

Region 7 RTC
Minutes 09-16-2003
4:00 Hawkeye Community College

Present

Bob Chittenden
Kevin Fiene (via ICN, Waverly)
John Humpal
Carol French Johnson
Kent Johnson
Brian Knecht
Roger Rezabek
Joe Tjaden

Absent

Kelli Diemer
Rebecca Kemming

Minutes – Because there was no quorum for the July meeting, no minutes were recorded.

New RTC Member— Kevin Feine was introduced as the new RTC member representing the Independent and Private Colleges. Kevin is a faculty member at Wartburg College.

Budget – Roger reported on the FY Budget, the RTC Plan that submitted to IPTV, and the Reimbursement for scheduling K-12 sessions. Because of the eRate Reimbursement, there will likely be funds to purchase a computer/flatscreen monitor for Dawn Fratzke to use in ICN scheduling. The group supported the concept, and Roger will report back with more details.

Report from John Gillispie/Mike Bacino – John and Mike joined the group from Des Moines via the ICN. John reported on the following:

- ATM status – Rings 1, 2, 4 & 50% of 5 are done. All sites should be upgraded by the end of September with the exception of the National Guard Armories. Awards for upgrading Part III locations should be in place by the end of September.
- Wireless project – A report should be available on the tests being conducted this fall.
- Internet2 – A number of colleges are participating. The cost is \$200 per megabyte/month plus ICN fees.
- Virus/Worm Outbreak – The ICN will survey users regarding possible services to mitigate future problems.
- From the results of a Privatization Task Force (comprised of the private sector, ICN staff, and legislators) there appears to be limited interest public/private partnerships.

Mike reported on the following:

- Users should contact the Operations Center to report problems so systemic issues can be identified
- Voice conferencing is a service available from the ICN
- The ITTC voted to keep freeze the current rates for FY 2005

- The ICN is working on 10th Anniversary activities

ICN Scheduling Issues – Roger reported conflicts have been resolved for Spring 2004. New scheduling software is being tested, with October as a target date for implementation. Because of a severe shortage of classroom space, the RTC approved a request by Grundy Principal, Steve Vanderpol, to place a no-transmit in the school's ICN room for the current year from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM and from 12:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ICN users will have access to the room between 11:00 and 12:45 Monday through Friday. Roger will ask the school to request a no transmit again during advanced scheduling for Fall 2004 if they continue to have a shortage of available classrooms.

ETC & ITTC issues – Roger reported a new category of user, PSEO/Community College, has been created with a different usage rate of \$6.40 per hour per site. The new rate is to be implemented right away.

Other Issues – Roger reported his participation on a statewide Technology Advisory Committee that will be looking at policies, the Iowa Code, and best practices.

--Roger is working on filling vacancies on the RTC. Two vacancies still exist.

--A Digital Video Symposium is scheduled in Des Moines for Oct 28-30, sponsored by Iowa Public Television.

Adjournment: 5:15

Next meeting: November 18, 4:00 p.m., AEA 7