



LACATech Meeting Minutes – December 03, 2003

Roll Call

The LACATech meeting was called to order at 8:30am on December 03, 2003. The following members were present: Denny Souder (Granville), Shawn Wharton (Johnstown), Jesse Lyon (LCJVS), Beth Speith (Lakewood), Lesa McGarity (Licking Heights), Sondra Wilson (Newark), Larry Smith (North Fork), Lisa Smith (Northridge), Suzanne Place (Southwest Licking), Mark Goodall (Tri-Valley), Kevin Snyder (West Muskingum), Dave Calloway (Licking County ESC), Michelle Berry (Heath) and Sandra Mercer (LACA). Others attending included Chad Carson (LACA), Jon Bowers (LACA), Joey Alexander (LACA), Jill Merry (St. Francis), Chris Parkinson (Newark Catholic), Barry Haley (Licking Valley), Carol VanDeest (SchoolNet) and Rachael Granatir (SchoolNet),

Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

04-010 It was moved by Kevin Snyder and seconded by Beth Speith to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2003 meeting. A vote of approval was taken.

SchoolNet Update

A SchoolNet Update document was handed out and presented by Carol Vandeest and Rachael Granatir. Please contact Carol at vandeest@osn.state.oh.us or Rachael at Rachael.granatir@osn.state.oh.us with any questions about the SchoolNet Update.

E-Rate Update

Districts must get a new PIN before filing On-Line LACA held an open lab from 1:00- 4:00pm after the LACATech meeting. E-Rate authorization forms need to be signed by the district superintendent and returned to LACA by December 11, 2003. LACA's updated 2004 E-rate website can be accessed at <http://www.laca.org/admin/e-rate/>

WAN Updates

OneNet funds have been set aside for the 3rd Frontier Network, and Schoolnet will be meeting with each DA-Site over the next six weeks to discuss the build-out. The Local Fiber Steering Committee has put out an RFP for a fiber feasibility study, with all proposals due back on December 8, 2003. A recommendation will then be presented to the Governing Board. The RFP is available at <http://www.laca.org/fiberrfp/> Schoolnet is contracting with Innovate (DataServ) on data collection for the fiber study for the DA-Sites.

LACA's new UPS has been installed. The generator will be installed soon. Our Windows 2000 domain consolidation took place on November 13, 2003. There were some interruptions to DSL access and web publishing, but considering the number of factors that changed, this was a success overall.

Discussion took place about the operation of the new 8e6 Technologies R3000 product that was put into place and its overall operation. During a lengthy CIPA Review Committee session, all categories were reviewed and voted upon as to which should be considered CIPA categories, resulting in those selected categories being denied access for all districts. A LACATech recommended 2nd tier of filtering was also created and voted upon. Districts do not have to follow

this recommendation, but it is encouraged. The results of the voting are available at the following URL from within the LACA Intranet : <http://www.laca.org/Protected/Minutes/8e6.pdf>

LACA's new DS-3 is on order. Along with the new DS-3 will be a bandwidth increase from 10mb/sec to 15mb/sec.

Technical Services Update

An update was given on the progress of the State Helpdesk software. There was no progress reported at this time. LACA, Newark, and West Muskingum are still moving forward with the Tech-Up Grant using Track-It software. MailMarshal software was purchased for one year at a cost of \$1,375. for 2,750 licensed e-mail users, at \$0.50 per user. No concerns were expressed with MailMarshal's operation. LACA will continue to optimize and improve upon the operation of MailMarshal.

Computer hardware recycling will take place again this year at Mid-State Warehouse from December 15-19, 2003. Bring your own palettes to Warehouses 8-9. Cost will be around \$30.00 per palette.

Other Discussion

IVDL updates were presented by Jon Bowers. Due to contract issues, LACA must go with TSI to perform the upgrades. The VTEL units will be upgraded to VistaPro software. Eric and Jon will be doing the hardware upgrades. If TSI contacts you directly, please let Jon know.

An update on the K-12 Classroom Data (Progressbook) software was given. The special Ed module was demonstrated to the group. You can test the Special Ed module by logging in with a district of "sp_demo", a user of "Alexander", and a password of "pilot"

Lesia McGarity provided information about US Laser, who recycles inkjet cartridges. For more information, contact John with USLaser - 614-487-3373.

Unfinished Business

The network coordinator position is still in the interviewing stage.

New Business

Information about an offer from XiTech for 52% off Cisco Switches was distributed to the group.

The next two LACATech meeting dates were set, and will be February 4, 2004, at 8:30am, and April 7, 2004, at 8:30am.

04-011 It was moved by Kevin Snyder and seconded by Denny Souder to adjourn the meeting at 12:10pm. A vote of approval was taken.