

Looking Ahead

In the role of President-Elect, the primary focus is to lead and organize the Program Committee for the upcoming CCUMC Annual Conference. I have been working on the 2016 CCUMC Annual Conference which will be held in San Antonio, Texas, November 2-6, 2016. I have been working closely with Joe Tobares, local host at The University of Texas, San Antonio to develop a CCUMC conference that is both professionally and personally rewarding to all attendees. The committee has been working on the development of the program and we are grateful to all the members who submitted proposals and are willing to share their expertise as subject matter experts to support the CCUMC. CCUMC is an organization that prides itself on the sharing of knowledge and information in a professional, but friendly atmosphere. I want to thank the Program Committee members for all their efforts in reviewing proposals and actively participating in the success of CCUMC 2016. Special thanks to: Mark Ramsden, John Fick, Gabrielle Dean, Lauren Turin, Joe Tobares, Casey Sisco, Cody Gregg, Rob Hyodo, Todd Hughes and Darrell Lutey. The work of the Program Committee could not be done without the ongoing support and energy of Aileen Scales and Kirsten Phillips in the CCUMC Executive Office.

We have a great conference program ready for San Antonio. As we started in 2015, we will have three tracks are Services, Management/Leadership, and Classroom Technologies. In addition, we will be using the "Guidebook" app to provide a digital way to share information with attendees on electronic devices.. The University of Texas, San Antonio has been doing a great job in preparing for the conference with campus tours and showcasing attractions in San Antonio. With a location on the famed, "Riverwalk" we are both downtown and near many famous landmarks. We are just minutes from the Alamo, a short walk from are hotel. We will be touring the classrooms and other technology locations at The University of Texas, San Antonio. Our local outing will be to the Tejas Rodeo, where we will enjoy Texas barbeque, live music, and a rodeo.

The past year has seen some changes and improvements in professional development opportunities by the CCUMC. In 2015-16, the CCUMC Professional Development Committee hosted two webinars: "Project Management: Success in the Academic Environment" and "Telling and Selling Your Department's Value Story: A Data-Driven Approach." We have also forged a collaboration with UBTEch, who featured a CCUMC presentation track at their 2016 conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. CCUMC also conducted a survey, polling member institutions on issues related to staffing levels, and other areas of professional interest.

CCUMC relies on it's membership base to volunteer to serve on committees, tasks forces and interest groups. If you wish to do more to support CCUMC, by volunteering, please contact me or the CCUMC Executive Office. We appreciate your willingness to do for this organization that prides itself of having an engaged and energetic membership which is always willing to go the extra mile.

I am looking forward to another amazing year of CCUMC. CCUMC is about connecting to your colleagues on both a professional and personal level. The amount of fellowship and direct contact, cannot be matched by any other professional organization in instructional technology.

Doug McCartney, President-Elect

President's Message

It has been a privilege to serve this outstanding group of talented professionals in the field of academic technology. So many people contribute their time, energy and expertise to make CCUMC such a successful organization, and I would like to thank the Board of Directors and all the volunteers who make this organization so special. I must give a particular thanks to Aileen Scales and Kirsten Phillips in the Executive Office for the work they do every day for our members. The hallmark of our organization is our desire to provide learning and collaborative opportunities for the benefit of our members. We showcase this through our annual conference, committees and interest groups, webinars, listserv exchanges and volunteer opportunities. We strive each year to help our members have the best possible organization to meet their professional needs.

The 2015 conference was held in Pittsburgh and was a great success. Our host team members were from four different institutions, a first for our organization. Representatives from Duquesne University (Lauren Turin, Todd Hughes), University of Pittsburgh (Gabrielle Dean, Aaron Graham), Grove City College (Dave Stadler, Matt "Q" McQuaig, Kyle Harrington), and Westminster College (Andy Borts, Gary Swanson) came together to create a memorable conference experience. Attendees were treated to excellent sessions, thought provoking speakers, professional networking opportunities, campus tours and explorations of the city of Pittsburgh. The local team members and the Executive Office did a superb job and I cannot thank them enough for all their hard work. This year, a conference app was added to the conference resources and attendees gave rave reviews. Next year's conference in San Antonio promises to be another great event.

