MICHIGAN
MIDWEST OER SUMMIT – JANUARY 2024

OVERVIEW

Whereas Michigan is a GoOpen state on the K-12 level, it lacks institutional/statewide structures such as a statewide academic library consortium, department of higher education, or state university system that could function to coordinate or advocate for open at the higher ed level. There are also few state laws related to higher education pertinent to open education. The Michigan OER action team launched the MI OER Network in 2020 in order to serve as a collective voice for the P-20 community and to encourage the development and use of OER.

- **State Policy/Advocacy**
  - Preliminary conversations to identify contacts and strategies
- **Community Engagement**
  - 47 registrants at 2023 in-person Mini-Conference
  - 537 registrants at 2022 Online Summit
  - 601 registrants at 2021 Online Summit
- **Institutional Capacity**
  - Met with attorney to explore nonprofit status; ultimately entered into Fiscal agent relationship support from MCLS
  - 100+ MiExplOER certificates completed since 2021 (collaboration with MiALA OER IG)

- **Technology, Infrastructure and Communications**
  - Developed a website (mioer.org) and shared Google Drive for file storage including hosting space for partner organizations.
  - Membership of 527 in our Google Group / email list.
  - Discussions with ISKME and GoOpenMichigan related to infrastructure for resource sharing.
  - Partnered with MCCA, re: reporting and technology support/hosting.
- **Strategic Planning**
  - 2018 Capacity survey sent to all Michigan 2 and 4-year colleges
  - Revision to bylaws and mission statement
  - Stakeholder growth and diversified representation

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- MI OER Mini-Conference: Gather, Network, Learn (October 6th, Wayne State University), 47 in-person attendees
- Reviewed the Mission statement in preparation for strategic visioning/planning process

NEXT BIG THINGS

- Statewide Capacity survey and strategic planning
- State policy/advocacy (course marking, OER policy)
- Consortial sharing & funding
- Continued convening of state-wide PD and conference events
- Leveraging newly formed MiLEAP state department

WAYS MHEC CAN HELP

- State policy / advocacy support in the form of facilitation with MHEC Commissioners
- Consortial sharing relationships (repository, publishing, grant competitiveness)
- Fundraising / funding
- Strategic Planning