

ILLINOIS CENTURY NETWORK

**June 18, 2007 POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Submitted for:** Action

**Summary:** Distribution of the June 18, 2007 minutes for review by the Policy Committee.

**Action Requested:** Adoption of the June 18, 2007 minutes.

**Recommended Motion:** *The ICN Policy Committee adopts the June 18, 2007 minutes with any edits as noted.*

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Lori Sorenson called the meeting to order.

*Members present:*

Jay Carlson, Charter Communication;  
Dickson, Western Illinois University;  
Norton, IL State Board of Education;  
Todd Hart, Illinois Hospital Association;  
Todd Jorns, IL Community College Board;  
Carolyn Brown Hodge, Office of the  
Lt. Governor;

Kathleen Bloomberg, Illinois State Library;; Mike  
Lynn Murphy, Board of Higher Education; Scott  
Chet Olson, City of Rochelle;  
Bonnie Styles, Illinois State Museum;  
Doug Kasamis, Central Management  
Services;

*Springfield staff and guests:*

Kirk Mulvany, Central Management Services;  
Daniel, Central Management Services;  
Tom Oseland, Central Management Services;

Lori Sorenson, Central Management Services; Cindy  
Stacey Pedrucci, Central Management Services;  
Cindi Hitchcock, Central Management Services.

*Chicago staff and guests:*

Rafael Diaz, Central Management Services;

Robin Woodsome, Central Management  
Services

**Announcements and Remarks**

Jay welcomed everyone and made a brief comment on the Policy Committee's responsibility to ensure diverse membership on the Advanced Engineering Taskforce as well as consistent participation. In his opinion, the Advanced Engineering Taskforce plays a critical role in shaping the architecture of the ICN.

Lori announced that the final Next Century Network report had been sent to the printer. The report will be sent to members of the General Assembly, Governor's Office, Policy Committee, Advanced Engineer Taskforce, Planning Leadership Committee and constituents via email. It will also be posted as a PDF file on the website.

Lori also shared that planning is underway for the annual regional meetings in the fall. They have been well attended in past years and offer good feed back from constituents.

Lori announced that today's meeting is the last for Lynn Murphy who is retiring at the end of the month. Lynn has been involved in the ICN since its inception in both a staff capacity and later as a Policy Committee member. Members of the Committee thanked Lynn for her service and extended their well wishes for a wonderful retirement. Lori shared a few other staff changes – Beth O'Mahoney has left state government and transitioned to the private sector. Stacey Pedrucci has filled Cindy Daniele's position as Lori's administrative assistant.

## **Minutes**

Jay introduced the first item on the agenda, the approval of the minutes from the February 20, 2007 meeting. Jay asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion: Jay moved; Chet Olson seconded that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.

## **E-Rate**

Tom Oseland provided an E-Rate update. As of June 18<sup>th</sup> approximately \$14,000 had been received for library connections in Funding Year Eight (2005-2006). The full application totals approximately \$44,000. The Funding Year Eight school application has been approved at approximately \$2.6 million. Staffs are in the process of filing forms to claim the reimbursement. The final amount will be a little less based on actual spend and adjustments to the list of participating schools.

Funding Year Nine (2006-2007) applications have been approved at a little over \$1.3 million. Staffs are beginning the process of filing forms to claim the reimbursement.

Funding Year Ten (2007-2008) applications are under review.

The KPMG audit on the Funding Year Six (2003-2004) has ended and staff are waiting for the final report.

Jay stated that he would like to see at the next meeting fiscal report that includes the appropriate, E-rate funding, and select key performance indicators to show the continued investment and competitiveness of the ICN. .

## **Advanced Engineering Taskforce Membership**

Lori provided a membership attendance record and directed members to page 15 of the agenda packet.

After discussing how to proceed with the voting, Jay motioned to renew the following AET members for 3 more years:

- Dennis Gallo, O'Fallon CCSD 90
- Community College President's Technology Council (new name will be given)
- Mike Dickson, Western Illinois University
- Sam Ferguson, Village of Schaumburg
- Ken Spelke, UIUC
- Andrew Bullen, Illinois State Library

Motion: Jay moved; Scott Norton seconded. Mike Dickson abstained, motion carried.