Two exciting new initiatives were started this year to expand opportunities for our members. The Local Events Sponsorship Task Force was formed to explore ways to support local or regional events. An application process was developed to allow groups to request funding support. This is a great way to provide opportunities for members to network beyond the annual conference. Also, an agreement began this year with UBTEch that created a CCUMC Program track at the UBTEch conference in June in Las Vegas. There were five featured member presentations and a CCUMC exhibition space. This very successful partnership provided an opportunity to spread the word about our organization to a larger audience.

A Staffing Survey Task Force was created to plan and deploy a survey to gather information on staffing and support services at our member institutions. This information will provide data on reporting structures, staffing numbers and types of services. The task force will also recommend future survey topics to gather useful data for our members.

Our organization continues to adapt and change as we all must do in the ever evolving world of higher education. Every member supports learning in their daily work, and we continue to learn and grow as a community.

Pat Poet, President

Publications Advisory Board Report

The Publications Advisory Board is charged to implement, manage, and review all official publications of the Consortium of College and University Media Centers. Until recently this has included the Leader (newsletter), the Proceedings (conference material), the College and University Media Review (our professional journal related to media issues in higher education), and the CCUMC web site. In the last couple of years the Board of Directors has made sweeping changes to CCUMC's publications, suspending publication of the College and University Media Review and voting to cease publication of the Leader, the organization's newsletter, to integrate its content into CCUMC's web presence. This makes the CCUMC website our primary publication.

LISTSERV

One of our most valuable resources is the LISERV, currently maintained at the University of Florida. In the interest of merging this function with the Executive Office, the Board of Directors asked the PAB to explore options. We reviewed six LISERV providers and presented our recommendation of Electric Embers, a cooperative that could provide basic LISERV services at an attractive cost.

Another recommendation was provided from CCUMC staff to explore Higher Logic, Inc. offerings of LISERV and other complementary member communication services. For a number of reasons, including high cost, this decision has been delayed until a more opportune time.

Conference Proceedings

Pat Poet, our Past President, has volunteered to be the Proceedings Editor for the 2016 conference.

CCUMC Website Management Plan

We have volunteers for the Copyright Associate Editor and the Transitions Associate Editor positions. We still have three associate editor positions to fill, Corporate Member News, Government Relations and Social Media. Contact the Executive Office if you are aware of potential volunteers from your staff or colleagues.

Lyn McCurdy, PAB Chair

Executive Office Management Committee Report

The EOMC focused its efforts on revising the Master Calendar/Timeline and developing an Emergency Plan.

Since the Chair of the Committee only serves a one-year term, the group decided to ask the President, who will chair the EOMC next year, to attend meetings so there will be a smoother transition.

The group reviewed the Master Calendar/Timeline and made a few changes so that it more accurately reflects current practices. To make it easier to sort the document, Sue converted it from Word to Excel. Although the document lists the person with primary responsibility for a task, it does not list a backup, which the group felt was critical. The document was reformatted to allow for that information to be added. Aileen

will incorporate changes she feels are important from the perspective of the Executive Director/EO.

An Emergency Plan was developed that lays out how the organization would function if a change in leadership occurred or if the institutional support agreement expired or was terminated. The document also laid out how any transition would be managed if any of these contingencies occurred.

One upcoming transition is that John Fick will be completing his second term as Treasurer and it may be difficult to find a member with the skills and interest to undertake this important task. After discussing options, the EOMC felt it would be worth looking at the possibility of having an Association Management Company (AMC) handle

some of these tasks so that the Treasurer would be responsible for overseeing them rather than actually handling all the details. By defining the scope to include administrative/financial services, it would give CCUMC an opportunity to try association management in a limited fashion to see how well it works. If it goes well, it might be worth considering if other functions might be good ones to outsource.

A potential AMC that handles similar educational associations was identified. Preliminary information was gathered and critical issues identified in preparation for a future meeting to discuss possibilities.

