Mass Networks Education Partnership

Mass Networks is a non-profit organization whose mission is to improve educational leadership, curriculum, and the technology that supports improved outcomes for all learners. In 1996 Mass Networks coordinated the massive effort to wire Massachusetts schools for network and internet access, mobilizing over 19,000 volunteers and attracting over $35 million in donations to make Massachusetts' NetDay a huge success. Mass Networks responded to requests for continued assistance by expanding organizational focus from networks to include strategic planning, professional development, and curriculum.

We now work throughout New England with educational institutions at all levels, from K-12 to higher education. We complement rather than compete with existing professional development and local technology planning efforts. Without losing our independence, we align and integrate ourselves with national and state efforts to make education reform a success.

We are an independent, nonprofit organization funded by federal and state grants and contracts, corporate donations, district contracts, and event fees. Over the years our supporters have included top business and union leaders as well as educators and government officials. Senator Edward M. Kennedy and Governor William F. Weld were our founding Honorary Co-chairs.

We focus on both policy and implementation, playing a catalytic role in mobilizing people and resources for sustainable and scalable impact. Our programs aim to empower people to deal with immediate problems while opening the path to more visionary changes.

Mass Networks staff assigned to the UMB IT Master Plan Project

Steven Miller, co-founder of Mass Networks, organized the Mass NetDay campaigns that involved over 20,000 volunteers working with over ¼ of the state's school districts. He was on the planning groups that created Mass Ed On Line, MassEd.Net, Mass Community Network, as well as on the Virtual Education Space Design Team.

A former teacher and community organizer, Steve was also in charge of the first Lotus 1-2-3 Reference Manual and Editor-in-Chief of LOTUS Magazine. He has been a TV and radio commentator, and on the national boards of Computer Professionals for Social Responsibility (CPSR) and the Consortium for School Networking (CoSN). His articles have appeared in numerous national magazines and his book, Civilizing Cyberspace: Policy, Power, and the Information Superhighway, was published in 1996 by Addison Wesley.

Steve has been honored with awards from MassCUE, the Mass Software Council, the Mass Telecommunications Council, the Governor's Office, and the Mass Taxpayers Association. Steve Miller was an invited presenter at the 1999 National Education Summit.

Dominic Manzo, M.A., comes to Mass Networks after teaching and working in a technology department at the high school level. He has written technology master plans and worked on wide scale curriculum development and has direct experience aligning educational outcomes with innovative instructional technology.

Chris Seiberling, Project Manager, has an MBA from Northeastern University and an MFA from the University of New Mexico. With a variety of experiences in teaching (from the Peace Corps to the UK), information technology and financial management (Harvard Medical School), and international networks and reporting systems for public health (Pathfinder Int'l.), Chris brings a flexible but structured approach to analyzing technology implementation and organization change.