LICKING AREA COMPUTER ASSOCIATION
LACA Tech Meeting
February 13, 2002 at 8:30am.

Call to order and roll call: Meeting was called to order and the following were present: Kristine Micheal (GR), Michele Berry(HE), Bill Souder(JV), Beth Spieth(LA), Lesa McGarity(LH), Lisa Smith (NR), Randy McFerren (TV), Kevin Snyder(WM), Shawn Wharton(JO), Larry Smith(NF), Sandy Mercer(LACA). Keith Rainey(NE) arrived at 9:00 a.m. and Theo Snell(SW) arrived at 9:15 a.m. Others attending included Carol VanDeest, Barry Haley, Jill Merry, Jon Bowers, Eric Thompson, Chad Carson Joey Alexander, and Lonny Claypool.

Chad Carson, Technical Director for LACA was introduced.

Approval of the minutes of the December 5, 2001 meeting.
02-012   Moved by Kevin Snyder and seconded by Lesa McGarity. Vote of approval.

Jon Bowers and Eric Thompson presented IVDL updates including the status of technical problems and proposed solutions by the state, and the encouragement for schools to continue scheduling IVDL classes with the understanding that while there may be problems, there are many successful video calls being made. Recent billing by LACA for FY02, the possibility that SchoolNet will request the schools to submit revised budget reports in the near future and the reminder to check out IVDL content providers, schedules, and more on LACA's IVDL website at IVDL.LACA.ORG were also included. It was requested for LACA to send a notice to LACATech prior to each invoicing of IVDL.

The ONEnet update included the application deadline of Feb 28, 2002, LACA has received $108,500 to date with additional $169,000 as long as all applications are submitted on time and approved.

02-013   The E-Rate update include the motion by Kevin Snyder and second by Kristine Michael to approve the LACA Network Priorities for 2002-2003 as presented. A vote of approval was taken. Projected June 30, 2002, balance is estimated at $289,336.54. Projected June 30, 2003, balance is estimated at $194,328.70 if all E-Rate goes through.

Copies of two versions of the Filter Policy were distributed - one with LACATech Group, one without LACATech Group. Discussion followed on the purpose of the group and the basis of information used by the Filter Committee in determining some of the CIPA categories. After further
02-014   discussion, it was moved by Michele Berry and seconded by Randy McFerren to recend the motion #02-009 from the Dec 2001, meeting, in regards to removal of the LACATech group. A vote of approval was taken. A copy of the Filter Policy with LACATech group will be distributed to the Filter Committee/LACATech and presented to the Governing Board for approval at the next regular meeting. Districts were reminded to get their filter forms filed with LACA asap if not already completed.

Chad Carson reported that the WebSense Internet Filter license limit has again been reached. LACA currently is licensed for 3000 Internet connections for Websense and Premium Group 1. Joey Alexander presented information on Packeteer benefits, costs, and features that would replace the need for licensing WebSense Premium Group 1. It was moved
02-015   by Kristine Michael and seconded by Randy McFerren for LACA to purchase Packeteer Traffic Shaper and to increase WebSense license limits to accomodate usage through Nov 2003, based upon data to be collected within the 30-day unlimited license period and to approve use of LACA Network Pool funds for these purchases. A vote of approval was taken.

It was agreed upon by all present to change the WebSense override time limit from 1 minute to 5 minutes. It was also reported that there is no ability to currently pre-expire the Temporary Override Account Passwords and that it was the responsibility of the individual assigned this account to manage the security of the account/password and to notify LACA if the password needed to be reset.

LACA is researching the process and benefits to the schools of changing to an E-Rate Service Provider for Year 6 (2003-2004) and will attend a meeting at MEC on Feb 22, 2002. Information from this meeting will be presented to the group at a future date.

Carol VanDeest presented a detailed update of SchoolNet happenings that included: ONEnet, SchoolNet Plus Round 5, Assistive Technology Infusion Project, Professional Development Grant Final Expenditure Report, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation grant, AETA/BETA, ElementK, Technology Planning Advisory Meetings, Marco Polo Train-the-Trainer Workshops, INFOhio, and Spring Technology Training Academy.

Other discussion included: ATPSOS update by Shawn Wharton (check out ATTPSOS.org for application to join), and distribution of Draft LACA Web Hosting Services Policy. An e-mail will be sent out to each Webmaster and also to LACATech on answering four questions about LACA's web hosting services/policy. Each district is to meet locally and respond to these questions by Feb 22, 2002. The Security Committee has met twice and will meet again following today's meeting. An update will be presented at a future date. There was no new update on the Network Management Software or the WAN/LAN Inventory. These items will be presented at an upcoming LACATech meeting.

Unfinished business included an agreement to no longer update the LACATech internal website but for LACA to included similar functions with new website development. A question was raised on student e-mail services. Sandy reported that 15,000 student accounts were applied for under E-Rate year 5 based upon the interest relayed through a recent LACATech e-mail survey. Information was presented on both Schoolone.com and Software Answers as additional student/parent online communication tool service providers. LACA will look into each provider and report at the next LACATech meeting. Possible on-site presentations may be set up with each provider based upon school district interest.

New business included the agreement for LACA to continue to send e-mail virus alerts and the notice that the next LACATech meeting will be held April 3, 2002, at 8:30 a.m.

02-016   It was moved by Kristine Michael and seconded by Kevin Snyder to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m.