

Illinois Century Network

Policy Committee Meeting Agenda

April 20, 2015
1:00 p.m.



**ILLINOIS CENTURY NETWORK
POLICY COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA
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1:00 p.m.**

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Next Meeting
July 20, 2015
Community College Board, Springfield
James R. Thompson Center, Chicago

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January 20, 2015 POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Submitted for: Action

Summary: Distribution of the January 20, 2015 minutes for review by the Policy Committee.

Action Requested: Adoption of the January 20, 2015 minutes.

Recommended Motion: *The ICN Policy Committee adopts the January 20, 2015 minutes with any edits as noted.*

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JANUARY 20, 2015 POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bonnie Styles called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

Members Present (Springfield):

Lori Sorenson, Central Management Services	Todd Jorns, Illinois Community College Board
Bonnie Styles, Illinois State Museum	Kathleen Bloomberg, Illinois State Library
Brent Engelman, State Board of Education	Mike Dickson

Members on audio bridge:

Vicki DeWitt	Dr. Alan Phillips, IL Board of Higher Education
Chet Olson	

Members absent:

Sean Vinck	Greg Wass
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Staff and guests:

Robin Woodsome, Central Management Services	Tom Oseland, Central Management Services
Judy Hessler, Central Management Services	Essam El-Beik, Central Management Services
Bill Buchanan	Carla Poani, AT&T

Lori Sorenson announced that Deb Kelley retired end of the year and Judy Hessler was replacing Deb as secretary to the Committee. Lori mentioned that Greg Wass had resigned from CMS. Greg was appointed to the Committee by the Governor and remains as the appointed Chair. Greg expressed his intent to resign from the Committee since he will not be working in a role directly tied to broadband. CMS will have to work with the Governor’s office on the appointment of a new chair.

Minutes

Bonnie Styles introduced the first item on the agenda, approval of the minutes from the October 20, 2014 meeting. A motion was made by Mike Dickson to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Todd Jorns. The motion carried.

E-rate

Tom Oseland reported that the 2013 E-rate funding year has concluded with a total reimbursement of a little over \$265 thousand. The 2014 funding year is in process with approximately \$1.2 million in E-rate funding approved. Tom estimates that the final amount received will be \$400 - \$500 thousand.

The 2015 funding year application window is open and the RTC staff has been actively responding to requests.

Essam El-Beik provided an update on the Federal Communication Commission’s (FCC) December 19, 2014 second Report and Order on E-rate Modernization. The first Report and Order released in July focused on internal connectivity within a school or within a library. The second Report and Order released in December focuses on the broadband to a school or library. It provides more options for schools and libraries in obtaining high speed broadband and also has a number of rule changes that ease the financial burden of the schools and libraries. Another key point with this second Report and Order is that the E-rate funding cap has been increased from \$2.4 billion per year to \$3.9 billion indexed to inflation. This is in addition to the additional \$1 billion that is being made available for funding year 2015 and funding year 2016. Essam made mention of the rule changes and summarized the highlights.

- Facilitate the construction of broadband infrastructure – elimination of the requirement that construction costs exceeding \$500 thousand be amortized over three years. The full cost of construction can be paid in the first year. The applicant's share of the construction costs can be paid for in installments over four years.
- Dark fiber receives equal treatment to lit fiber allowing schools and libraries to purchase dark fiber and have the construction of that dark fiber funded by E-rate, as well as the electronics required for lighting the dark fiber.
- Schools and libraries can self-construct their own broadband network where it is the most cost effective solution.
- E-rate will match state contributions to the non-discounted portion by providing an additional dollar-to-dollar match up to ten percent.
- Rule requiring recipients of another universal service program called the High Cost Program to offer high speed broadband in response to a posted form 470 at rates reasonably comparable to services in urban areas.

Lori reported that staff is working with the Illinois State Library to explore options for helping libraries through the E-rate process.

Proposed Rate Change

Lori reported that the rate changes approved at the previous meeting had been forwarded to the CMS Director's Office for approval to implement. The Director's Office is aware of the sense of urgency to announce the changes because of the open E-rate application window and to provide constituents time to plan.

Adjourn

Bonnie asked if there was any additional business to discuss. Hearing none, Bonnie asked for a motion to adjourn. Mike made the motion to adjourn at 3:04 PM. Kathy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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E-RATE UPDATE

Submitted for: Information

Summary: This item provides an update on ICN E-rate funding request.

Action Requested: None

Recommended Motion: *None*

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E-RATE UPDATE

The 2014 E-rate funding year is nearing conclusion. Claim forms have been submitted for the first six months of the funding year, July thru December, to recoup invoicing discounts given to ICN customers based on their approved E-rate funding. This activity has resulted in a total of \$143,900.51 received. In addition, four school districts have claimed funding reimbursements for part of the year through the "BEAR" reimbursement process. These claims totaled \$23,505.19 and have been refunded to the school districts. There remains an outstanding amount of \$743,759.98 in approved funding that has not yet been disbursed. This funding will be claimed, in part, by schools that have been paying invoices for ICN services in full and will utilize the "BEAR" process to request reimbursements based on approved E-rate funding.