Sue Clabaugh, EOMC Chair

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Membership Committee

The CCUMC Executive Office continued their partnership with InfoComm International by hosting a booth at InfoComm16 in Las Vegas in June. We also initiated a new partnership with UBTech. As a part of this collaboration, there was a special CCUMC track at UBTech16, where we also hosted a booth in their exhibit hall. Between the two events, we were able to make 60 contacts of individuals at non-member institutions across the United States.

Membership renewals were distributed beginning in May. As of June 30th, we have had 139 institutions (237 individuals) and 21 companies (38 individuals) renew their membership. Membership renewal reminders will continue to be distributed through September 2016.



**CCUMC Booth, UBTech16
Mirage Las Vegas**

Individual Memberships in 2015-2016

Institutional	761
Corporate	76
Associate	0
Student	1
Life	43
Retiree	4
TOTAL	885

Members by Units in 2015-2016

Institutions	
1-2 Members	104
3-4 Members	46
5-6 Members	40
7+ Members	20
TOTAL UNITS	210

Corporations	
1-2 Members	38
3-4 Members	1
5-6 Members	0
7+ Members	0
TOTAL UNITS	39

Professional Development Committee

Your professional development committee meets regularly to plan and conduct two annual webinars and contributes to program planning for the annual conference. The committee is currently staffed by nine members:

Sandie Miller, Kathy Dooley,
Robert Schmidt, Willie Franklin,
Mark Ramsden, Doug McCartney,
Michael Bachman, Katie Kassof,
Scott Deetz

We're grateful for the highly skilled assistance provided by Aileen Scales and Kirsten Phillips who attend all meetings, handle external communications, surveys, etc. and generally keep us on track.

For the 2015-16 season, the committee chose to focus on topics related to improving leadership skills. The first webinar was very well attended.

On March 2, 2016 we hosted the Project Management: Success in the Academic Environment webinar where three CCUMC members presented on experiences and best practices in managing projects. This webinar was again capably hosted by Willie Franklin.

On July 25, 2016 we'll host the Telling & Selling Your Department's Value Story: A Data-Driven Approach webinar with Michael Bachman moderating. Both presenters come from member institutions.

In response to an initiative by the Interest Group committee, we provided expertise through consulting on the first session offered by the Emerging Technology IG.

In response to a request for additional professional development opportunities, we've offered a proposal for "The Catalyst Series: Videos to spark your Audiovisual and Instructional Technology Curiosity". The committee will continue to meet throughout the summer months to plan webinars for 2016-17. We rely on feedback from CCUMC members to provide timely topics worth exploring.

Mark Ramsden,
Professional Development Chair

2015-2016 Task Force, Committee Chairs and 2015-2016 Election Results

Awards

Sue Clabaugh
University of Maryland, College Park

Corporate Members

Ken Mangum
Extron Electronics

Elections

Sue Clabaugh
University of Maryland, College Park

Executive Office Management

Sue Clabaugh
University of Maryland, College Park

Finance

John Fick
Life Member

Government Regulations and Public Policy

Anthony Helm
Dartmouth College

Membership

Susan Brower
Loyola University New Orleans

Professional Development

Mark Ramsden
Le Moyne College

Program

Pat Poet
York College of Pennsylvania

Interest Group Coordinator

Joey Wall
Marist College

Election Results for 2016-2017

President-Elect

Cody Gregg
South Texas College

Secretary

Brenda White
Washburn University

Institutional Director

Matthew "Q" McQuaig
Santa Rosa Junior College

Corporate Director

Rob Hyodo
Winnov

CCUMC Staffing Survey Task Force

The charge of this task force was to create and deploy a survey to find out basic information regarding classroom support staffing. The survey should be sent to members no later than March 15, and the result should be made available no later than May 1. The task force will recommend future surveys to gather relevant information for the membership. The task force will recommend additional methods to share information beyond survey results, such as white papers etc.

The task force should have a final report for the Board of Directors by June 30, 2016.

The group developed a survey that was distributed to the primary contact at each member institution. This was done to reduce the possibility of duplicate data from the same institution. Of the approximately 200 member institutions, 50 completed the survey for a return rate of approximately 25%.

