

To Participate in the Fall Conference Planning Meetings, try **Skype!**

To those of you who are unable to physically be at the planning meetings, one easy solution is to use Skype. Skype is a free, online phone service. The only things that you need to participate for free is some sort of high speed internet access (DSL, Cable or similar) and a relatively inexpensive phone headset that works with Skype (available at any store like Radio Shack that sells these sorts of things). Even without a headset, any computer with speakers and a microphone will work (and virtually all laptops have these). Skype is completely free to use on your computer.

You can also use Skype from regular telephones for a relatively small cost (about 2 cents per minute). The Skype web site has all the information. To set up a free account, go to:

www.skype.com/allfeatures/skypetoskypecall

Click on the "Download" link on the page and you'll be taken to a download window. Find the appropriate download for your type of computer, and click on it. Run the Skype installer to set it up on your computer. When it loads, you'll be asked for your email and contact info. You'll need to create a Skype name. Send this to me (Michael Wilkinson - lookfar99@gmail.com) via Email before the meeting before the meeting so I can add you to my system. This will make it easier to add you to the "conference".

Once you are setup on Skype, just call me using my Skype name, **lookfar99**, just before the meeting is scheduled to start and you'll be part of the "conference".

Feel free to email me with any questions or concerns, but I think it's pretty easy.

Thanks!

Michael