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LICKING AREA COMPUTER ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the meeting of the Technology Advisory Committee held September 1, 1999 convening at 8:30 A.M.

The following members answered present to the roll call: Heath represented by Michele Berry, Lakewood represented by Beth Spieth, Licking Heights represented by Bruce Revenaugh, Newark represented by Eileen McNally, Northridge represented by Ray Hetterscheidt and Lisa Smith, Southwest Licking represented by Theresa Kucsma, Tri-Valley represented by Randy McFerren, Johnstown represented by Tony Mangette, North Fork represented by Larry Smith, LCESC represented by Dave Calloway, and Sandra Mercer representing LACA. Tom Larkin from Maysville arrived at 9:15 a.m.

The following representative were unable to attend: Rich Allen and Chuck Dilbone from Granville, Vicki Clark from West Muskingum, Jesse Lyon from Licking County JVS, Nelson McCray representing the Governing Board, and Brett Griffith the fiscal representative.

Barry Haley from Licking Valley, Chad Carson, Joey Alexander, Scott Tate, and Bobbie Warthman from LACA were also present for the meeting. Also in attendance representing SchoolNet were Sandy Paxton and Gloria Closser.

Introductions were made and new members were welcomed. Sandy Mercer announced that Scott Tate's last day with LACA would be Sept. 10, as he is taking a new position with a company located in Columbus, Ohio.

#### Approval of Minutes

00-001 It was moved by Dave Calloway and seconded by Eileen McNally to approve the minutes of the April 7, 1999 meeting. A vote of approval was taken.

#### SchoolNet Update

Sandra Paxton and Gloria Closser distributed handouts outlining the following upcoming events.

SchoolNet Program Updates Audio Conference  
Sept. 16, 1999 10 a.m. to Noon

District Professional Development Trainings  
Sept 15th, 17th - Oct. 7th, 12th, 13th - Nov. 18th

FCC (E-Rate)

IVDL Grants - Additional grant monies available again this year.

Ohio SchoolNet/Gartner Partnership - Passwords to remain the same as last year.

Ohio SchoolNet Plus - New formula used to calculate funding levels.

Online K-12 LessonLabs  
- <http://ohioschoolnet.k12.oh.us/go.asp?dest=profiles>

SN Teacher Resource Project

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TLCF (Raising The Bar) - <http://tlcf.osn.state.oh.us>  
Fall Forum Sept. 13-14.

Technology Plan Revision - Audio Conferences  
Sept 8th, 21st - October 5th, 19th

Telecommunity Grant - Deadline October 29, 1999

State Conference - Last week of March. If interested in  
conducting a session please contact SchoolNet.

## Internet Content Filtering

Content Filtering will be activated October 1, 1999 for ALL buildings. Districts, buildings and/or individual workstations requesting bypass to the filtering will require the Superintendent's authorization as per the LACA Governing Board motion passed at the August 19th meeting. Districts will not be charged for this service. Monies saved as a result of the LACANet termination will be used to purchase the necessary licenses needed to cover all LACA districts. LACA plans to purchase an available licensing package that will alleviate the need for each workstation to be manually configured.

It was determined a recommendation from the committee needed to be taken to the next Governing Board meeting for approval on which Categories would be blocked. A vote was taken on each of the following Categories. A majority vote was required for a category to receive a blocked status.

Abortion Advocacy - Not Blocked (9/1)  
Activist Groups - Not Blocked (10/0)  
Adult Entertainment - Blocked (10/0)  
Alcohol/Tobacco - Blocked (10/0)  
Alternative Journals - Blocked (10/0)  
Cult/New Age - Blocked (9/1)  
Drugs - Blocked (10/0)  
Entertainment - Not Blocked (9/1)  
Gambling - Blocked (10/0)  
Games - Blocked (9/1)  
Gay/Lesbian Lifestyles - Blocked (6/4)  
Hacking - Blocked (10/0)  
Illegal - Blocked (10/0)  
Job Search - Not Blocked (10/0)  
Militancy - Blocked (9/1)  
Personal s/Dating - Blocked (10/0)  
Politics - Not Blocked (10/0)  
Racism/Hate - Blocked (10/0)  
Religion - Not Blocked (10/0)  
Sex 1 - Blocked (10/0)  
Sex 2 - Blocked (10/0)  
Shopping - Not Blocked (7/3)  
Sports - Not blocked (10/0)  
Tasteful - Blocked (10/0)  
Travel - Not Blocked (10/0)  
Vehicles - Not Blocked (10/0)  
Violence - Blocked (10/0)  
Weapons - Blocked (10/0)  
Web Chat - Blocked (10/0)

00-002 It was moved by Eileen McNally and seconded by Beth Spieth to approve the categories to block. Vote: McNally, aye; Spieth, aye; Berry, aye; Mangette, aye; Calloway, aye; Revenaugh, aye; Larkin, aye; Smith, aye;

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Hetterscheidt, abstain; Kucsma, aye; McFerren, aye. LACA will also post a document to the LACATech listserv announcing the filtering and effective date.

