



## LACATech Meeting Minutes – June 7, 2006

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### **Roll Call**

The LACATech meeting was called to order at 8:34am on June 7, 2006. The following members were present: Denny Souder (Granville), Michele Berry (Heath), Mike Carter (Johnstown), Jesse Lyon (C-TEC), Keith DeVore (Licking County ESC), Sondra Wilson (Newark City), Larry Smith (North Fork), Jeff Orr (Tri-Valley), Kevin Snyder (West Muskingum), and Sandy Mercer (LACA). Tom Larkin from Maysville arrived at 8:45am. Others attending included Megan Robinette (Newark City), Tom Jacob (Excel Academy), Paul Kamenan (Fairfield Christian), Sally Sperry (Mount Vernon), Chip Zolman (Mount Vernon), Jon Bowers(LACA), and Chad Carson (LACA). Representatives from Lakewood, Licking Heights, Northridge, and Southwest Licking were unable to attend.

### **Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes**

06-23 It was moved by Denny Souder and seconded by Mike Carter to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2006 LACATech meeting. A vote of approval was taken.

### **ITSCO Update**

An ITSCO update was given by Amy Palermo. Please direct any questions about the ITSCO update to [amy@itsco.org](mailto:amy@itsco.org).

### **eTech Update**

An eTech update was given by Carol Van Deest. Please direct any questions about the ITSCO update to [vandeest@etech.ohio.gov](mailto:vandeest@etech.ohio.gov).

### **Ohio K-12 Network Updates**

The new IP range that will replace the 66.144.184 address for firewall pass-throughs will be 208.108.137, with the last digit remaining the same as the current address assignments. These addresses should be live between June 15 and June 30. LACA will work with each district on an individual basis to get their addresses switched over...there will NOT be one drop-dead date for this change. IP and Video services could move from OIT to eTech as early as June 30, 2006. The application for the Ohio K-12 Network funds will be available July 11, 2006. Districts will need to submit a network diagram, and should submit the future diagram showing the Time-Warner fiber (if applicable). Both the current and the future diagrams are available at <http://www.laca.org/diagrams>. You have until October 31 to apply for Ohio k12 Network funds. LACA has signed the 10 year contract with Time-Warner to be our Third Frontier Network provider. By September 30<sup>th</sup>, all ITCs are expected to be on the TFN network.

### **Wide Area Network Updates**

Sandy Mercer distributed a Time-Warner fiber project status spreadsheet to the group and explained the information on it. Connections to schools in the Adelpia service area will not begin until Adelpia is fully acquired by Time-Warner, which should be July 30, 2006. After that date, Time-Warner has 120 days to get connections up and running, which means it could be the end of November before fiber is active.

## **Technical Services Updates**

*8e6 Content Filter* – LACA has entered into another 3 year contract with 8e6, taking us to November, 2009. New categories have been added to the 8e6 software that will need to be voted on at the next LACATech meeting.

*Virus Protection* - Symantec came in below target price (\$3.30 per year for a three year agreement). LACA will talk with Symantec about licensing for districts with local e-mail servers, who are currently running Sophos virus-scanning and will lose this when the LACA Sophos site license expires. Symantec includes spyware protection, which will effectively replace Webroot's Spysweeper. Our Webroot Spysweeper licensing expires on March 31, 2008. John Flint will provide training for the Symantec products, included in the licensing price. Tentative dates for training will be the 2nd week of July and the 2nd week of August. The August date will be coordinated with the next LACATech meeting if possible. Training will take place at LACA.

*Secure Telnet* – Reflection for the Web is now available at <http://rweb.laca.org>. LACA owns 10 concurrent licenses. Telnet access from outside the LACA network will not be shut down until fall to give users time to make the switch to Reflection Web. Reflection Web is NOT intended to be a replacement for the current installed Reflection software within the network. It is meant to be used by Mac users with problems running Reflection 8 on OS-X, and by home users who need Reflection access. LACA will send out an e-mail to all users announcing this service.

*LAN Switch Maintenance* – Dave Stein has provided each district with a list of the current 2005-2006 maintained items via e-mail. Please use this as a basis for next year's coverage ... LACA recommends adding 10% to cover any cost increases. The true pricing for coverage will be available after August 1, 2006, as we can't get a firm quote until 60 days before our current coverage expires.

## **Other Discussion**

*Mount Vernon Update* – LACA's goal is to convert Mount Vernon's network on June 9-10, 2006, SIRSI/Library Automation on June 14, 2006, and SIS/Student Services on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2006. They will be a full member by July 1, 2006.

*SIRSI Java Client Updates* – Chad Carson distributed a handout created by Bobbie Warthman, outlining the changes between the current SIRSI client and the new Java-based Client. A LACA implementation plan for switching to the JAVA client was also distributed. A sub-committee of LACATech members will be formed to research the proper, secure setup for library stations.

*IVDL Updates* – Current VTEL systems will be changed from ATM to IP as districts go to fiber. VTELS are owned by the districts, so you are free to do with them what you want if you are no longer using them. Also, LACA will be sending information out about trading in your VTEL for credit toward a Polycom. The Polycom V500 is the most network-friendly of the Polycoms. The VSX500 is the next level of Polycom that allows alternate video inputs, recording, etc. Dave and Jon are working with eTech and other ITCs to pilot IP video. Please update LACA with any lead-teacher updates. Lead teacher training will be held in September.

*USD Helpdesk Updates* – EMIS and Network will begin using the Helpdesk on July 1. Sometime in the future, we will be asking you to enter trouble tickets into a web-based interface.

*DASL Update* – Printer requirements were distributed for DASL. Most elementaries already have a valid laser printer, as they are needed for Progress Book grade cards. The DASL conversion schedule for all districts is available at <http://www.laca.org/services/dasl/> Tri-Valley will go live on July 13, 2006. DASL should have full SIS functionality by December 2006.

*United Streaming* - United Streaming offers an option to buy a server with higher-quality videos to be housed locally. LACA will investigate the feasibility of putting a United Streaming server in our data center, as well as looking into the "Delaware" pricing scheme.

## **Unfinished Business**

No unfinished business.

**New Business**

*Turn-It-In* – A packet was distributed to the group providing MCOECN pricing. This product has fallen under the INFOhio umbrella, so please direct any questions to Bobbie Warthman or Trish Baker.

*Microsoft Student Select* – Information for MCOECN pricing and purchasing procedures through Educational Resources was distributed to the group. There appeared to be some confusion on this deal, as some districts had already signed an agreement with Educational Resources, bypassing the MCOECN. More clarification on this program will need to be done after the LACATech meeting.

Jesse Lyon distributed information about the Department of Defense Computers for Learning (DOD CFL) program. C-TEC and a few other districts have already taken advantage of this program to obtain free computers through the DoD.

The next LACATech meeting date will be August 8, 2006 at 8:30am in the LACA Conference Room.

**Adjournment**

06-24 It was moved by Jesse Lyon and seconded by Denny Souder to adjourn the meeting at 10:30am. A unanimous vote of approval was taken.