

ILLINOIS CENTURY NETWORK

April 20, 2009 POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

- Submitted for:** Action
- Summary:** Distribution of the April 20, 2009 minutes for review by the Policy Committee.
- Action Requested:** Adoption of the April 20, 2009 minutes.
- Recommended Motion:** *The ICN Policy Committee adopts the April 20, 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;
Scott Norton, IL State Board of Education;
Chet Olson, Mayor of Rochelle;
Anne Craig, Illinois State Library;

Mike Dickson, Western Illinois University;
Bonnie Styles, IL State Museums;
Amy Edwards, IL Board of Higher Education;
Todd Jorns; IL Community College

Springfield staff and guests:

Lori Sorenson, Central Management Services;
Tom Oseland, Central Management Services;
Robin Woodsome, Central Management Services;
Lawren Tucker; Illinois State Library

Stacey Mattera, Central Management Services;
Kirk Mulvany, Central Management Services;
Kathleen Bloomberg, Illinois State Library;

Announcements and Remarks

Greg welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. Greg addressed the state's fiscal budget situation due to the struggling economy. Illinois is experiencing its worst deficit, approximately \$11.5. As a result, there has been a reduction in general revenue funds for the ICN. Greg has made a strong pitch to maintain level funding for ICN and while not official, there is an agreement to restore ICN funding if there is an increase in revenues.

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. Bonnie Styles motioned that the minutes be approved. Chet Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ICN Policy Committee Ethics Officer

Lori presented this agenda item as informational. The Illinois Ethics Act requires that each board and/or commission has a designated Ethics Officer. Debra Matlock, General Counsel for Central Management Services, will serve as the Ethics Officer for the ICN Policy Committee. Debra's contact information was distributed within the agenda packet.

AET Membership Appointments

Lori presented this item. The AET was seeking reappointments for 11 of their members whose term expires in June 2009. Members seeking renewal include: Jim Flanagan, IL Chief Technology Officer, Rich Kulig, College of DuPage; Scott Armstrong, Kishwaukee Community College; Michael Shelton, Southern Illinois University; Joel Mambretti, Northwestern University; Herb Kuryliw, Northern Illinois University; Rob Zschernitz, North Suburban Library System; Brandon Gant, CARLI; Glen Trommels, City of Rockford; Ryan Croke, Governor's Office; and Ken Terrinoni, Boone County. The three year terms would extend through 2012. Greg and Committee members extended their thanks and appreciation to the AET members. Mike Dickson moved to approve the motion. Anne Craig seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Broadband Stimulus Funds

Lori presented this item on the agenda. Under the American Recovery and Reimbursement Act, there is a funding opportunity through the Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). There is \$4.7 billion for a broadband technology including \$200 million to expand public computer center capacity and \$250 million to encourage sustainable broadband adoption. NTIA is in the process of developing rules and anticipates releasing the funding in three waves with the first funding wave available sometime between April and June 2009, the second wave in October to December 2009, and the final wave in April to June 2010. CMS will be requesting ARRA funding for the fiber project.

Kathy Bloomberg asked if there was a regulatory impact to CMS for using state-owned fiber. Lori responded that CMS is of the opinion that there is no regulatory impact as broadband networks remain an unregulated service.

Mike Dickson asked if there were any policy changes needed to support CMS' application for stimulus funding. Lori mentioned the opportunity to leverage the state's investment in fiber to expand broadband deployment throughout the state. In addition to the traditional services provided to traditional ICN constituents, staff recommend allowing other entities, including for profits, to purchase dark fiber and/or wholesale transport. After some discussion, Greg tasked the CMS staff to prepare resolutions in support of expanding services which will be addressed at the next Policy Committee meeting.

E-Rate Update

Tom Osland presented this agenda item. The 2008 E-Rate application (state fiscal year 2009) was approved on March 17th in the amount of approximately \$1.3 million. Tom mentioned that the amount of reimbursement for the 2008 E-rate application will be decreased due to a large credit from AT&T. The AT&T credit is a result of overpayments and amounted to approximately \$1.5 million.

Network Update

Kirk Mulvany provided this agenda item. An update was provided regarding last mile connectivity. Kirk reported significant progress with McDonough Telephone Cooperative. The McDonough Telephone Cooperative connection provides another option for last mile connectivity within Macomb and the surrounding area. McDonough offers 10MB and 100MB Ethernet connections which are currently not supported by the local telephone company. Staff continue to work with Norlight to provide an interconnection point between the two networks. ICN staff have also had discussions with a few wireless service providers about the possibility of interconnecting networks.

As for the fiber project, the DWDM equipment evaluation is complete and the contract award is pending final stages for approval.

Kirk reported the completion of the year-long project to upgrade and standardize Cisco IOS versions on ICN egress, core and distribution routers. Additionally, it was reported that 10Gb network cards have been installed on ICN egress, core and distribution routers in Chicago.

Closing Remarks

Greg Wass mentioned updates regarding Rural Health, Health IT applications, and the DCEO broadband mapping contract.

Greg also mentioned Executive Order 10 that was signed by Governor Quinn, appointments to state boards and commissions. As part of Executive Order 10, a website has been created to solicit nominations to various state boards and commissions (www.appointments.illinois.gov).

Greg Wass motioned to adjourn the meeting. Chet Olson moved the motion and Bonnie Styles seconded the motion. Motion carried.