

RTC 10 Minutes—March 9, 2016

The RTC 10 meeting was called to order by Jan Robertson, Region 10 secretary on March 9th at 3:30 p.m. Present were: Kyle Phillips, Lisa Fry, Scott Drake, Marcel Kielkucki, Jan Robertson and Joe Tjaden.

There were no additions to the agenda.

Due to lack of a quorum, the minutes from the August meeting were not approved.

Jan addressed our two vacancies on the RTC 10. Requests have been made by the Department of Ed to the appointing boards for replacements. Marcel is a possible replacement for the Independent Colleges and Universities pending their approval. Our other vacancy is the K-12/DOE position.

Jan reported that two ICN rooms on the Kirkwood main campus will be upgraded to the new IP format sometime this spring. Kirkwood is also looking to expand their range of their KTS rooms by using Zoom to connect to individual students or high schools without ICN rooms.

Joe Tjaden, ICN account rep, gave us the ICN updates. The sunset on MPEG ICN rooms is June, 2018. The hourly rate for MPEG rooms will be increasing 25% and the monthly rate for IP rooms will be decreasing 25% on July 1.

ICN provided broadband to media who converged on the Capitol Complex in Des Moines to cover the February 1st caucuses.

Joe also updated us about the ICN's lead in the FirstNet initiative. A short summary is below.

Iowa is one of the first states in the nation to complete the initial data collection phase for FirstNet. Led by Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System Board (ISICSB), the Iowa Communications Network (ICN) serves as a technical management support partner to ISICSB, by gathering required asset and profile data. ICN collected initial data sets to create a master data set of state and commercial vertical assets, including, but not limited to the telecommunication infrastructure available in Iowa. Also assembled was current mobile devices/usage information for public safety users and coverage profiles for each county. Roxann Ryan, Iowa's Public Safety Commissioner says, "This is going to be the largest public safety initiative in our state's history." She added that the completion of phase one before any other state shows, "Iowa is poised to be the nationwide leader of the FirstNet network."
(From the ICN Insider, July, August 2015 Newsletter.

Marcel shared with us the REL Midwest update. (Regional Educational Laboratory Virtual Education Research Alliance)

http://www.relmidwest.org/sites/default/files/newsletters/RELMW_Feb2016_508.pdf

With no further items to be addressed, the meeting adjourned.

The next RTC 10 meeting is scheduled for June?, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Robertson,
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