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Topic

Attendance on Behalf of KHSAA

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**Meeting_Session
Attended**

Let's Connect 2024

Ms. Elder, Ms. Howard and myself had the privilege to attend this year's Let's Connect Conference in Rosemont (Chicago), Illinois. I have attended this conference for 12+ years now. It was Kara's first time attending and Jenny's second. This meeting brings State Association Personnel from across the nation (think mini Summer Meeting). It is one of only three opportunities that we have each year to meet with our peers from other state associations in person. There are four breakouts: Information Technology, Student Services, Marketing, and Media. Kara and I met with the IT group, while Jenny attended the Media breakout.

IT Meeting Highlights:

- 1) More states are moving all of their IT infrastructure to the cloud (from their servers to phone systems). Michigan was the latest example.
- 2) Indiana deomed their newly developed Diving Management Software (we use DiveMeets - a program that essentially does the same thing)
- 3) Michigan demoed their classification/alignment software (much different than Kentucky as every sport is broken up into 8 "divisions" or classes
- 4) Report and updates on external partners (i.e. Arbiter, Dragonfly, Hy-tek, Milesplit, and many others. developed (we use DiveMeets - a program that essentially does the same thing). Kara's experience with Arbiter and Arbiter Pay (especially our recent move of licensing and eligibility to Arbiter) proved very beneficial to the discussions as several states are moving to ArbiterPay
- 5) Online Transfers are always a big topic. Illiniose uses rSchoolToday (which is now a part of Play on), Indiana has their inhouse. Michigan is looking to move to online transfers.
- 6) Stat Crew (live stats software) is always a topic as it is no longer supported
- 7) We always have a section on new tools that we have found over the last year. Highlights of that for me was "Scribe." Scribe is an Artificial Intelligence driven screen capture tool. You can basically start recording and the AI will compile and document your screen capture - perfect for online training.
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General Commentary