

Minnesota Educational Technology Networks (METN)

Meeting of the Board of Directors and Annual Meeting

July 18, 2013, 12:00pm-5:00pm

July 19, 2013, 8:00am-11:30am

Minutes

Agenda, 1st day

1. Introductions, Quorum, Agenda
2. Agenda, Minutes
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Election of Officers
5. Dues and Membership
6. Distance Education
7. Legislative Action/Telecom Aid
8. Broadband Task Force
9. E-rate

Agenda, 2nd day

10. Legislative platform
11. Online Learning Regional Collaborative
12. Video content partnerships
13. Final discussion, Telecom Aid and Levy

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Open

The meeting was convened at 12:40 by Chair Pete Royer,

1. Introductions, Quorum, Agenda

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

Directors absent: Josh Sumption

A quorum was present.

Other attendees: Mary Mehsikomer, TIES; Dale Carrison, Dale Ericson, Dave Paschke, Dale Carrison, Socrates; Aaron Bergstrahl WETC, Bob Wheeler, Region I; Melissa Cox, NESC; Kim Ross, SEMNET; Jim Mulholland, CMETS; Steve Hallan, cmERDC

2. Minutes

Motion by Dennis Fazio to approve March minutes. Carried.

3. Treasurer's report

Motion by Tracy Fiereck to approve Treasurer's report. Balance of \$1377.04. Adopted

4. Officers

Marc Johnson moved that current officers be re-elected. Approved.

Officers are: Pete Royer Chair, Josh Sumption Vice Chair, Tracy Fiereck Treasurer, Dennis Fazio Secretary.

5. Dues & Membership

Pete proposed that current dues schedule of \$100/member be continued. Agreed.

6. Distance Education

Marc Johnson distributed a schedule of classes for his region. Pete Royer also distributed the LCTN schedule. Some discussion on classes and scheduling occurred.

7. Legislative Action/Telecom Aid

Dale Carrison had distributed some materials and raised some issues:

1. Five dimensions of digital equity. Mary said she could update the talking points with the Library people.
2. Change in the amount of money for districts not part of clusters have to pay per pupil before receiving aid (\$15 -> \$16)
3. Definition of a telecommunications cluster and what constitutes membership.
4. Some feedback from legislators that we can push for additional Telecom Aid funds. Dale recommends \$9million for each year.
5. Eligibility of expenses for reimbursement

After extensive discussion regarding bandwidth, expense and usage, Pete proposed that we request from the legislature \$9million per year. Agreed

8. Broadband Task Force

Focus is more on the residential consumer. No action proposed.

9. E-rate

There are some initiatives on how E-rate should be changed. President has introduced Connect Ed. FCC will be coming out with a Request for Comments which we can respond to. E-rate training in October.

10. Vendor Presentations and Hot Topics

Rather than scheduling every month, we'll arrange vendor presentations as interest warrants.

Meeting recessed at 4:30pm

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Meeting reconvened at 8:45am

11. Legislative Platform

Request for additional telecom aid: It may be helpful to recommend a source for funding to increase telecom aid. Districts are investing in equipment and internal facilities to take advantage of more bandwidth. Federal government has recognized the need for additional aid for educational bandwidth via E-rate. Elaine Keefe should be able to give us guidance on who to contact to introduce the legislation in both houses. We can also check with MHTA and other organizations for recommendations

Regarding changes to telecom aid, several issues considered:

1. Request additional funding: yes, \$9million
2. Make changes to statute language: no, not at this time
3. Do we work with MDE, Legislature or both: both

4. Do we meet with Chris Kubesh: no, he's not at the policy level, we need to go above
5. Do we police the allocation: only monitoring in our own regions; we have no authority as a group elsewhere.
6. Clusters who participate in METN activities without paying dues, or get funding without METN participation: Nobody currently participates without paying; there is no requirement from the state that any cluster be a member of METN to receive funding.

12. Board Meeting Schedule

3rd Thursday of the month, starting September, (no August meeting), except for October, when we will do the 24th because of Education Minnesota (MEA) meeting.

13. Online Learning/Regional Collaborative and Video Content Partnerships

Over the past year or 2, Intermediate 287 has been working on digital curriculum on Minnesota studies, grade 6 and American studies, grade 7. SOCRATES working on world studies, grade 8. ECMECC also participating. A collaboration is being put together to work on these digital curricula.

Here is the link to the collaborative projects that Jon Voss described:

<https://sites.google.com/site/innovativeinstruction/>

14. Final Discussion, Telecom Aid and Levy

Announcement: TIES Conference in December 16 and 17, presentations still being solicited. Including technical presentations.

We should look into updating the MDE cluster contact list.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15am.

Next meeting:

Thursday September 19, 2013 9:00am, no August meeting.

7/18/2013

Account Transactions
MITN Checking

7/1/2012 Through 7/18/2013

Num	Date Payee	C	Category	Amount	Running Bal...
Opening Balance as of 7/1/2012					1,454.95
Month Ending 7/31/2012					
	7/18/2012 Green Mill	R	Miscellaneous : Food	(170.00)	1,284.95
3001	7/18/2012 ECMECC	R	Technology	(239.90)	1,045.05
Total Month Ending 7/31/2012				(409.90)	
Month Ending 9/30/2012					
3003	9/27/2012 Kelly Inn	R	Conference : Misc.	(452.05)	593.00
Total Month Ending 9/30/2012				(452.05)	
Month Ending 10/31/2012					
VOID	10/11/2012 VOID	R		0.00	593.00
Total Month Ending 10/31/2012				0.00	
Month Ending 11/30/2012					
3004	11/29/2012 ECMECC	R	Technology	(239.90)	353.10
Total Month Ending 11/30/2012				(239.90)	
Month Ending 1/31/2013					
	1/10/2013 Bachmans	R	Miscellaneous	(76.06)	277.04
Total Month Ending 1/31/2013				(76.06)	
Month Ending 4/30/2013					
	4/17/2013 Deposit	R	Membership	900.00	1,177.04
Total Month Ending 4/30/2013				900.00	
Month Ending 7/31/2013					
	7/8/2013 Deposit		Membership	200.00	1,377.04
Total Month Ending 7/31/2013				200.00	
Grand Total				(77.91)	1,377.04