the point its needed for just-in-time learning. His school also utilizes an online calendar that includes syllabi and PowerPoint slides. They are also building a questions database that will use keywords and built-in degree of difficulty. They are using ColdFusion for this project. (Maywood, IL)

Marshall Anderson reported that they are using a Polycom online seminar series on Professionalism and Spirituality. (Gary, IN)

Carol Packard shared that her school uses PowerPoint, WebCT, e-journals for journal club, and are looking at how to incorporate PDAs. University of Illinois-Urbana

Elizabeth Ryan stated that their projects include using PACKS, MedNav online evals, schedules, and Blackboard. They give their students PDAs and one of their areas created survival packs. They also provide all their orientation materials online as well as videotaping all of their core curriculum. Northwestern

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Joel Gordon reported that they are getting a new building. They are getting ready to launch performance-based assessment using OSCEs. They are using a hybrid of Clinsoft to help assess communications skills using computer testing. They have a 50-station lab. Their area is focusing on progressive testing so that the questions gradually get more difficult as the student answers them correctly.	University of Iowa
Jason Roberts said that his school is working on centralizing things into one office of instructional technology. They use WebCT for their basic science courses utilizing several full-time FTE. For Gross Anatomy, they videotape lecture for review and place them by the cadaver to assist the students.	University of Wisconsin
Terri Cameron stated that their main projects are using PDAs and their four-year assessment of the tool. (Terri – can you fill in more here, please?)	SIU
Ruth Greenberg shared that they have a new patient simulation center, and are using PDAs for Year III.	(Louisville KY)
Deb Lafferty reported that they are having students scan 2x2 slides into PowerPoint for the faculty that are then uploaded to their school website for student access. They also use an online student critique form that is tied to the examination score so that the student has to complete the critique before getting their score. They use WebCT for various uses for both didactic and clinical education.	Mayo Medical School
Brownie Anderson gave a CurrMIT update. She stated that 60 schools now have substantial information in the database. They are working with LCME to develop a wizard that should help with collection of information for accreditation. She reminded everyone to check the release notes for updated information. They use a testing, staging, and then production process for release of improvements in the system.	CurrMIT Update
Terri informed the group that there will be SIG-sponsored sessions at the annual meeting in November so that we needed to determine what we wanted to discuss. It was decided that PDAs and assessment were the two major topics people felt should be covered.	SIG-sponsored Sessions at AAMC 2002
Terri shared that Brian Mavis' project (I can't recall what this project is called) needs to be maintained and he is wondering if the computer SIG group would be willing to do so. Brian's project is called the Electronic Resource Inventory and is a collection of resource links categorized for anyone to use. The links need to be maintained as well as new links added. The group agreed to maintain this.	Electronic Resource Inventory Project
Terri asked the group if instead of having an election of all offices, to have an election for the recorder position and have that person rotate each year from recorder to convener to past convener. The group concurred and elected Joel Gordon as the recorder for next year. Therefore, for 2002-2003 the following people will serve as: Past Convener, Terri Cameron; Convener, Deb Lafferty; Recorder, Joel Gordon.	Election of Officers

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The meeting concluded at approximately 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Lafferty,  
Recorder