

STATE OF THE NET



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01 Welcome and Introduction

Tim Lordan (Executive Director, Internet Education Foundation)

- Welcomed attendees to the **21st annual** State of the Net Conference.
- Reflected on how **internet policy debates** remain similar to those from 21 years ago.
- Acknowledged the **hardiness of the internet policy community**, mentioning past conferences held despite inclement weather.
- Encouraged attendees to **use the live stream** if they needed to leave early.
- Mentioned that **Shane Tews (Chair, American Enterprise Institute)** was unable to give the introduction due to a last-minute trip to Europe.
- Emphasized that **State of the Net is policy-agnostic**, focusing on discussion rather than advocacy.
- Thanked **sponsors** (including major tech companies like Comcast, TikTok, Meta, Amazon, and Verizon).
- Expressed special gratitude to **Glen Echo Group** and its leader **Maura Corbett** for their **strategic and media support**.
- Appreciated **volunteers** working at the event and asked attendees to direct any **complaints to him instead of the volunteers**.
- Acknowledged the **board of directors**, who would be introducing speakers throughout the day.