

From the Director

Ryan Kocsondy, CEN Director

Member Colleagues,

We are living through extraordinary times as the COVID-19 crisis impacts us personally, professionally, and organizationally. CEN has adapted to ensure continued stability and high quality service delivery. We're ready to help with your challenges and needs.



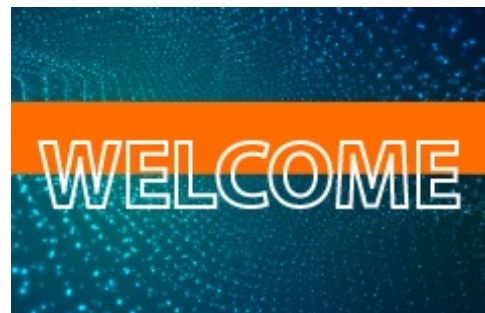
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Goal 1: Provide Value

CEN Welcomes New Members

The CEN community continues to grow as we welcome our newest members:

- Stonington Free Library
- Acton Public Library, Old Saybrook
- East Hampton Public Library
- Town of Winchester
- Stonington Police Department
- Mystic & Noank Library



[Learn More About CEN Member Benefits](#)

E-Rate Form 471 Deadline Extension

USAC has extended the E-Rate application filing window for Funding Year 2020 due to potential COVID-19 disruptions, as directed by the Wireline Competition Bureau. The deadline for E-Rate



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Connecting Members Beyond Connecticut

CEN recently completed direct connect circuits for our members, Jackson Laboratory and Blum Shapiro, to their affiliate sites in California, Maine, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island, providing them a better service at a lower price. CEN's peering relationship with Internet2 and other Research and Education Networks (RENs) across the country provide the infrastructure to provide this service. Let us know if you have a similar need!

CEN Joins DE-CIX Internet Exchange

CEN has joined the fast growing DE-CIX Exchange. Founded in 1995, DE-CIX's is the world's leading interconnection platform, managing more than 9 terabits per second peak traffic. This partnership will allow CEN to provide our members faster access to more of the resources they need.

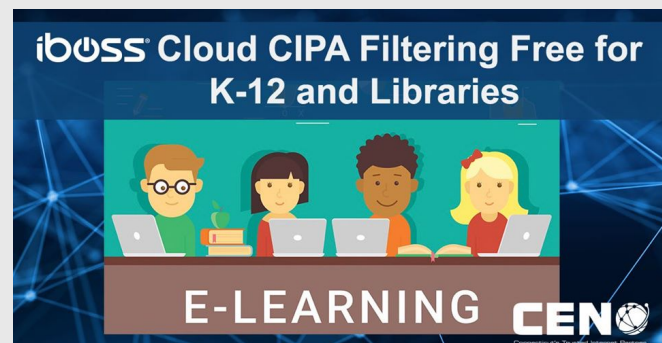


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Goal 2: Ignite Innovation

iboss Cloud CIPA Compliant Filtering Free for K-12 and Libraries

CEN is excited to announce the recent addition of iboss cloud CIPA compliant content filtering at no cost for K-12 and libraries and at volume pricing for other members.



"Wilton worked with CEN, iboss, and Novus Insight to quickly setup and deploy CEN's iboss cloud filtering for distance learning on Chromebooks. The solution was simple to setup, easy to manage, and does not have the bandwidth restrictions associated with a district based filter. We really appreciate CEN's ability to quickly help us design, deploy and manage our remote users." - Erik Haakonsen, Wilton Public Schools

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Goal 3: Foster Collaboration

CEN Member Conference Postponed

October 6-7, 2020,
Hartford, CT



In consultation with CEN's Engagement and Development Advisory Council (EDAC) and considering the circumstances related to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, we've decided to postpone the 8th CEN Member Conference to **October 6-7, 2020**.

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Goal 4: Promote Advocacy

CEN Statement on COVID-19

CEN is closely monitoring the COVID-19 Coronavirus and has worked to ensure business continuity in the event access to our main office and/or POP sites becomes restricted. We have contingency plans in place to maintain operations and provide the level of support expected by the CEN community, without risking employees' safety.

Please visit our website for further information concerning CEN's current readiness.

[Visit Our Website](#)

Goal 5: Enhance Core Resources

Welcome New CEN Employee

Molly Zipkin, Program Assistant

Molly joined the CEN team in January, 2020. In her role as Program Assistant, her responsibilities include purchasing, billing, member conference logistics, and supporting staff administratively. Molly has ten years of experience working in nonprofit STEM organizations, state parks, and national parks in customer service, education, and administrative support roles. She graduated from the University of Connecticut in



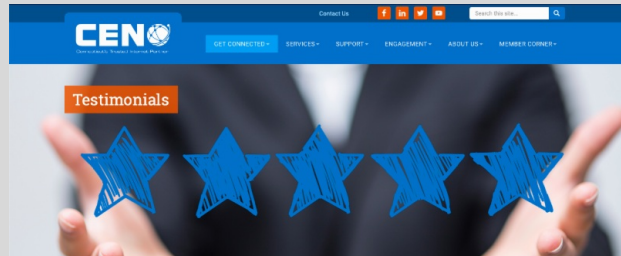
2012 with a Bachelor of Science degree. She enjoys traveling, motorcycle riding, reading, and spending time with friends, family, and her cat!

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