

Licking Area Computer Association

Minutes of the LACA Governing Board meeting held January 11, 2001 convening at 8:00 a.m. at the LACA offices.

The following members answered present to the roll call: Kathy Lowery, Jay Gault, Dan Montgomery, Hank Gavarkavich, Tom Slater, Don Sullivan, Don Green, Nelson McCray, and Sandra Mercer. Brian Wilson represented Randy Stortz and Kevin Snyder represented Dick Murray. Rick Jones (representing Mark North) and Lou Staffilino arrived at 8:45, Bill Mann arrived at 8:45 and Charles Montgomery arrived at 8:50. Shirley Dupps, Tim Barrett and Rod Griffin were also present for the meeting.

01-028 It was moved by Dan Montgomery and seconded by Hank Gavarkavich to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2000 minutes. A vote of approval was taken.

01-029 It was moved by Dan Montgomery and seconded by Tom Slater to amend the LACA Constitution to change the definition of a quorum to two or more members, after much discussion this motion was withdrawn. It was agreed to propose a change to the LACA Constitution to define a quorum as representation by six or more members of the Governing Board. Notification of this proposal will be sent to the Governing Board members and acted upon at the next regularly scheduled Governing Board meeting.

01-030 It was moved by Dan Montgomery and seconded by Don Green to approve the following policy addressing LACA's role in the event of a work stoppage by classified personnel. A vote of approval was taken.

LACA will continue the same quality and level of service and support as described in the contract with the district in the event of a work stoppage by classified employees of a LACA-supported district.

01-031 It was moved by Kathy Lowrey and seconded by Hank Gavarkavich to approve inclusion of Licking Valley representatives in all correspondence and meetings of the Governing Board and the advisory committees. A roll-call vote resulted in a five-five tie, the motion failed.

A financial report for the month of November was distributed to each member. Shirley Dupps presented the financial status of LACA.

01-032 It was moved by Dan Montgomery and seconded by Jay Gault to accept the financial report for November 2000. A vote of approval was taken.

Sandy Mercer updated the board on ONEnet activities. Particularly, the equipment funding issue regarding ATM switches for buildings that may contain more than one school (IRN). There is currently no definitive answer on this situation and Sandy will keep the board apprised, as this issue is resolved. A detailed cost proposal, including districts flowing the ONEnet hardware (\$6,000) to LACA for use in the "network pool" was presented.

01-033 It was moved by Don Green and seconded by Dan Montgomery to accept the LACATech cost proposal recommendation to use the Network Pool for IVDL/ATM integration in support of ONEnet and for E-Rate Year 4 filing for FY01-FY02. A vote of approval was taken.

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01-034 It was moved by Dan Montgomery and seconded by Hank Gavarkavich to employ Jonathan Bowers as the IVDL Professional Development Coordinator for a one-year 260-day contract through June 30, 2001 at a daily rate in accordance with the LACA salary schedule for a responsibility factor of .35 including full benefits as referenced in the LACA policy manual. A vote of approval was taken.

01-035 It was moved by Dan Montgomery and seconded by Tom Slater to accept the LACAtch recommendation to select Ameritech as the IVDL Round 2 and network vendor for E-Rate Year 4. A vote of approval was taken.

Sandy discussed Ace Master Schedule Builder software and noted that a demonstration of this product will be made at the next Non-Fiscal Advisory committee meeting that is scheduled for February 21, 2001. Sandy also distributed and discussed the elementary grade card pilot project.

Sandy updated the group on the IVDL meeting held January 8, 2001 and distributed signed copies of the SchoolNet contracts.

01-036 It was moved by Dan Montgomery and seconded by Tom Slater to approve entering into E-rate Year 4 contracts with Ameritech that are similar in nature to the Year 3 contracts with IBM. A vote of approval was taken.

Sandy presented information regarding the MCOECN's requests for LACA to transfer ownership of the MOLE program code to the MCOECN. There was much discussion regarding this topic. It was agreed that Sandy should proceed cautiously in this area and have a recommendation for action at the next meeting. The board does not believe that LACA should ever have to pay for using a program that was developed by a LACA employee.

Additional project updates included discussion of the MOLE fixes that are required and the related contract between HCCA and Chad Carson. Sandy also presented brief updates regarding TOAD, AAL, Data for Student Learning, NovaNet and LSTA grants.

Sandy updated the group on the items from the MCOECN including the goal to adopt an easy-to-use graphical user interface by September 2003. Additionally the MCOECN is increasing their membership dues by \$10,000 annually per DA Site to create a centralized technical support and software development team. This fee will be pro-rated based on the service availability.

01-037 It was moved by Charles Montgomery and seconded by Tom Slater to approve an additional \$10,000 annual fee to the MCOECN to allow LACA to participate in a centralized technical support and software development team that will be employed by the MCOECN. This commitment is for the fourth quarter of FY01 and for FY02. The total commitment is \$12,500 and includes an increase to the FY01 appropriation by \$2,500 for MCOECN membership fees. A vote of approval was taken.

A brief update regarding LACA's reorganization, particularly the redesign of the organization chart, the redesign of the LACA Web Site and the policy manual was presented.

There was no additional news regarding the VAX repayment.

New business included announcement of the following meeting dates:

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? Personnel committee (Bill Mann, Dan Montgomery, Lou Staffilino, Nelson McCray, Hank Gavarkavich and Don Green) will meet Feb. 21 at noon at the LACA offices.

? The next LACA Governing Board meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2001 at 8:00 a.m. at the LACA offices.

01-038 There being no further business, Dan Montgomery moved, and Don Green seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 am. A vote of approval was taken.

A meeting to discuss virtual schools and NovaNet followed the Governing Board meeting.

Reported by Rod Griffin