

## Webinars for SIGs, Affiliates

ISTE affiliate leaders and SIG members can now participate in webinars aimed specifically at them.

The affiliate webinars provide training for organizational leadership. Topics may include governance, professional development, volunteer motivation and management, conference planning, affiliate program benefits, communication tools, and more. For more information, contact Affiliate Program Director Susan Larson, [slarson@iste.org](mailto:slarson@iste.org).

The SIG webinars are organized by the SIGs themselves. The Teacher Educators SIG recently held a webinar called "Technology Integration in Teaching: The TPACK Framework." To watch the archived version of this webinar, visit <http://iste.acrobat.com/p92764644/>.

The Telelearning SIG held a webinar called "What Online Teachers Need to Know and Do." To watch the archived webinar, visit <http://iste.acrobat.com/p95052655/>.

Look for more SIG-sponsored webinars this spring. Watch your SIGs' discussion lists or visit [www.iste.org/sigs/news](http://www.iste.org/sigs/news) for announcements of upcoming events.



## President Gets ISTE Advice

President Obama jump-started his term armed with background on key educational technology issues courtesy of ISTE. The Obama transition team met with ISTE CEO Don Knezek, Board President Trina Davis, and Director of Government Affairs Hilary Goldmann in December.

The ISTE team presented 11 recommendations, including increasing funding for technology, teacher training, and research; developing robust broadband access for learning; and creating assessments and standards related to digital learning. To read the complete list of recommendations, visit [www.iste.org/recommendations](http://www.iste.org/recommendations).

## ISTE Has a New Award

Do you know someone who is committed to increasing awareness of educational technology issues? Or perhaps you are someone who motivates others to get involved? Applications are now being accepted for ISTE's newest award, ISTE Public Policy Advocate of the Year. This award will recognize someone who is a leader and mentor in advocating for educational technology policy at the local, state, regional, national, provincial, and/or international level.

Applications are being accepted through March 15, 2009. The winner will be recognized at NECC 2009 in Washington, D.C., and will receive prizes, including \$1,000 toward travel to this year's conference. For more information, contact [tsieberman@iste.org](mailto:t sieberman@iste.org) or visit [www.iste.org/membership/awards](http://www.iste.org/membership/awards).



## Take the ISTE Poll

Did you know you can find out where you or your school stands in relation to others in the field on educational technology issues? Just participate in our poll on the ISTE Web site, [www.iste.org](http://www.iste.org), to vote on issues and see how others voted. Poll topics change every two weeks and cover questions such as "Which Web 2.0 tools does your school or district block?" and "What do you think of ISTE's fair use statement?"

Once a month, the *L&L* Readers Poll question becomes the featured homepage poll question.

If you want to share an opinion along with your answer, click Poll Results and hit the Comment option. You can start a conversation or read what others have to say.



## Sign Up for NECC Workshops

Starting this month, a visit to the NECC site, [www.iste.org/necc](http://www.iste.org/necc), will allow you to use the searchable database to find more than 700 sessions and paid workshops by topic, date, and other criteria. If you've already registered for the conference, you can add workshops, tours, or other ticketed events to your online conference planner. Register by March 31, 2009, to take advantage of Super Early Bird rates.

