

MiCTA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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May 13, 2015

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Present: Brad Bouwkamp, Tim von Hoff, Mark Burger, Jim Hudson, Cedric Banks, Lisa Priebe, Ken Schindler, Dawn Kaiser, Jeff Carpenter, Rick Haugerud and Dave Moeggenberg

Absent: John Sundstrom

Guest: None

Jim Hudson called the meeting to order at 11:01 AM.

Minutes: Dave made a motion to accept the March 11, 2015 minutes, 2nd by Lisa. **Motion passed.**

Treasurer's Report: Dave informed the Board of the current budget for the first five months or 42% for the year to date. Income is down and expenses are ahead of revenues. Jim believes we are not getting the revenues needed from our current RFP's.

Discussion took place on the Sprint revenues and why they are down. Tim pointed out that Sprint just signed with the City of Las Vegas, CenturyLink has a deal with the Iowa State networks and NETtech seems to be back on track. The fiber build out RFP looks very promising also.

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was not made.

RFP Updates: Tim updated the Board on the FBOS contact status. We have twenty one vendors that are approved by the committee. Discussion took place on regional vs. national vendors. It was noted that our marketing efforts are through our vendors.

Ken made a motion to approve the committee recommendations for eleven new vendors and start negotiations with them, 2nd by Cedric. **Motion passed.**

Personnel Committee Report: As not all Board members have had time to review the recommendations, the report is tabled until the next meeting.

Mark pointed out that according to the by-laws; the Board assigns committee chairs and not the President. It was also noted that all MiCTA meetings must have minutes taken by the Secretary and/or an assigned office staff member.

Discussion took place on the Board Source information Lisa distributed to the Board and that we should look at other sources for board operations and ethics. <https://www.boardsource.org/eweb/>

Positioning MiCTA for Future Success: Discussion took place on the PPT that Jim shared with the Board. It is Jim's hope that as suggestions are made by Board members we can revise and enhance the ideas provided. In this way we can establish a firm platform upon which we can confidently move forward with consistent success.

Jim believes as an organization we are not where we should be and that we should focus more on profits. The document will be discussed in greater length at the August Board meeting in Traverse City.

Discussion took place on additional staffing needs of the office. We have nine thousand new K12 members in the State of California and data entry work is needed. Discussion took place on future growth and a strategic plan. It was noted that our investments are doing well.

Action Item: Jim will call a conference call with Tim, Rick, Lisa and Cedric to develop a vision to present to the Board at the August meeting.

Cedric made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Dawn. **Motion passed.** The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Mark Burger