The initial results were shared with the Board of Directors at their May online meeting and they provided input on how to make the results available. In June, the Task Force reviewed the summary report and made suggestions on how to format the report for various audiences (public vs. private as well as

small, medium and large institutions). A distribution date of the second week of July was selected to allow time to create the additional reports.

The reports are to be made available on the CCUMC website and require members to log in to access them. The website can also provide a place for results of previous surveys.

Sue Clabaugh, Staffing Survey Task Force Chair

Interest Groups Report

The Interest Groups (and each Chair) are as follows: Administration & Campus Services (Jason Railton), Collection Development & Management (Carleton Jackson), Emerging Technologies (Darrell Lutey), Instructional Design (Anthony Helm) and Leadership (Mark McCallister).

In response to feedback provided by past Chairs and Moderators, the 2015 Conference Program Committee scheduled Interest Group sessions either up against no other session or only another Interest Group. They were also not scheduled to coincide with a meal. Attendance overall was good, with Collection Development & Management being our smallest group of approximately 7 participants and Emerging Technologies our largest at approximately 70 participants. The other three groups falling somewhere between. Discussion summaries were submitted to the Board on June 20th, 2016.

The Collection Development & Management Interest Group experienced very low attendance at its conference session at the 2015 conference. The group brought forward thoughts about renaming the Collection Development & Management Interest Group to more accurately represent them. At the Spring Board meeting, the Board voted to discontinue the group indefinitely.

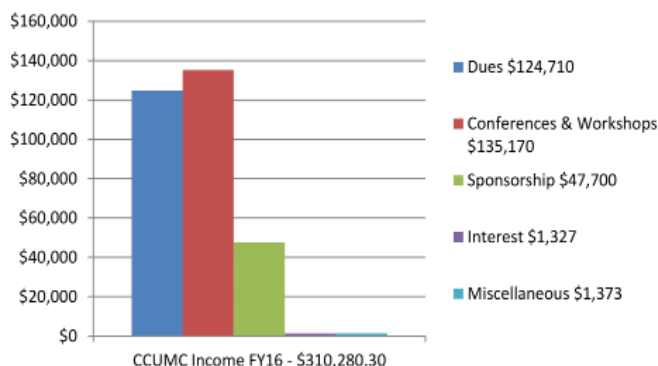
Following a Board discussion (October 2015) on matters of generating professional development content and increasing Interest Group activity between conferences, the Interest Group Chairs were challenged with a new initiative this year. Attempting to align with the CCUMC Strategic plan, the Professional Development Committee wanted to diversify their offerings beyond the occasional webinar, specifically using website tools to engage members and provide forums for information exchange. From a member's perspective, CCUMC would

offer 5 more meetings which may be of interest to them, but for each Interest Group Leader, it would mean only hosting one session. Darrell Lutey accepted the challenge. Under the Emerging Technologies Interest Group, he created CCUMC's inaugural "Spark Session" on Monday May 23rd. There were four short presentations on 3D printing in Ed Tech, classroom acoustics measurement and remediation, wireless mirroring evaluation research, and renovating a computer lab to support group collaboration. The attendance peaked at 53 (including presenters and support staff). Feedback was positive. Here's a link to the survey results: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-6JPF3ZVT/>.