The 2015 E-rate application filing window opened on January 14, 2015. It was originally scheduled to close on March 26th but was extended by 3 weeks to a new closing date of April 16th. This extension was granted by the FCC after numerous requests were made by E-rate program participants. Many applicants were struggling with the new application process and forms implemented this year by the FCC and were finding that it was taking much longer to complete the application forms.

As of this writing, a total of 116 applications have been submitted for the 2015 funding year that list ICN as a service provider. These applications represent a total of \$1,249,567.58 in costs for eligible ICN services. After the applicant discount percentage is applied, a total of \$821,577.60 has been requested for funding approval. USAC has not yet issued any funding commitment decisions.

The chart below summarizes activity for the ICN as a service provider in the E-rate program beginning with the 2013 funding year; the first year in which ICN participated as an Internet service provider.

Service Provider Activity

Funding Year	Total apps listing ICN	Total apps approved for funding (to date)	Total dollar amount approved (to date)	Total dollar amount claimed for support (to date)
Year 16 (2013)	117	107	\$1,252,008	\$265,630
Year 17 (2014)	162	155	\$1,880,720	\$167,406
Year 18 (2015)	116	-0-	N/A	N/A
Totals	N/A	N/A	\$3,132,728	\$433,036

The chart below summarizes ICN E-rate application history for each funding year up to 2012.

Applicant Activity

Funding Year	Received
Year 3 (2000)	\$2,137,765
Year 4 (2001)	\$2,522,559
Year 5 (2002)	\$4,996,227
Year 6 (2003)	\$4,644,171
Year 7 (2004)	\$2,497,427
Year 8 (2005)	\$2,424,567
Year 9 (2006)	\$982,392
Year 10 (2007)	\$953,998
Year 11 (2008)	\$799,251
Year 12 (2009)	\$1,339,032
Year 13 (2010)	\$2,982,199
Year 14 (2011)	\$2,561,151
Year 15 (2012)	\$2,520,377
Totals	\$31,361,116

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ADVANCED ENGINEERING TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP

Submitted for: Information

Summary: This item is a summary of the current Advanced Engineering Task Force membership including those individuals whose terms will expire June 30, 2015.

Action Requested: None

Recommended Motion: *None*

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ADVANCED ENGINEERING TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP

The Advanced Engineering Task Force (AET) serves a critical role in shaping the services, rates and policies for the Illinois Century Network. Membership consists of technical staff representing the diverse community anchor institution categories connected to the network. AET members are appointed by the Policy Committee and serve staggered three year terms which begin on July 1st.

Attached is a chart of current members with the expiring terms highlighted as well as attendance records. Staff are contacting these members to determine their interest in renewing their appointment and soliciting recommendations for new members. The reappointments and new members will be presented at the July Policy Committee meeting.

Advanced Engineering Task Force Member Matrix FY 2015

K-12 Schools	Community Colleges	Universities	Libraries	Museums	Other Institutions	Units of Local Government
Jim Flanagan II Chief Technology Officers (2015)	*Comm. College Pres. Tech. Counsel Alex Cline (2016)	Michael Shelton SIU (2015)	Andrew Bullen Illinois State Library (2016)	Robert Dulski Brookfield Zoo (2017)	Anita Nikolich National Science Foundation (2017)	Glen Trommels City of Rockford (2015)
Brian Tobin DeKalb CUSD 428 (2016)	Alan Pfeifer Sauk Valley Comm. College (2017)	Mike Dickson (2016)	Brandon Gant CARLI (2015)	Rob Zschernitz Field Museum of Natural History (2015)		
Jim Peterson Bloomington Schools (2016)	Rich Kulig COD (2015)	Joe Mambretti Northwestern University (2015)	Troy Brown Shawnee Library System (2017)			
Ed Wagner Chicago Public Schools (2016)	Scott Armstrong Kishwaukee Comm. College (2015)	Tracy Smith UIUC (2016)				
		Brian Murphy EIU (2017)				
		Herb Kuryliw NIU (2015)				

Advanced Engineering Task Force Member Attendance FY 2015

Member	8/18/2014	10/3/2014	1/16/2015	3/20/2015	5/15/2015
Jim Flanagan, Chair	X	X	X	X	
Scott Armstrong	X	X	X	X	
Troy Brown			X		
Andrew Bullen		X	X	X	
Alex Cline			X		
Mike Dickson	X		X	X	
Robert Dulski	X	X	X	X	
Brandon Gant	X	X		X	
Rich Kulig	X		X	X	
Herb Kuryliw	X	X		X	
Joe Mambretti	X		X	X	
Brian Murphy	X	X	X		
Anita Nikolich	X		X		
Jim Peterson	X		X		
Alan Pfeifer	X	X	X	X	
Mike Shelton			X	X	
Raj Siddaraju	X	X			
Tracy Smith	X	X	X		
Brian Tobin	X		X	X	
Glen Trommels			X	X	
Ed Wagner					
Rob Zschernitz	X				