#### Web-Mail

Chad Carson demonstrated the new web-mail service available and again discussed expansion of LACA's web server services.

#### Network Update

#### E-Rate

Sandy discussed the status of the 1998 & 1999 E-Rate filing. Plans will be made to hold a 1999 E-Rate filing workshop sometime in the near future. Concerns with DPS invoicing is still being worked out.

#### State Network

Sandy shared the SchoolNet ONENet document and also the MCOECN Technology White Paper. These documents address SchoolNet's and the MCOECN's future plans for the State Network. The LACA Network Priorities for 1999-2000 were also distributed. Discussion followed and included encouragement for more schools to apply for IVDL and telecommunity grants.

#### OSU/COTC Grant

LACA in partnership with the Ohio State University - Newark Branch and the Central Ohio Technical College - have submitted a distance learning grant. This grant will allow for the delivery of distance education and also develop a link with the K-12 community to enhance academic preparation of students. The approval decision will be announced around the end of September.

#### CISCO Training

LACA will coordinate a Virtual LAN workshop with CISCO representatives. Announcements will be sent via email to the LACATECH group once the session is scheduled.

#### INFOHIO UPDATE

#### WEB2

A demonstration of the DRA WEB2 product was given. WEB2 is the graphical OPAC (Online Public Access Catalog) interface available for all buildings who are automated with MultiLIS software through the INFOhio project. Future enhancements of WEB2 will link students to additional public and higher ed libraries.

#### Electronic Resources

INFOhio received additional funding and will be devoting these monies to purchase additional electronic resources for all Ohio Schools. Elementaries will be the target for the added titles. Currently, ProQuest, Encyclopedia Britannica and NetWellness are free electronic resources provided by the state for all Ohio schools.

#### LSTA Grants

LACA had two districts apply for an LSTA grant; Maysville and Tri-Valley. Notifications should be received by the participating

Librarians around Sept. 1st.

#### LACA Library Meeting

The next Librarians meeting is scheduled for Oct. 6, 1999 at 8:30 a.m. at the LACA Offices. If you wish to attend please email Trish Baker - pbaker@laca.org.

#### INFOSource

INFOSource PC tutorial programs are available once again this year. Attendees were asked to promote use to their teachers and staff.

#### GOVERNING BOARD UPDATE

##### LACA Retreat

LACA staff will be attending a retreat from 1:00 p.m. September 16th lasting through the 17th. Arrangements have been made to have someone monitor the phones during this time. MEC, the data acquisition site located in Columbus, has offered to be technical backup for any emergencies that may arise.

##### Continuous Improvement Plans - CIP

The LACA Governing Board voted to take part in a project called DSIS (Desktop Student Information System). This project provides the ability for teachers to collect/report data such as proficiency test scores, attendance, graduation rates, etc. for students on a daily basis. Curriculum delivery is also being looked at.

##### Technical LAN Support Contracts

Two additional districts have signed with LACA for technical LAN support. The Governing Board approved the hiring of an additional technical position at the last meeting.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Other topics that were covered were:

Y2K - LACA has a Y2K link off of our home page which can be accessed to check the status our Y2K readiness. Districts were encouraged to continue their Y2k readiness process and the development of local contingency plans.

CISCO Academy - If any districts are interested in participating, please contact Sandy.

Discounted Software Licenses Available - Excel si or gradebook, McAfee virus protection, Reflection terminal emulation, Express 2000, PC Cloning.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- 00-003 Sandy Mercer opened the nominations for LACATech officers for the 1999-2000 school year. It was moved by Larry Smith and seconded by Beth Spieth to elect Dave Calloway as the Chairman. A vote of approval was taken.
- 00-004 It was moved by Dave Calloway and seconded by Eileen McNally to elect Lisa Smith as the Vice Chariman. A vote of approval was taken.

LACA is currently investigating the ability to extend the user password lifetime beyond 90 days.

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The next meeting is scheduled for November 2, 1999 at 8:30 a.m.

00-005 It was moved by Eileen McNally to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Reported by,

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