

RINET Business Meeting
Friday, October 7, 2005

Attendees: Bill Fiske, Kyle Davie, Lee Rabbitt, Mike Shaughnessy, Jim Monti, Ralph Malafronte, Pete Adamy, Jon Gallishaw, Sharon Hussey, Pam Christman, Steve Foehr

The June 17, 2005 minutes were approved unanimously with a correction to clarify the second sentence in the reports section.

Reports

Appointment of Ralph Malafronte from East Bay Educational Collaborative – Ralph was welcomed to the RINET board of directors.

New Business

Adoption of a Code of Ethics

- Sharon presented information on a code of ethics and opened the discussion on how RINET should proceed.
- It was suggested that the staff initiate a conversation with our auditor about RI specificities. The conversation is on hold until Aaronson has been consulted.

Conflict of Interest Policy and Procedure Proposal

- Sharon introduced the topic with a discussion of the Sarbanes-Oxley act and how it may apply to RINET.
- A draft policy was discussed. Mike Shaughnessy suggested that the policy should be retooled to more closely reflect RINET-specific factors. The document will be modified and presented at the next business meeting for a vote.
- Ralph suggested consulting the State ethics commission resources.
- Aaronson should also be consulted on this. The conversation is on hold until Aaronson has been consulted.

Modifications to Strategic Plan

- Vision, Mission, Introduction to RINET, and Core Values – Ralph suggested the reinsertion of the word “economical”. All agreed.
- Discussion of the mission resulted in the addition of a phrase to specify “schools, libraries and municipalities”.
- Ralph suggested the removal of the number of staff in the Introduction to RINET.

Jim Monti made a motion to accept the modifications to the Strategic Plan as amended, Kyle Davies seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

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Discussion

- Ralph Malafronte brought up his suggestion for a business case review committee for the SIS project. Ralph suggested that districts that refuse to hire a highly qualified Director of Technology need to be penalized for their refusal.
- Mike noted that it might be reasonable to convene a subcommittee to look at the SIS business case with balanced representation around the state.
- Bill agreed that for RINET to be involved, it needs to be broadly based: a representative cross section of the consortium.
- Lee commented that the committee should originate with the RINET consortium and RIDE partners should be invited.
- Suggestions made by the committee would be presented to the executive director, who will bring a recommendation back to the RINET board.
- Bill clarified that the charter of this committee would be to review the business plan to bring RINET back into the black.
- Sharon agreed to convene a broad based, business plan review committee.
- It was agreed that RINET does not need to force SchoolMAX into a noncompete clause
- Planning for RINET E-rate Workshop and Technical Symposium: Lee suggested that we summarize changes for those familiar with E-rate at beginning or end of day.
- First week or two in November between 8 and 18 – 16th?

- **Deferred to next meeting**
FY05 EOY Financial Statement
FY06 Budget
Hosting services Proposal
Staff Performance Review (Director of Information Services)
e-Portfolio Status

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42.