

ILLINOIS CENTURY NETWORK

January 23, 2009 POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Submitted for:	Action
Summary:	Distribution of the January 23, 2009 minutes for review by the Policy Committee.
Action Requested:	Adoption of the January 23, 2009 minutes.
Recommended Motion:	The ICN Policy Committee adopts the January 23, 2009 minutes with any edits as noted.

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Greg Wass called the meeting to order.

Members present:

Greg Wass, Office of the Governor;	Mike Dickson, Western Illinois University;
Scott Norton, IL State Board of Education;	Bonnie Styles, IL State Museums;
Chet Olson, Mayor of Rochelle;	Amy Edwards, IL Board of Higher Education;
Kathleen Bloomberg, Illinois State Library;	

Springfield staff and guests:

Lori Sorenson, Central Management Services;	Stacey Mattera, Central Management Services;
Tom Oseland, Central Management Services;	Kirk Mulvany, Central Management Services;
Robin Woodsome, Central Management Services;	Cindi Hitchcock, Central Management Services;

Announcements and Remarks

Greg welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

Minutes

Greg introduced the first item on the agenda, the approval of the minutes from the January 23, 2009 meeting. Greg asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mike Dickson motioned that the minutes be approved. Chet Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ICN Cost Allocation Review

Lori distributed a cost allocation summary for fiscal years 2008-2010. The summary shows a projected deficit for fiscal year 2009 and 2010. Lori explained that migrating the backbone network to state-owned fiber will reduce the ongoing operating costs to within current and projected revenues at the same time providing almost 10 times the amount of bandwidth to constituents. CMS plans to use cash reserves in the Communications Revolving Fund to finance the backbone migration.

Communications Management Center (CMC) Overview

Robin presented an overview of the responsibilities and capabilities of the Communications Management Center (CMC). The CMC provides 24x7 network monitoring and help desk support. Robin explained how the CMC works closely with the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) during severe weather or emergency situations. Working together, the CMC and SEOC prioritize service restoration and provide coordinated communication to appropriate officials.

Robin also provided an update on efforts to explore the possibility of locating commercial content provider servers at ICN POP sites as a way of providing more direct and dependable connectivity for schools subscribing to the service. By locating the content on the backbone, it reduces the operating cost for the ICN, increases performance for the constituent, and most likely decreases the operating cost for the vendor. ICN is aware of many of the commonly used K-12 content providers as a result of working

with individual school districts. Policy Committee members suggested that the ICN survey constituents to identify the other content providers currently in use or under consideration.

E-Rate Update

Tom Oseland reported funding has been approved for the ICN 2007 e-rate application. A total of \$947,048 in funding reimbursements has been received for this funding year.

The ICN 2008 e-rate application remains at the “initial review” stage with USAC. However, information and documentation recently requested by USAC reviewers has been supplied for this application and it should be moving forward soon.

The Year 12 (2009) e-rate application process has begun. The application filing deadline is February 12, 2009.

The auditing firm KPMG was selected by USAC to conduct a compliance attestation examination of the ICN e-rate application process. The examination involves e-rate funding requests made during Fiscal Year '08. The examination will cover funds received from three different ICN e-rate applications. Auditors began their field work on Tuesday, January 20th and will be working onsite for approximately five weeks.

Network Update

Kirk Mulvany provided an update on coordination with Western Illinois University and McDonough Telephone Cooperative in the Macomb area to extend the Cooperatives fiber network to the ICN POP. This connectivity will result in higher speed, alternative connectivity options for constituents in Macomb.

Kirk reported that work continues on the fiber acquisition and discovery efforts. The fiber construction projects are nearing completion for the “South Build” in Springfield (HCF to Level 3 facility) as well as the build out from 1-270 into the ICN POP in Collinsville.

The ICN Network Services team has also been working to add additional physical and logical network redundancy capability for State Agencies in Springfield. This is a tangible example of how the ICN can be leveraged to help address disaster recovery and business continuity needs.

Policy Committee members discussed the importance of having state-owned fiber to meet the future bandwidth needs of the network. Greg asked if there was support for sending a letter to the Governor, on behalf of the Policy Committee, urging the adoption of policies to include installation of fiber cabling in road construction projects. Mike Dickson so made a motion. Chet Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Statewide Security Forum Update

Mike Dickson provided an update on efforts on the statewide security forum. Mike has been working with Jeff Thompson from CMS to move this effort forward. The greatest difficulty has been to identify the higher education Chief Information Officers as many institutions do not use this formal title. The plan is to implement a portal to share information and encourage communication. Mike mentioned that Cisco is willing to participate in knowledge sharing. Once

the portal is operational, it will be expanded to community colleges and eventually K-12 institutions.

Greg Wass motioned to adjourn the meeting. Bonnie Styles moved the motion and Scott Norton second the motion. Motion carried.