

MIAMI VALLEY EDUCATIONAL COMPUTER ASSOCIATION
Assembly Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2005- 9:30 a.m.

The MVECA Assembly Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairperson, Marsha Leonard.

The following members were present: Rick Burton, Darlene Rogers, Dave Baits, Bruce Stewart, John Calland, Debbie Finkes (proxy), Julie Turner, Gary West (proxy), Linda Carson, Terry Thomas, Chip Arledge, Marsha Leonard, Judy Geers, Valerie Browning, Joan Corbitt, Denny Howell (proxy), Dawn Weller (proxy), Rick Broderick, Denise Schneider, Dave Bollheimer, John Weaver, Brad McKee, Robert Dalton, Pat Thompson, Randy Richardson, Pam Mistovich, Keith St. Pierre (proxy), Kevin Liming (proxy), Keith Brown, Ben Teeters, Phil Warner, Jessie Wilson (and Holly Cahall new Treasurer), Rosalee Townsend, and Joy Kitzmiller.

Proxy: Joan Corbitt for Debbie Finkes, Kevin Graham for Denny Howell and Dawn Weller, Steve Shank for Keith St. Pierre, Rick Smith for Kevin Liming.

Absent: Dennis Morrison, Steve Maag, Pat Michalski, Art Reiber, Jeff Anderson, Dan Roberts, Debbie Black, Kevin Lacey, James Gay, Debra Decker, Jeffrey Lewis, and Tony Armocida.

2006-11-01: ROUTINE BUSINESS

2006-11-01.1 The Chairperson recommended that the Assembly approve the minutes of the April 21, 2005 Assembly Meeting. Pat Thompson moved to approve, Julie Turner seconded, Assembly Majority voted “yea”, motion carried.

2005-11-02: COMMUNICATIONS

The Executive Director’s Report

Introductions

The Board, MVECA staff, guests, and new Assembly members were introduced. Two retiring Assembly members were recognized: Jessie Wilson from Wilmington, and Steve Sutcliffe from the Greene County Career Center. Steve Sutcliffe was awarded a plaque and small gift to recognize his 25 years of service to MVECA as fiscal agent.

SOFTWARE UPDATE

SIRSI/INFOhio

Jim Pesch shared the progress we have made with seven successful Sirsi conversions. Four districts are currently in the active migration stage. Jim also showed the four minute INFOhio promotional video, which is available at www.infohio.org. The video highlights the services of INFOhio and the value of the electronic resources.

Fiscal

Tom Faulkner demonstrated the USAS Web software, now available through a link on the MVECA website. Tom invited Treasurers to provide feedback on this software product.

DASL

MVECA is developing a rollout plan for the DASL conversion, beginning with a “pilot” with Northwestern Local Schools during January- March 2006. MVECA plans to have all MVECA districts converted to DASL by the end of 2007. Plans will be shared with member districts once plans are firmed up.

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Human Resources Software

MVECA has the opportunity to contract with SSDT to develop an HR package which would be fully integrated with the state fiscal software. Cost to ITCs for Phase 1 of the development would be less than \$8,500 each. Once the software is developed, the Board will make a recommendation about how to assign a fee to this service for member districts. MVECA will then develop a rollout plan for the software modules as they become available.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATES

TFN

The Third Frontier Network (TFN) project is moving forward. MVECA hopes to have the legal work completed and our contract signed in the next few months, so that we might be connected to the fiber backbone by spring, 2006.

Internet Services

The MCOECN is currently exploring other options for Internet services. The current contract with OIT (formerly DAS) contains costs higher than those available to MVECA in the commercial market. MCOECN is currently negotiating with OIT for lower rates. However they are also preparing to request RFQs from other vendors in order to secure lower rates for Ohio's K-12 customers (ITCs and schools).

MVECA will have to increase our bandwidth from 20 mg to 35 meg, possibly before January 2006. The past practice of allowing ITCs to "burst" up to 1.5 times their purchased bandwidth may be discontinued by OIT. MVECA may eventually consider purchasing some bandwidth from another vendor, while maintaining 10-20 meg with OIT.

D³A²

The [Data-Driven Decisions for Academic Achievement](#) (D³A²) project is a long-term initiative focused on developing the capacity of educators to have systemic access to data and aligned resources to improve instruction and student achievement. The project hopes to improve educator's comfort and proficiency in analyzing data to inform instruction and practices, contribute to a sustainable infrastructure to promote and enhance information-based education practice across the state, and leverage technology user groups (i.e., school districts, application vendors and ITCs) to accelerate the integration of existing educational tools and the development of new data systems.

CA Unicenter Helpdesk Software

Thor Sage provided a brief demonstration of the new HelpDesk software, showing how districts users will eventually enter their service requests online through the software. This software will help MVECA determine its meeting the metrics as defined in the Service Level Agreements, as well as help with the internal assigning of "trouble tickets" to the appropriate staff. The software will electronically inform the person making the request of its status. The intention is that all ITCS in the state will use this software. Some funding for the software is deducted from the ITC state subsidy.

OTHER

HB115

The "OREDS" bill is currently sitting in the Senate, awaiting discussion by the Senate Education Committee.

Council of Governments

The MVECA Board is considering moving the organization to a Council of Governments. This move would require Board action by all member boards of education by resolution, and redrafting the MVECA Constitution. However, this change would allow more autonomy for the organization, while relieving all member districts from any liability for litigation relating to any past or future MVECA actions. Assembly Members will be kept apprised of this Board's recommendations and actions in this matter.

Fiscal Agent

Effective July 1, 2006, the Greene County Career Center will no longer serve as fiscal agent for MVECA. A new fiscal agent will be named before that time, pending the decision by the Board concerning the possible transition to Council of Government status.

Annual Report and Financial Statement

The FY2005 Annual Report was distributed for all members. Additional copies are available from MVECA, and can be found on the MVECA webpage at www.mveca.org.

2006-11-03: ACTION ITEMS

2006-11-03.1 The Chairperson recommended that the MVECA Assembly approve the fee schedule for FY07. Phil Warner moved to approve, Pam Mistovich seconded, Assembly Majority voted 'yea', motion carried.

2006-11-03.2 The Chairperson recommended that the MVECA Assembly MVECA's participation in development of HR package, not to exceed \$8,500 for FY06. Pat Thompson moved to approve, Julie Turner seconded, Assembly Majority voted 'yea', motion carried.

2006-11-04 OTHER

MVECA's 25th Anniversary Celebration

2006-11-05 ADJOURNMENT

2006-11-05.1 The Chairperson recommended that the Fall Assembly Meeting of November 17, 2005 be adjourned. Pam Mistovich moved to adjourn, Randy Richardson seconded, Assembly Majority voted "yea", meeting adjourned.

Note: The next regular Association Assembly Meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2006.