LICKING AREA COMPUTER ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the meeting of the Technology Advisory Committee held
April 5, 2000 convening at 8:30 A.M. The meeting was held at Northridge High
School and began with a video connection to ITSCO.

Call to order

 The following members answered present to the roll call: Dave Calloway,
Bruce Revennaugh, Mindy Vaughn and Wally Spence, Larry Smith, Ray Hetterschiedt
and Lisa Smith, Theresa Kucsma, Randy McFerren, and Sandy Mercer. Tony
Mangette arrived at 9:00 a.m. and Jesse Lyon arrived at 9:10 a.m. Barry Haley,
Chad Carson, Lonny Claypool, Joey Alexander, and Mary Knicely were also present
for the meeting. Carrie Baker from Northridge was present for a portion of the
meeting. Representatives from Granville, Heath, Lakewood, Maysville, and
West Muskingum were not able to attend.

 Approval of Minutes

00-010
It was moved by Mindy Vaughn and seconded by Theresa Kucsma to approve the
minutes of the March 1, 2000 meeting. A vote of approval was taken.

Northridge connected to ITSCO through their IVDL connection and Sandy Paxton
presented a SchoolNet update. Kathy Shea presented information on IVDL
and other professional development available through ITSCO via video. Sandy's
update included an overview of the recent SchoolNet Technology Conference,
Technology plan updates, SN surveys, and full licensing of Adobe Acrobat free to
the schools. Kathy Shea presented ITSCO's Virtual Professional Development via
video that included free workshops on Powerpoint, Web Works, and additional
course offerings.

Northridge then connected to the Coshocton JVS and Theresa Magers from the
Woodlands delivered a live class to a group of Coshocton JVS students on
consumer credit. The LACATech members had a chance to talk with the students,
the teachers involved, and the Coshocton JVS Technology Coordinator, Mike
Fullerman, in detail about the benefits and use of IVDL (Interactive Video
Distance Learning.)

During the video class, the LACATech members moved to another area of the
library.

00-012
Chad Carson presented the results of the recent e-mail on WebSense's new
release for Internet filtered categories. Detailed discussion followed on the
categories and the need for the districts to have more time to discuss the
content areas locally with Administrators and users/teachers. Mindy Vaughn
moved and Dave Calloway seconded to table the approved categories to block
until the next regular LACATech meeting. A vote of approval was taken. It
was agreed that the motion would need to be made prior to the next May
LACA Governing Board meeting so LACA can keep the versions of WebSense current
with the supported database. The JVS and the LCESC requested their votes be
removed from the tally.

Sandra Mercer presented an update on the SIS (Student Services Software) and
CIP (Continuous Improvement Plan) software development going on around the
state. A meeting is currently being planned for MCOECN DASites to become aware
of and provide a future plan for, additional sofware opportunities for the
schools. LACA will post an update of the progress after the state meeting/
presentation has been held. It is currently planned for late April, 2000.

Following the live video class, Lynn Slagel, the Director of Consumer Credit
Counseling for the Woodlands, also presented a variety of classes currently

available for video delivery to the schools. They included family life skills, parenting, credit and budget finance, Center for new beginnings and domestic violence, job opportunities in social service, individual counseling on depression, relationships, anxiety, anger management, and social disease including HIV classes.

Discussion then followed on the possibilites of the LACA High Schools applying for the IVDL Round 2 grants that are to be announced in the near future. Northridge and Maysville received IVDL Round 1 grants last year. It was presented how the IVDL, ONENet, E-Rate, and COTC/OSU-Newark Distance Education grants all work together in developing the true "Information Super Highway" for the schools. Theresa Kucsma also presented information on the School-to-Work grants available that could also tie to the network growth plan. A meeting with Dave Miller, the TAP (Telecommunity Appalachian Project) Project Manager working with 15 IVDL High Schools, is planned for April 17 to begin discussion on steps to begin and the application process. Chuck Dilbone, Dave Calloway, Lisa Smith, Randy McFerren, Nancy Heller (grant writer for the JVS), Sandy Mercer, and Lonny Claypool volunteered to meet with Dave Miller. An online TAP calendar of video resources/events was also presented. Sandy Mercer and Lonny Claypool plan to present information to the building principals on April 11. An awareness/project orientation meeting will be planned for the early part of May, pending the release of the IVDL Round 2 grant applications from the State SchoolNet office. The LACATech Representatives agreed to discuss the potential locally and report back to LACA their interest by April 14, 2000. Grant details included budget discussion and the need to include technical support and project manager staffing. Other video resouces included Akron University and Dave Calloway distributed a brochure.

An update on the progress of the COTC/OSU-Newark grant was distributed. Individuals interested in participating in the Remediation and/or Professional Development committee are to contact LACA as soon as possible. LACA will be hosting a NovaNET presentation/demonstration for about 24 teachers/administrators on April 6, 2000. All districts were encouraged to participate.

Other discussion included feedback on Microsoft's proposal for yearly licensing/updating. No interest was expressed from the districts to participate. A reminder of the April 12, Information Literacy Workshop at LACA was announced. This is a state regional offering and 26 people were currently registered. ADSL lines/costs were discussed. Dave Calloway presented information on LPDC software, Registrar, and will work with LACA and the districts to schedule a presentation of the software solution if interest is received from the local LPDC Chairs. Each LACATech Rep was asked to e-mail Dave, Sandy or the LACATech listserv with the current chairman of the local LPDC committee.

Barry Haley presented information about a new non-profit organization called TechCorps Ohio, that provides free technical support to the schools through retirees and area businesses. LACA will make a contact to Lisa Chambers at 614-485-9800 (techcorpsohio.org) and try to get a representative to speak at the next regular meeting. Other presentor ideas were discussed.

There was no unfinished business.

New business included LACA's announcement on testing a web version of Reflection. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 3, 2000, at LACA and may change depending upon the SchoolNet announcement of the IVDL Round 2 grants.

00-013 Adjournment: Dave Calloway moved for adjournment at 12:30 p.m.

Reported by,
Sandy Mercer