

ILLINOIS CENTURY NETWORK

July 20, 2009 POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Submitted for:	Action
Summary:	Distribution of the July 20, 2009 minutes for review by the Policy Committee.
Action Requested:	Adoption of the July 20, 2009 minutes.
Recommended Motion:	<i>The ICN Policy Committee adopts the July 20, 2009 minutes with any edits as noted.</i>

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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;
Kathleen Bloomberg, Illinois State Library;

Mike Dickson, Western Illinois University;
Beth Shea, 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;
Lawren Tucker, Illinois State Library
Dominic Saebeler, Central Management Services

Stacey Nall, Central Management Services;
Robin Woodsome, Central Management Services
Bill DeJarnette, City of Urbana

Announcements and Remarks

Greg welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. Lori reminded the members to complete the Annual Ethics Training. Lori also mentioned that we received a letter of resignation from Jay Carlson.

Minutes

Greg introduced the first item on the agenda, the approval of the minutes from the April 20, 2009 meeting. Greg asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mike Dickson motioned that the minutes be approved. Kathleen Bloomberg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Constituent Profile, Bill DeJarnette with City of Urbana

Mr. Bill DeJarnette CPA, Manager of Information Systems with the City of Urbana presented this agenda item. Mr. DeJarnette provided information on the City's efforts to connect critical municipal locations with fiber optics. The initial fiber installation was a result of project to install conduit and wiring for street lights. The City partnered with County to share costs and connect both City and County facilities located in the proposed construction area. Over time, the City has engaged the library and schools to work collaboratively to expand fiber to more facilities. Mr. DeJarnette offered several thoughts on the keys to the City's success with these projects.

Broadband Stimulus Grant

Lori presented this agenda item. The broadband stimulus grant rules have been published by the National Telecommunications and Information Agency (NTIA) and Rural Utilities Services (RUS). CMS will apply for funding under the middle mile category. Award announcements for Round One funding are expected to begin in early November.

Resolution on changes to ICN Constituents and Services

Lori presented this agenda action item. The ICN backbone migration to state-owned fiber presents an opportunity to extend ICN's resources to private sector entities. This expansion support's the State's priority to expand broadband access to all Illinois citizens. The ICN enabling legislation allows for the

policy change as the statute reads “The Illinois Century Network shall be a high speed telecommunications network that provides reliable communication links to and among Illinois schools, institutions of higher education, libraries, museums, research institutions, State agencies, units of local government, and other local entities that provide services to Illinois citizens...” Since its inception the Policy Committee has limited ICN services to the current constituency in an effort to secure government and education discounts on backbone circuits and egress contracts. As ICN migrates to state-owned fiber, those concerns are null.

Mike Dickson motioned to adopt the following three resolutions:

The ICN Policy Committee adopts a motion in support of expanding ICN services to provide backbone transport to public and private-entities that provide services to Illinois citizens subject to completion of the migration of the backbone network to state-owned fiber optics.

The ICN Policy Committee adopts a motion in support of ICN including additional fiber optic cable within its backbone migration project for the purpose of making such strands available to public and private entities that provide services to Illinois citizens in order to foster expansion of broadband.

The ICN Policy Committee adopts a motion in support of classifying for-profit health care organization as permissive customers eligible to connect directly to the backbone network and purchase ICN bandwidth services.

Todd Jorns seconded the motion. Action item approved.

E-Rate Update

Tom Oseland presented this agenda item. As reported previously, the 2008 E-Rate application (state fiscal year 2009) was approved on March 17th. With the close of fiscal year 2009, work is under way to determine actual spend for the year. Requests for reimbursement will be submitted to USAC based on actual spend.

The 2009 application remains at the “Initial Review” status. The application will be held in review pending the final outcome of the network services contract. The reimbursement requests are based on the services procured through this master contract which is set to expire in December 2009. Lori offered a brief explanation to the Committee regarding the nature of the state’s master contract and the process under way to replace the expiring contract.

Network Update

Lori provided this agenda item. The ICN continues to work with vendors to expand last mile options for constituent connectivity. Staff have been working with McDonough Telephone Cooperative and Norlight, Inc. to complete prerequisite tasks in preparation for turn up of new metro-Ethernet connections in Macomb and Chicago.

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

Lori reported on the completion of a year-long effort to upgrade and standardize Cisco operating software versions on egress, core, and distribution routers. Additionally, staff have deployed 10Gb network cards in Chicago which enables the network to support higher speed connections.

Regional Meetings

Robin Woodsome presented this agenda item. The meetings are scheduled for October and are designed primarily for connected constituents and focus on network plans and constituent issues/concerns. Last year the meeting format was changed to allow time for more dialog among the constituents. ICN received positive feedback so we will maintain the same meeting format.

Greg Wass requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kathleen Bloomberg motioned to adjourn. Chet Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried.