

Minutes

NELUG Meeting

August 16, 2010
4:00pm – 6:00pm
(technology-only meeting)

Facilitator:	Laura Gillenwater, Chairperson
Host:	Laura Gillenwater, Sun Life Financial
Minutetaker:	Cindy Kalberer, FMR
Attendees	Alexis Keeler, Harrin Zieve, Cindy Kalberer, Shawn Stiles, Tisha Radcliffe, Jeff Potocki, Joe Casali, Lory Woods, and Laura Gillenwater

Agenda Topics

- 5 min. NELUG Business** Laura Gillenwater
- Expected Outcome: Learn about, discuss, and/or make decisions on issues related to NELUG as an organization. Specific NELUG-business topics for this meeting included:
- Laura asked if the group would be interested in seeing a demo of the new Lectora Inspire. Several members said yes.
 - Does Monday, 4-6 EDT still work for everyone? Laura will re-survey the general membership to see if any changes should be made for next year.
 - Request for presenters and future meeting topics.
- 45 min. Integrating Lectora with Moodle** Tisha Radcliffe,
CTDLC
- Expected Outcome: Tisha Radcliffe of CT Distance Learning Consortium (CTDLC) spoke with us about integrating Lectora with Moodle:
- CTDLC is a state agency that provides varied services: LMS hosting, instructional design, web development, eTutoring, support center staffing, K-12 initiatives.
 - CTDLC chose Lectora because they needed a product that they could use to build stand-alone courses and also integrate into an LMS.
 - Tisha showed us several Lectora templates they've used and customized.
 - CTDLC uses Moodle, an open-source LMS that supports social constructivism and interaction. Course material they load into Moodle:
 - Static content - Web or text pages, hyperlinks
 - Interactive content – Assignments, lesson material, quizzes, chat, discussion forums, wikis
 - Tisha demonstrated how easy it is to upload SCORM-compliant zip files into Moodle.
 - Discoveries: Lectora and Moodle play nicely together. It is simple to edit and reload in Moodle. You can create assessments very quickly. This integration is good for mobile content creation.

30 min.

Image Generators – Free and Fun!

Laura Gillenwater

Expected Outcome: Through various sources (including Google), Laura Gillenwater found a ton of valuable, creative, and free “image-generator” tools/software that she shared with the group. None of these tools even require downloading! Afterwards, Shawn also showed another cool one that he had found, that turns your photos into images that look like Polaroid pictures (this tool does require a free download).

To download a quick-reference card listing these sites, look for the **Free Image Generators QRC** link in the **Announcements** area of the NELUG website (www.nelectorausers.com).

10 min.

Lectora Tips and Techniques

All meeting members

Expected Outcome: Meeting members will have the opportunity to ask for help/information from others and/or share tips and techniques they’ve discovered.

The following tips/techniques/questions were shared:

- Tisha asked, “How do you pool questions in Lectora?” Shawn Stiles suggested making a bank and randomize question delivery. E.g., for a course with 10 chapters, and each chapter has 5 knowledge check questions... create a final test chapter at the end of your course with 10 sections that include the knowledge check questions; create a landing page outside of the chapter for the Submit button. Tisha can contact Shawn for more information.
- Tisha asked, “Has anyone had any experience with Lectora Online?” Shawn beta tested it. He did not particularly like the concept of SMEs getting into his courses. Laura added that it is missing some functionality.

5 min.

Meeting Assessment and Ideas for Future Meetings

Laura Gillenwater

Expected Outcome: We'll discuss how this meeting went and what improvements we can make for future meetings

A few suggestions for future meetings:

- 1) High-level uses for Javascript
- 2) Request for more demonstrations/show & tell segments.

Laura wrapped up the meeting and advised:

- She will be sending out a survey to see if our current day/time works for our meetings.
- Let her know if you if you would like to present or have a topic you would like to see presented by someone else at a future meeting.