

LICKING AREA COMPUTER ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the meeting of the Licking Area Computer Association Governing Board held January 16, 1997, convening at 8:00 a.m.

The following members answered present to the roll call: Valerie Bailey, Linda Booth, Jim Knapp representing Raj Chopra, Bob Heigle, Terry Kopchak, Bill Mann, Tom Slater, Gary Smetzer, Rick Evans and Sandra Mercer. Ginny Ramsey, Shirley Dupps, and Tim Barrett were also present for the meeting. John Millisor, Richard Murray, Gary Reed, and Dale McVey were not able to attend.

Valerie Bailey, the superintendent of Heath City School District, was welcomed to the LACA Governing Board.

- 97-030 It was moved by Bob Heigle and seconded by Terry Kopchak to approve the minutes of the December 12, 1996, meeting. Vote: Heigle, aye, Kopchak, aye; Bailey, aye; Booth, aye; Knapp, aye; Mann, aye; Slater, aye; Smetzer, aye; Evans, aye.

- 97-031 Financial reports for the month of November were distributed to each Governing Board member. The financial status of LACA was reported by Shirley Dupps, the fiscal agent Treasurer, as of November 30, 1996, with a cash balance of \$303,024.54. After further discussion, it was moved by Tom Slater and seconded by Gary Smetzer to approve the financial reports as presented. Vote: Slater, aye; Smetzer, aye; Bailey, aye; Booth, aye; Knapp, aye; Heigle, aye; Kopchak, aye; Mann, aye; Evans, aye.

- 97-032 Sandra Mercer presented the report of the sub-committee created at the December Governing Board meeting and included the distribution of the notes taken at the sub-committee's January 9, 1997, meeting. The committee's proposal included the creation of a LACA Technology Advisory Committee whose purpose would be to promote collaborative on-going technology leadership and communication among districts. Four initial goals were presented and included: Promote more uniform technology standards by making available a database of information, Develop appropriate channels of communication, On-going evaluation of current and awareness of future technology resources, Promote a more computer literate educational society. Current projects that would fall under the leadership of the committee included current development of INFOhio, network seminars planned through a joint effort of regional DASites, Building Liaisons, Internet Advisory Committee's role, LACANet, MOCIN, the SchoolNet Regional Communities of Practice and the development of future technology services. All fiscal and non-fiscal items relating to the existing Advisory Committees would not fall under the new committee's role. After discussion, Gary Smetzer moved to create a LACA Technology Advisory Committee and approve the proposed purpose and goals. Bob Heigle seconded the motion. Vote: Smetzer, aye; Heigle, aye; Bailey, aye; Booth, aye; Knapp, aye; Kopchak, aye; Mann, aye; Slater, aye; Evans, aye. Sandra Mercer stated that the committee plans to present a detailed report to the Governing Board at the regular March meeting and will involve a time commitment by all committee members. Current members of the committee have been identified, but Sandra Mercer requested to keep procedures in line as established by the constitution that each Governing Board member send a letter stating who their district representative to the committee would be. Constitution changes needed for establishment of the committee will be presented at the next Governing Board meeting.

Updates included the notification that LACA would be distributing the Data Communication Subsidy for Public schools in January, LACA is currently working with Licking Valley on wide area network proposals, interviews for the Fiscal Coordinator are currently being held, and a concern on lack of applicants and qualifications for the network coordinator position currently received. Sandra Mercer stated that LACA would begin concentrating on upcoming college graduates and possibly not fill the position until later spring. Each Governing Board member received a copy of INFOhio materials for districts interested in receiving the services. There was no Fiscal or Non-Fiscal update.

There was no unfinished business.

New business included the notice that the next LACA Governing Board meeting would be held March 13, 1997, at 9:00 a.m.

97-033 It was moved by Tom Slater and seconded by Terry Kopchak to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Reported by,

Sandra Mercer  
LACA Director

A presentation by Dave McDonald from Digital Data Solutions on Wiring Closet Design followed. Those in attendance included: Tom Slater, Rick Evans, Terry Kopchak, Brian Edwards (NE), Paul Bentivegna (JVS), Arnold Johnson (LA), Debbie Palm (LA), Jim Desmond (JO), Bill Weisner (JO), Bob Heigle, Jim Knapp (GR), Chad Carson (LACA), Patrick Boltres (LACA), Sandra Mercer, Andy Rose (DDS).