The names below were brought forth by Policy Committee and AET members to fill vacant positions and to replace members who have resigned. Scott Norton motioned to fill the following spots under K-12:

- Mark A. Drone, Bond-Fayette-Effingham ROE (New Member)
- Jim Peterson, Bloomington Schools, District 87 (New Member)

Motion: Scott Norton moved; Bonnie Styles seconded. Motion carried.

Mike Dickson motioned to fill the following positions under Units of Local Government:

- Jason DeHaan, City of Chicago (New Member)

Motion: Mike Dickson moved, Lynn Murphy seconded, motion carried.

Carolyn Brown Hodge motioned to fill the following positions under State Agencies:

- Mark Kinkade, IL Department of Transportation (New Member)
- Steven Bois, IL Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (New Member)
- IL Toll Authority – Doug Kasamis recommended Ted Young CIO

Motion: Carolyn Brown Hodge moved, Todd Hart second, motion carried.

### **Backbone Update**

Kirk Mulvany presented an update on the backbone network. Internet egress bandwidth has been increased from 3.8 to 6.2 gigabytes. As a result of the increasing need for egress bandwidth, staff has been working on an RFP to solicit new vendors and prices.

Staff also issued an RFP for backbone circuit upgrades and is in the process of evaluating vendor proposals. As a result of the RFP, OC3 circuits will be upgraded to OC12 circuits, and the OC12 circuits between Bloomington to Peoria and Blooming to Champaign will be upgraded to OC48 circuits.

Kirk reported that in response to the Next Century Network report, network staffs are revisiting the costs and a strategy for lighting dark fiber.

### **Round Table**

Jay initiated a round table discussion to solicit input from Committee members on future strategies for the Committee and the ICN.

Lynn Murphy went first saying that expanding the membership of the AET will be critical to ensure diverse constituent input on ideas and strategies.

Todd Hart who is representing Brian Foster expressed the need for additional bandwidth to support the electronic health records initiative within the health care community.

Bonnie Styles reported that she believes museums are undersubscribed to the network and that the state museum will be promoting ICN connectivity at their October annual meeting. Other trends include a big push for digitization of museum collections. She mentioned that there is also interest in moving the distribution of federal money to the state level which will require improved coordination among the museums. Bonnie would also like to see an increase in collaboration and sharing of resources between museums and the K-12 schools.

Todd Jorns reported increasing interest in regional or centralized hosting of applications especially course management applications. Todd also sees an increase in the digitization of data and the exchange of data among the education community.

Kathleen Bloomberg expressed concerns with libraries being undersubscribed and a desire to understand why they are not connected. She shared that the state now has a virtual reference desk that provides patrons with 24/7 access to a Librarian.

Carolyn Hodge Brown shared several initiatives coming from the Lt Governor's Office. These initiatives include legislation that would require a study on wireless connectivity on trains, the Vince Demuzio Wireless Broadband Project, the Rural Telecommunications Congress which will be hosted in Springfield, Illinois in October, and pending legislation to codify the Rural Broadband Deployment Council.

Scott Norton reported his pleasure with the continued K-12 participation in the AET, especially the addition of Mark Drone. The State Board of Education is seeing an increasing amount of data collected electronically and shared between K-12 and higher education. He anticipates that trend to continue. Scott is actively participating in national efforts to define the School Interoperability Framework to exchange data between different applications. Scott reported that all Illinois school districts are participation in the State Board of Educations Student Information System. At the agency level, the State Board is focusing on disaster recovery and real time data recovery.

Mike Dickson emphasized the need to carry out the recommendations of the Next Century Network. Mike stated that the telecommunications providers are not keeping up with the demand indiscriminately throughout the state.

Chet Olson stated that he's sees a great deal of effort throughout the state to build local and regional networks. The ICN is the statewide backbone that will interconnect the various local and regional networks.

Jay summarized the discussion to a need to share resources and more bandwidth. He stated the focus should be on promoting the next generation network and working collaboratively to engineer and architect the future network. Jay closed by asking Committee members to begin thinking about a mission statement that can be formulated at the next meeting.

## **Closing**

Jay thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Lynn Murphy moved, Carolyn Brown Hodge seconded, motion carried.