Name of Society/Organization: CompTIA Educational Foundation

URL:
www.comptiaeducationalfoundation.org

What is the mission of your organization?

Enabling people to change their life for the better through careers in IT, while advancing the global IT industry.

Please describe the membership of your organization: number of members, demographic profile, and common interests.

CompTIA has more than 22,000 members worldwide. Over 2,000,000 IT professionals hold CompTIA vendor-neutral certifications. Members include all segments of the global IT industry, including IT education firms, colleges and high schools. The CompTIA Educational Foundation provides education to under-served populations seeking a new IT career. These populations include veterans, minorities, women, at-risk youth, persons with disabilities and dislocated workers.

How does your organization influence computing education?

CompTIA provides a unified voice for the IT industry and IT education industry in the areas of e-commerce standards, vendor-neutral certifications, service metrics, public policy and workforce development. The CompTIA Educational Foundation provides free resources to under-served individuals to be educated for a new IT career. These individuals do not have the resources to enter the IT industry without the Foundation’s assistance.

What do you see as the most significant three challenges facing computing education in order to achieve the goals that your organization wants for computing education?

- Lack of computer literacy amongst under-served populations.
- Lack of a computer to study for an IT education.
- Lack of internet access to study for an IT education.

What are the top three things that should be done to improve computing education?

- Provide the above resources to under-served populations.
If all the groups coming to this meeting got behind a common goal or strategy, what would you suggest that it would be?

What concrete outcome would you hope this meeting to achieve?

To take a position of supporting federal legislation to provide more funding for IT education for under-served populations.

What would you want representatives from your organization to learn from the summit?

What other organizations are doing to help under-served populations achieve IT careers and how the CompTIA Educational Foundation can partner with these organizations in providing more IT education to these populations.

What would help your organization the most at this workshop?

Meeting potential program partners and volunteers.

We will be able to invite at most two representatives from each participating society/organization. Could you please provide names and short bios of two representatives from your organization?

Dennis Zimmerman is the CompTIA Educational Foundation’s Executive Director. He has over 30 year’s corporate and non-profit experience with CompTIA, United Way and Easter Seals.

Amy Alexander is the CompTIA Educational Foundation’s Program Manager. She has over 10 year’s non-profit experience. She manages the Foundation’s program services to thousands of under-served individuals.

Sample bios of meeting PIs:

**Dr. Mark Guzdial** is a Professor at Georgia Tech’s School of Interactive Computing and is Vice-Chair of the ACM Education Board. He is a member of the leadership team for NCWIT and of the advisory board for the Anita Borg Institute.

**Dr. Jane Prey** is a Senior Research Program Manager in the External Research group at Microsoft Research and is a member of the ACM Education Board. She spent 11 years as a faculty member in the Department of Computer Science at the University of Virginia. She served a two year rotation as a program officer in the National Science Foundation’s CCLI program.
**Dr. Heikki Topi** is an Associate Dean at Bentley College and is a member of the ACM Education Board. He was one of the leaders in developing the ACM/AIS Information Systems undergraduate curriculum. He is a Senior Editor for *Information Systems Management*.