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**DIRECTOR'S CORNER**

Has anyone else noted that it is already June of 2011? Five months have already blasted past in this "new" year and we are on the verge of meeting in Burlington Vermont for our 44th Annual Nlets Business Meeting June 28- 30, 2011. I hope you all have made your arrangements for this important event.

I am in the process of preparing my opening remarks for the conference as I write this and am tempted to say some of the same things here that you will hear in Burlington, but I am fighting the urge. Instead, I will tell you about last week.

Last week found me in Whitefish, Montana attending the Western Identification Network (WIN) Board of Directors meeting. Their meeting was held at the Grouse Mountain Lodge – home of the 1998 Nlets Annual Business Meeting – and was well attended. For those of you who are not familiar with WIN, they are a not-for-profit corporation similar to Nlets that provides shared AFIS services for eight states. They are very well run and take an innovative approach to the expensive proposition of automated fingerprint identification systems.



Steve Correll, Executive Director

For the past few years, Nlets has been providing network services to WIN and their customers in support of their important mission. Consequently, WIN invites us to attend their Board meetings to provide information specific to the support that Nlets provides on the WIN network, and to share with them their statistics and usage numbers.

WIN is an associate member of Nlets, and does a great job in providing the western states with a secure and capable AFIS system that shares capabilities, improvements and all costs across eight states, the FBI and California as an interface member. While they have been in operation since 1988, they continue, much like Nlets does, to reinvent themselves and their services while finding ways to bring new and innovative resources to their membership during tough financial times.

While it was cold, wet, snowing and windy in Montana last week, it should be warm and wonderful at the height of a Vermont summer when we next meet in Burlington at the end of June.

Safe travels!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Correll". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

# UPDATES

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING - JUNE 2011

- **The deadline to reserve a hotel room is June 15th, 2011.**
- **The deadline to sign up for the Guest Events has lapsed, but waiting lists are still open.**
- **The keynote speaker will be Glenn Archer, IJIS Executive Director.**
- **The breakout sessions are:**
  1. *New Technology: Participants in this session are presented an opportunity to learn about various new technologies and broad innovative ways in which to deploy them.*
  2. *Security Concerns: In this session Bill Phillips, Nlets Security Specialist will provide a detailed overview of the security measures Nlets has in place, the software, hardware and processes keeping Nlets secure.*
  3. *LPR Practitioners Panel: License Plate Reader (LPR) technology plays an increasingly important role in public safety by enhancing productivity, effectiveness and officer safety. This panel will review in detail, the role Nlets has played in LPR technology—specifically, the Nlets contract with the Department of Homeland Security, Science and Technology Directorate to accelerate the prototyping and deployment of a national LPR pointer system.*
  4. *Moooving Forward: From interstate driver license and corrections image exchange to the standardization and interstate sharing of rap sheets to increased functionality of the Nlets Portal to piloting with foreign nations for the exchange of data, these grant projects allow each state the opportunity to grow and expand. Come learn about new data exchanges within the states, as well as new services offered by Nlets and additional capabilities in the works.*



## NLETS' BOB MORRIS TEACHES OFFICER SAFETY AND EFFICIENCY ON TRAFFIC STOPS

by Al Blencoe, ENP

Nlets Manager of Training and Education, Bob Morris, appeared on a recent program entitled *The Traffic Stop: An Nlets Primer on the Law Enforcement And Public Safety Network (LEAPS.TV)*. The 36 minute program, moderated by Jessica Vaughan, Director of Policy for the Center for Immigration Studies, is available to all Nlets users free of charge. To view the video, please visit:

[http://leaps.tv/pgm.php?program\\_code=201105161500](http://leaps.tv/pgm.php?program_code=201105161500).



The program features a narrative of an actual traffic stop by Oakland County Michigan Sheriff's Deputy Keith Overby that went from a basic stop for not wearing a seat belt, to the arrest of an international arms smuggler and drug runner who was in the US illegally for the third time.

The traffic stop narrative is followed by commentary from Bob Morris emphasizing use of additional Nlets codes to make the stop more efficient and safer for the officer, and highlighting Nlets codes and processes that are useful in the immigration aspects of the case. This program is ideal for departmental training and qualifies for in-service training in most states when administered by a certified POST instructor.

For additional information, contact LEAPS.TV's Sheriff & Police Liaison John Kies, [john@leaps.tv](mailto:john@leaps.tv) or +1.404.372.1908.

Bob Morris, Training & Education Program Director

# HIGHLIGHTS

## CURT WOOD, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT, RECEIVES PROMOTION

Nlets is proud of to announce the promotion of our very own 2nd Vice President, Curt Wood, to serve as the *Undersecretary of Forensic Science and Technology* with the state of Massachusetts.