Joey Wall, Interest Group Chair

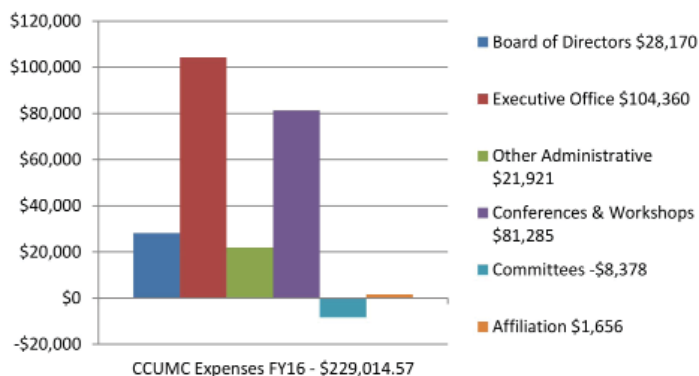
Financial Report 2015-2016

Income



John Fick, Finance Committee Chair

Expenditures



Key Events and Decisions 2015-2016

Executive Office

- *AV Technology agreement*-Press Coverage at Conference: Margot Douaihy, Editorial Director of NewBay Media's AV Technology, EDUwire, and Tech Manager Today, asked to register for the conference as press. The board mentioned at least three issues to consider as a press protocol is established: the potential need for final edit approval, publication releases from presenters, and photography control.
- *Professional Media Group (PMG/UBTech-University Business Magazine's technology conference)* agreement was formalized. UBTech is a conference held annually immediately before and at the same location as InfoComm. The proposal offers CCUMC a program track at UBTech with CCUMC providing programming for up to 9 sessions. The agreement is an open agreement, which means either party, with sufficient notice, can discontinue the agreement. Presentations at UBTech June 6th & 7th, 2016 from CCUMC included:

- 1) Employee Engagement: Is This the Elephant in Your Room? Cody Gregg, Dean of Library and Learning Support Services, South Texas College
- 2) Change Management I: The Business of IT/AV Today Patrick Iglehart, Media Supervisor, Portland Community College
- 3) How to Build an Affordable Active Learning Classroom Lauren Turin, Manager, Media Services Center, Duquesne University; Todd Hughes, Instructional Technology Engineer, Duquesne University
- 4) Case Studies of AV Installation Disasters: Lessons Learned Kathleen Dooley, Director of Media Resources, Midwestern University
- 5) You Scream, I Scream, Clients All Want to Scream "STREAM!" Eddie Diaz, Instructional Technologies Specialist, South Texas College

- A representative from AETM (Association for Audiovisual & Educational Technology Management), an organization in Australia and the Asia/Pacific region, attended the 2015 conference.
- Executive office is looking at different options for the partnerships with AETM and SCHOMS.
- Prisma Lopez-Marin was hired as temporary, part-time staff to fill-in during Kirsten's Phillips maternity leave in September and October, 2015.

Executive Office Management Committee

- The EOMC will consult with the Executive Office and bring the emergency plan to the board for

discussion and/or approval before the summer board meeting. The Emergency plan will identify the primary responsibility for tasks and general backup for the Executive Office.

Finance

- Membership dues, conference and workshop fees, and sponsorship options and fees remained unchanged.
- Return funding of \$9,335.57 from the research award was received on 2-25-2016. (The University of Georgia check #881711 dated 2/18/2016.)
- A new \$200,000 CD was opened with another bank providing an introductory (12 months) APY of .80%. Government Regulations & Public Policy Committee
- The board approved a motion to inactivate the Government Regulations & Public Policy committee as of June 30th, 2016.

Membership

- An ad hoc group, led by Sue Clabaugh, distributed a membership survey to offer guidance on implementing the current strategic plan. The survey was divided into separate surveys for each member type.
- A Technology Support survey was conducted of CCUMC institutional members and a summary of results distributed to the membership. Additional reports from the survey were created and will be distributed to the membership: 1) Public vs. private institutions and 2) Institutional size.
- Life Membership was awarded to Dr. Beverly L. Teach, Indiana University.

Strategic Plan

- A task force to review the Strategic Plan will convene in 2017.

Election Slate for 2016

Pres-Elect: Cody Gregg-South TX College
Secretary: Brenda White-Washburn Univ
Institutional Directors:

Jacob Larsen - Iowa State University
Jon Loney - Whitman College
Matt McQuaig (Q) - Grove City College
Lindley Shedd - University of Alabama
Corporate members:
Rob Hyodo, Winnov
Pete Putnam, Kramer Electronics

Publications Advisory Board

- Lyn McCurdy led an ad-hoc group to review potential products to replace the current Listserv provided by University of Florida. The List Manager Cost summary, which includes the annual membership costs, and the cost of the Merit software and support were presented to the board. The committee reviewing the listserv products includes: Darrell Lutey, Pat Poet, Susan Brower, Mark McCallister, Lyn McCurdy, and the Executive Office staff. A motion was made and approved to move forward with a subscription with Electric Embers for the new CCUMC listserv. At another board meeting, a motion was made

and passed to postpone implementation of Electric Embers (Merit) until further notice, so another product from Higher Logic could be evaluated.

