

## Minnesota Educational Technology Networks (METN)

Meeting of the Board of Directors

May 17, 2012

### Minutes

Agenda:

1. Quorum, introductions, agenda, minutes
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Discussion Items
  - Legislative and other (Broadband Task Force, Online Learning)
  - Telecom Aid and Erate
  - Videoconferencing
  - Regions update and Recap
4. Adjourn

1. The meeting was convened at 9:00am by Chair Pete Royer

Directors in attendance: Dennis Fazio, Pete Royer, Tracy Fiereck, Marc Johnson

Directors absent: none

A quorum was present.

Others attending:

Glen Morris, Dale Ericson, Karen Johnson, Doug Henning, Dale Carrison, James Montz, SOCRATES

Mary Mehsikomer, TIES

John Normandin, NW Links

Aaron Bergstralh, WETC

Josh Sumption, Southwest

Melissa Cox, Northeast

The MDE CIO, Matt Porett, and Anne Sheridan were scheduled to attend but neither is able to make it. Pete Royer and Mary Mehsikomer will connect with Mr. Porett to determine what to do next.

2. Motion by Dennis Fazio to approve April minutes. Carried
3. Treasurer's report is attached to the minutes. Motion by Dale Carrison to accept Treasurer's report. Carried
4. Discussion Subject Items:

Legislative:

This next year may be a session where money may be available. Areas of priorities for us are to

1. tighten up Telecom aid rules and eligibility
2. increase funding to 100% of need
3. promote effective online learning

#### Telecom Aid:

Funding should be sent out by MDE by the end of the month. We should concentrate on eligibility and tighten up language on funding at the summer retreat.

#### Erate:

More requests for priority 1 funds than they have, funds, so priority 1 funding may be prorated. No funding likely for priority 2 at all. May be more difficulties with Program Integrity Assurance as they more tightly monitor things.

#### Conferences:

ISTE Conference. June. Theme is expanding horizons. Mary Mehsikomer and Glenn Morris will attend the ISTE conference.

E-Learning summit at Northwestern College in Roseville July 25, 26.

Megaconference held on May 3.

MEMO Conference Oct 11-13 in St Cloud. Looking for presentations still.

#### Online Learning:

Online learning advisory committee ending first year. New charge by legislature to oversee and recommend catalog of resources

#### Summer Retreat Meeting

Subgroup on Telecommunications formed (Dale Carrison, Marc Johnson, Dennis Fazio with consult from Mary Mehsikomer) to work on changing the language on eligibility of expenses and so forth to add clarity. It will report at the meeting.

Every region will do a brief 10 minute presentation on the technical aspects of their network services – how each is provisioning service and organizing the network infrastructure.

Second day will focus on academic side (videoconferencing, legislative issues, etc.)

#### Regional Updates

TIES: training on flipped classroom being developed and presented.

ECMECC: large update to add new districts to the network. Dollar band for videoconferences being well used. Participating in collaborative project with Intermediate 287.

SOUTHWEST: At 400Mb of bandwidth now and increasing. looking for tech coordinator for internal needs, adding another Internet PoP, 1<sup>st</sup> reimbursement payment for RUS grant finally received.

NW-LINKS: Looking at some different options for codecs. Working with NWMNSA on new pricing for more bandwidth. Vidyo is problematic in large room configuration

NESC: many schools have signed on for 10 year contracts

LCTN: 5 McPhail sessions this morning, equipment under budget on RUS grant, looking at cloud services, using a dollar bank for videoconferencing and using the Clear Sea product

CMERDC: Assembling list of upgrades for the summer with new Internet contract.

Next meeting: Wed, Thu July 18, 19 in St Cloud. Start 12:00pm on Wed, 8:00am on Thu.

**No June meeting.**

Meeting adjourned 11:25am.

5/17/2012

Account Transactions  
MITN Checking

7/1/2010 Through 5/17/2012

Num	Date	Payee	C	Category	Amount	Running Balance
Opening Balance as of 7/1/2010						1,954.81
Month Ending 7/31/2010						
2521	7/14/2010	Green Mill	R	Miscellaneous : Food	(134.76)	1,820.05
2522	7/23/2010	Radisson Hotel	R	Conference : Food	(585.71)	1,234.34
Total Month Ending 7/31/2010					(720.47)	
Month Ending 9/30/2010						
2523	9/30/2010	ECMECC	R	Technology	(199.95)	1,034.39
2524	9/30/2010	MN Secretary of State	R	Miscellaneous : Registration Fee	(35.00)	999.39
Total Month Ending 9/30/2010					(234.95)	
Month Ending 4/30/2011						
AW	4/27/2011	Mid Country Bank	R	Miscellaneous : Checks	(14.55)	984.84
Total Month Ending 4/30/2011					(14.55)	
Month Ending 5/31/2011						
2525	5/3/2011	Pete Royer	R	Miscellaneous	(87.94)	896.90
Total Month Ending 5/31/2011					(87.94)	
Month Ending 7/31/2011						
	7/21/2011	Green Mill	R	Miscellaneous : Food	(167.49)	729.41
Total Month Ending 7/31/2011					(167.49)	
Month Ending 9/30/2011						
3000	9/9/2011	Kelly Inn	R	Conference : Misc.	(474.46)	254.95
Total Month Ending 9/30/2011					(474.46)	
Month Ending 2/29/2012						
	2/22/2012	Deposit	R	Membership	700.00	954.95
Total Month Ending 2/29/2012					700.00	
Month Ending 3/31/2012						
	3/15/2012	Deposit	R	Membership	200.00	1,154.95
Total Month Ending 3/31/2012					200.00	
Month Ending 4/30/2012						
	4/19/2012	Deposit		Membership	300.00	1,454.95
Total Month Ending 4/30/2012					300.00	
<b>Grand Total</b>					<b>(499.86)</b>	<b>1,454.95</b>