Curt Wood, Undersecretary of Forensic Science and Technology

In 2008, Governor Deval Patrick appointed Curt Wood as the new Executive Director of the Criminal History Systems Board and Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Criminal Justice Information Systems Board. He had served as the CHSB's Deputy Executive Director for the six previous years.

Since his service in the Air Force, his professional career has included serving as the commanding officer of the Department of Correction Fugitive Apprehension Unit, the commanding officer of the Governor's Warrant Task Force, and the Director of Information Resources. He has also served as the director in the private sector as a consultant for senior businesses, public safety consulting practices, and as a technology consultant for justice information technology entities throughout the nation.

Within these roles, he has served in many leadership capacities, including serving as an Nlets rep since 2004, and as a member of our Board since 2009, when he was also elected as the 2nd Vice President of the Board.

In his new position, Undersecretary Wood is responsible for supervising the development and implementation of an information technology and information sharing strategy that will be Secretariat-wide. He will also be responsible for providing strategic leadership to the state's Crime Lab, the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, the Massachusetts 911 Department, and to Massachusetts' state witness protection program.

## MEET THE NLETS ANALYSTS

by Kayelyn Means, Communications Specialist

When I first began my time at Nlets, I had the opportunity to work with each department and learn about their 'piece' of the Nlets 'puzzle.' As I learned more about the company, I realized that it's really this overwhelming, well-oiled machine. I got caught up in this vision of the company machine and all of its parts, and wondered how many of our representatives, members and partners must view it the same way. That's when it hit me--Nlets isn't just a machine, it's a community full of individuals who contribute so much to keep the company running. I am privileged to know each of these individuals, and not just as Nlets employees, but as people; it's only fair that I share this same opportunity with everyone who doesn't get to work with us within these walls.

For the first employee spotlight, I would like to introduce to you the Nlets Analysts. These men monitor and run the network system, they troubleshoot, and they work around the clock every day of the year to be sure the Nlets network is up and running 100% of the time.

### **Dave King**

Dave has been with Nlets for six and a half years, and runs the system on weekdays. He also assists with software and Web site projects. Even before his time with Nlets, Dave has gained extensive experience with running network operations centers. At home, he has a family of two (one son, one daughter), and enjoys spending time four-wheeling in his jeep and camping.



### ***Dustin Green***

Dustin has been with Nlets for five years, and runs the system late on week nights. He created the stat browser, the iPad Web site, and the program Crossfire and other utilities used internally. Before coming to Nlets, Dustin earned a BS in Networking and Communications Management, with additional CCNA, XML and Web training. He also is bilingual and speaks Spanish fluently.



### ***Garrett Ohlhausen***

Garrett has been with Nlets almost six years, and runs the system on weekends and early weekdays. He also assists with wireless testing, monthly statistics, and will be attending the 2011 Annual Business Meeting as our technical support. Before coming to Nlets, Garrett took several courses on Microsoft systems and trained in Cisco networking equipment. Beyond his work with computer systems, Garrett also plays with an indoor soccer league.

### ***Graham Banker***

Graham has been with Nlets over six years, and runs the system in the early morning on weekdays. He also assists with software and Web site projects, and did extensive work to create the Wiki User Guide. Before coming to Nlets, Graham received his associates degree. He has a ten-month-old at home who "takes up most of [his] time."



### ***Howard Bland***

Howard has been with Nlets for one year, and runs the system overnight and on weekends. He also assists with new laptop installations, Web site account creations, and promotional items. Before coming to Nlets, Howard worked in network operation centers with A+ and HDI Support Center Analyst certification, and extensive training in MCP and Microsoft Office Products. He also worked as a Drug and Alcohol counselor, and continues his public speaking today. He has a family of four (one son, three dachshunds) and plans to travel all over Europe as he has the United States.

### ***Stewart Park***

Stewart has been with Nlets for six months, and runs the system overnight on week days. He also assists with setting up Web site access, as well as wireless testing. Before coming to Nlets, Stewart earned his Bachelor's degree in Political science, and Master's degree in Information Systems Management. He has worked in information system departments for nearly 10 years and is also working to earn his CCENT and CCNA certifications. At home, Stewart has a wife and two dogs, and is an avid mountain biker and motorcycle racer.



## NLETS RECEIVES ICE DIRECTOR'S 'INTERAGENCY AWARD'

On June 13th, 2011, Nlets, alongside the LEISI PMO, was awarded the ICE Director's 'Interagency Award' for efforts on the DHS LEISI information sharing project.

Frank Minice, Nlets Chief Information Technology Officer, and John Morton, Assistant Secretary for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), signed a partnership agreement on June 28th, 2010. This agreement made Department of Homeland Security (DHS) data, via the Nlets network, available to state, local, military, and tribal law enforcement agencies.



Nlets' Frank Minice and John Morton (ICE)

The DHS LEISI information sharing project launched in December of 2010, giving more than 784,000 law enforcement officers across the nation access to the DHS data. To access this data, law enforcement officers are now able to run on-line queries across the Nlets network; DHS investigators have also been given access to the Nlets network with this project.