- Website Management Plan - Lyn McCurdy began filling the associate editor positions that would work on the implementation of the Website Management plan. Andrew Horbal, Univ. of Maryland-Copyright associate editor Karen Jones Ethier, Roger Williams Univ.-Transitions associate editor. Open positions: Corporate Member News, Govt. Relations, and Social Media Contact Lyn McCurdy if you know of potential volunteers.
- New page on the CCUMC Website called Copyright Matters was created. There will be links on the page for group discussions.

Corporate Committee

- The Executive Office and corporate board members will work on building membership benefits for corporate members in the local meeting sponsorship.

Conference

- 2016 conference at San Antonio, TX-sponsored by the University of Texas at San Antonio. Currently 27 presentations accepted, with an alternative pool of 4 proposals available.
- The committee will provide the \$50 registration discount to the presenters in the alternative pool for the 2016 conference.
- The board decided to disband the Collection Development & Management Interest Group, leave 5 slots in the conference programming schedule for Interest Groups, and consider a 5th topic to fill that slot.
- Remote Conference Presentations: Program committee has accepted a proposal focusing on event recording and/or streaming as a presentation at the fall conference, but has recommended a panel discussion format instead.
- The program committee has developed a portal and worked with Kirsten to help make better use of the CCUMC website.
- 2017 CCUMC conference will be hosted by the Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana.
- Premium level APP-Guidebook was purchased and implemented for the 2015 conference and funded from the conference income. If conference income is in deficit, the organization's general budget will provide the funding. Sponsorship opportunities will not be utilized this year through the APP, but will be explored for future years.

Technical Liaison

- Equipment support documentation for room equipment will be provided for future conferences.
- Tech Liaison title was changed to Conference Technical Coordinator.

Annual Conference

For the first time in CCUMC history, four universities shared the planning and hosting responsibilities of the annual conference. Duquesne University, University of Pittsburgh, Grove City and Westminster Colleges introduced the CCUMC membership to the city of Pittsburgh from October 14-18, 2015. The Pittsburgh Marriott City Center provided a unique locale for the annual gathering. Thanks to the work of Matt "Q" McQuaig, (formerly from Grove City College) and Aaron Graham (Pitt), a conference app was unveiled for the first time which made following the conference activities easy, timely, and effortless (well maybe not effortless for Q).

The Wednesday pre-sessions included workshops on the Fundamentals of RF Theory by Pete Putman from ROAM Consulting LLC, Planning for Effective Projection by Steve Cook from Draper, and Do Your Homework! How Much Did That Last AV System REALLY Cost You? by Mario Maltese from the Association for Quality in Audio Visual Technology. The evening concluded with a networking reception for members to start new and rekindle old friendships.

Day 1 kicked off in full swing Thursday morning with Jack Bogut, a longtime Pittsburgh radio personality. All could relate to his theory that when things go awry you need to remember the FIDO principal "Forget It and Drive On." Leaving the keynote address with smiles, the membership proceeded to breakout sessions that were, for the first time, classified into special interest tracks: Management/Leadership, Services, and Classroom Technologies. The tracks were designed to provide a better focus for the attendees. Some of the session topics included Building an Effective Work Study Team from our Westminster hosts (Leadership), Faculty Training Strategies for Technology and Active Learning Classrooms (Services), and Switching Video Content Management Systems (Classroom Technologies) in addition to the traditional Interest Group breakout sessions. The Sponsor Showcase was well attended as usual and the Isaly's Klondike ice cream bars provided an added taste of the 'Burgh while perusing the vendors and their products. The Awards Dinner was beautifully staged with special lighting

2015 Conference Summary

Date: October 14-18, 2015
Site: Pittsburgh Marriott City Center - Pittsburgh, PA

Hosts: University of Pittsburgh, Duquesne University, Grove City, and Westminster College

Attendance: 267
Members: 233
Non-Members: 34
Spouse/Partner: 7

Registration Fees:
Members: \$590.00
Late Fee: \$640.00
Non-Members: \$690.00
Late Fee: \$740.00
Spouse/Partner: \$340.00

provided by Grove City College. The dinner was mostly southern tex-mex fare as a nod to our 2016 hosts in the University of South Texas at San Antonio. The Awards ceremony was a light hearted event even if it was plagued with audio visual technical difficulties (can you believe it!)

Jan Scheuemann, the Friday morning keynote speaker, impressed all with her touching presentation, "The Lighter Side of Being a Lab Rat." A standing ovation rewarded the humor and candor of her story. Her amazing tale of working with Hector the Robotic Arm at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center delivered an emotionally charged beginning to the second full day of the conference. The morning sessions covered a variety of interesting topics and lunch provided an opportunity for a FlexSpace presentation, followed by the Annual Business Meeting. An afternoon breakout session was provided by two CCUMC equivalent organizations: Association for Audiovisual and Educational Technology Management (AETM) from Australia and Standing Conference for Head of Media Services (SCHOMS) from the UK. These new international members added more flavor to the conference with their respective AV experience and interesting perspectives from their home countries. Several dinner outings were arranged by the university hosts and the evening concluded with memories from the Gateway Clipper Ship dinner cruise, the Carnegie Science Center "Back to the Future" experience and the Andy Warhol Museum visit.

Saturday was chock-full of activity beginning with breakout sessions and interest group meetings at the Marriott. After a late morning walk to Duquesne, members were greeted by the University Provost, Dr. Timothy Austin, who talked about embracing technology for the sake of learning before heading out for the campus tour

and visiting various locations including the FlexTech active learning classrooms. A box lunch was served under roof as a cold wind and hail dampened our otherwise sunny fall day. After the short bus trip to the University of Pittsburgh, CCUMC-ers were greeted at the newly renovated David Lawrence lecture hall. A major highlight of the Pitt visit was the exploration of the Nationality Rooms housed in the Cathedral of Learning. The remarkable architecture of the building and the designs of the rooms – the carved ceiling in the Russian room, the opulence of the Austrian room, the hidden technology in the Turkish room, etc. – showcased a true treasure of Pittsburgh and left a lasting impression on those in attendance.

A visit to PNC Park, the home of the Pittsburgh Pirates, capped off the day. The view of the city, the baseball concession food for dinner, the talk of Mike Zidik, the manager of Gamer Presentations, the visit by the Pirate Parrot, and the tour of the ballpark was enough to keep everyone's spirits lifted and their thoughts away from realizing how long the day had been.

Sunday breakout sessions covered interesting topics including acoustic principals, lessons learned from AV disasters, and streamlining equipment management operations. Though attendance dwindled as folks filtered through the conference area saying their good-byes before heading out of town and fighting Steeler game day traffic, the conference wrap-up session was well attended and provided great feedback.

Speaking for all four universities who collaborated in hosting the conference, it was a pleasure to showcase Pittsburgh to the CCUMC membership. We had talked for several years of holding the conference in the 'Burgh and seeing it come to fruition was a rewarding experience. Much thanks goes to the wonderful Executive Office for their guidance along with Pat Poet, the acting president (we'd all vote for her in this fall's election!) and Aaron Graham's unique neighborhood guides, to Grove City and Westminster for providing student assistants, additional equipment, and lighting (which bathed the main ballroom in soft colors), and to Todd Hughes from Duquesne for overseeing the technical setup of the entire conference. Again, it was our privilege and pleasure to serve as hosts for the 2015 CCUMC annual conference and we look forward to gathering together in San Antonio in 2016.

Gabrielle Dean and Lauren Turin,
Conference Co-Hosts

Future CCUMC Conference Schedule

**2016 - San Antonio, TX
November 2-6, 2016
University of Texas,
San Antonio**

**2017 - Notre Dame, IN
October 4-8, 2017
University of Notre Dame**