"We are fortunate this agreement has been forged. It gives law enforcement yet another valuable resource to share critical information," said DuPage County, Ill., Sheriff John Zaruba who is also the current president of the National Sheriffs' Association.

"Sharing this type of information grants law enforcement officers access to key data that may help them detect, disrupt and prevent criminal activity within the United States," Assistant Secretary Morton said at the signing last June.

With DHS criminal justice data available via the Nlets network, law enforcement agencies are now able to more effectively conduct state and local investigations with data such as names, aliases, known locations and prior criminal histories at their fingertips.

"The United States Department of Homeland Security is paving the way into a new era of information sharing. Never before has the Federal Government opened up such broad access to its law enforcement databases. The purpose of Law Enforcement Information Sharing Service (LEISS) is to facilitate the sharing of information from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Pattern Analysis and Collection Core (ICEPIC Core) System databases with Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies," said Minice.



Nlets and LEIS signing on June 28th, 2010

"The day that the interface between Nlets and the LEISS came online, all law enforcement agencies in the United States and Canada immediately had access to this valuable data to assist with investigations, warn officials of past criminal behavior, and validate key biographical and biometric information. There is no doubt in my mind that this work will protect lives and property, and the platform is now set for other federal agencies to share their data through this program," Minice concluded.

Congratulations, Nlets team, on the continued success of this project, and for receiving the ICE Director's 'Interagency Award'!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

## NEW EMPLOYEES

Nlets is proud to welcome four new employees to the Nlets Team:

### **Tony Abate**

*Sr. Systems Architect*

Tony has over 14 years of solid, in-depth IT experience in Software and Web Development and Systems and Network Administration, with hands-on and managerial experience over a variety of platforms, vendors, teams, and budgets. Additionally, he has over 8 years experience leading simple and complex teams from 2 to 100 members, building departments, and working with internal and external resources to bring projects in ahead of schedule and below budget. He has deep experience with government, small business, enterprise corporations, and international clients with exceptional performance and outside-the-box thinking, making each project a valuable asset and increasing service to perfect levels. And, Tony has over 10 years of documentation and training development experience, working with technical and non-technical staff to increase productivity, reduce turnover, and build more stable environments.

### **Kayelyn Means**

*Communications Specialist*

Kayelyn is a graduate from Brigham Young University with a BS in English with an emphasis on Professional Writing and a minor in Public Relations. She has done a number of internships, including some time working for Walt Disney Company and as a teacher. We were impressed with the extensive portfolio of writing samples she brought with her to the interview, but more importantly her eagerness to work for us and her passion for writing. You can meet Kayelyn at the June Annual Business Meeting.

### **Randy DeForest**

*Sr. Systems Engineer*

Randy comes to Nlets with over 20 years of Information Systems professional experience and numerous certifications. Recently, he has served as a development department lead, project lead, and lead technical resource. His leadership and technical experience will be a great asset to the Nlets IT department.

### **Jay Cruse**

*Sr. Project Manager*

Jay has over 10 years project management experience, delivering medium to large global enterprise application development and infrastructure projects at Wells Fargo, DHL, IBM, American Express and Hughes Aircraft. He has extensive management, analytical and technical background in numerous industries delivering comprehensive end to end projects using a variety of methodologies and platforms. His well-rounded experience and calm demeanor will bring a value added package to his new role with Nlets. You can also meet Jay at the June Annual Business Meeting.

## NEW REPS

Nlets is pleased to announce:

- *Jim Gerst* as the new Nlets Representative for the **Federal Bureau of Investigation**.
- *Jennifer Viets* as the new Nlets Representative for **Montana**.
- *James Sherrard* as the new Nlets Representative for **New Jersey**.
- *Jeremy Hansford* as the new Nlets Representative for **Ohio**.
- *Paul Heppner* as the new Nlets Representative for the **Office of Personnel Management**.
- *John Dougherty* as the new Nlets Representative for **Pennsylvania**.

## NEW PARTNERS

Nlets is pleased to announce:

- *Central Station Alarm Association* has been approved for strategic partnership.
- *Federal Signal* has been approved for strategic partnership.
- *GATSO USA* has been approved for strategic partnership.
- *Elliott Investment LLC* has been approved for strategic partnership.
- *Brekford* has been approved for strategic partnership.
- *Transcore* has been approved for strategic partnership.

# CONTACT US

## ASK STEVE

Nlets Executive Director Steve Correll is always available to answer your questions.

Please send your questions to [asksteve@nlets.org](mailto:asksteve@nlets.org).

## FEEDBACK

We welcome your feedback on:

- Questions or comments regarding the current issue;
- Ideas for future newsletter content; or,
- Corrections.

Contact us at [info@nlets.org](mailto:info@nlets.org).

