

ILLINOIS CENTURY NETWORK
**ADVANCED ENGINEERING TASKFORCE
MEMBERSHIP UPDATES AND APPROVAL OF CHAIR**
REVISED

Submitted for: Action

Summary: The Advanced Engineering Taskforce was created in 2000 with the charge to advise the management of ICN regarding advanced technology issues, reflecting on both the needs of the client community and the changes in technology likely to impact the market and education applications. This item recommends reappointments and additions to the membership along with the selection of a new Chair.

Action Requested: Approval of appointments to the Advanced Engineering Taskforce, the elimination of stipends, and the appointment of Gary Wenger as Chair.

Recommended Motion: *The ICN Policy Committee approves the appointments and associated terms of service as well as elimination of the current stipend for the Advanced Engineering Taskforce.*

The ICN Policy Committee approves the appointment of Gary Wenger as Chair of the Advanced Engineering Taskforce for a two-year term.

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The Advanced Engineering Taskforce was created in 2000 with the following charge:

Advise the management of ICN about advanced technology issues, reflecting on both the needs of the client community and the changes in technology that are likely to impact the market and education applications. The timing of demand for new capabilities, assessments of the readiness of innovations for broad deployment and insight about which innovations are likely to be significant are important topics.

The committee is drawn from a wide group of knowledgeable individuals representing the diversity of ICN constituent institutions and the most advanced networking projects in the state. The members also have important relationships with other projects and help to identify opportunities for the mutual benefit of ICN stakeholders. The group makes its recommendations via the Director to the Policy Committee with response and recommendations by the staff. Recommendations are presented at least once a year in a timeframe designed to allow consideration of findings in conjunction with annually revised planning.

Membership

In selecting the membership of the AET, staff draws on a wide variety of institutions and seeks representation from the constituent sectors served by the network. Whenever possible, staff has selected members from organizations that are well known in the state or nationally and acknowledged as progressive in the field of networking. Ideally, AET representatives will have familiarity with technology issues, the evolving telecommunications industry, and educational policy considerations. The Director seeks recommendations annually from members of the Policy Committee and may identify candidates in particular sectors for consideration by the Policy Committee member that represents the same sector. The proposed membership roster is presented to the Policy Committee as a whole for confirmation and action. Members are appointed to three-year staggered terms.

A select number of ICN and Department of Central Management Services (CMS) personnel have served as staff to the AET to ensure that the taskforce has the resources necessary to accomplish its mission. These staff members serve as valuable resources in

discussions of operations and business issues and present an organizational perspective for consideration by the taskforce in its deliberations and discussions.

In response to vacancies and under representation in particular sectors, the ICN staff recommends appointments for the following individuals:

1. Tony Daniels (replaces Tim Fox for the remainder of the 2-year term)
Network Engineering
Central Management Services
2. Charlie Campbell (new appointment) (3-year term)
Associate Director, Information Technology
Southern Illinois University
3. Todd Cooper (new appointment) (2-year term)
Information Technology Coordinator
Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network
4. Richard Powell (new appointment) (1-year term)
Chief Financial Officer
Stroger Hospital

In addition, staff recommends the renewal of expiring terms for current members. The following table identifies all members their with updated term length noted in parentheses after his or her name. The renewed appointments appear in the table *in italics*, while new and replacement appointments are underlined.

Table 1
Advanced Engineering Taskforce Members

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K-12 Schools	Community Colleges	Universities	Libraries	Museums	Other Institutions	Units of Local Government	State Agencies	Staff
Jim Dispensa, CPS (2005)	Robert W. Einhorn, College of Lake County (2004)	<u>Charlie Campbell, SIU (2006)</u>	Andrew Bullen, Illinois State Library (2004)	<i>Alan Newman, Art Institute of Chicago (2006)</i>	Linda Winkler, Argonne / I-Wire (2005)	Sam Ferguson, City of Schaumburg (2004)	<u>Tony Daniels, CMS (2005)</u>	Dirk French, ICN
<i>Jim Flanagan, Maine Township Schools (2006)</i>	Alan Pfeifer, Sauk Valley Community College (2005)	Mike Dickson, WIU (2004)	<i>Tammy Lusher, NIU Founders Library (2006)</i>	Erich Schroeder, Illinois State Museum (2005)	<u>Todd Cooper, IL Critical Access Hospital Network (2005)</u>	<i>Steven J. Philbrick, City of Chicago (2006)</i>	State Agency Rep	Beth O'Mahoney, ICN
Dennis Gallo, O'Fallon CCSD 90 (2004)	<i>Gary Wenger, COD (2006)</i>	Charles Kline, UIUC (2005)			<u>Richard Powell, Stroger Hospital (2004)</u>			Ron Sanderson, CMS
Abe Loveless, LTC (2005)		<i>Joel Mambretti, Northwestern University (2006)</i>						Karlin Sink, ICN
<i>Keith Mann, Township HSD 214 (2006)</i>		Ken Spelke, UIUC (2004)						Lori Sorenson, ICN
		Bret Sutton, Aurora University (2005)						Frank Walters, ICN

Chair

As reported to the Policy Committee during the June 2003 meeting, George Badger resigned from his position as the founding AET Chair after three years of service. Staff has solicited recommendations and advice from current AET members, constituents, and members of the Policy Committee for consideration as a new AET Chair. After careful consideration, staff recommends Gary Wenger, Vice President for Information Technology, College of DuPage to serve as Chair of the AET. Gary is a founding member of the AET and has been a strong advocate of the Illinois Century Network. Staff recommends the appointment as Chair should be for a two year term.

Compensation

Historically, members of the AET were paid a moderate stipend in compensation for their time as well as reimbursed for travel expenses. Over the years, the stipend has been reduced as a result of budget limitations. While the ICN is appreciative and grateful of the time members dedicate to the Taskforce, budget realities dictate that the stipends are not possible at this time. Therefore staff recommends the elimination of the stipend and continued reimbursement for travel expenses.

Staff Recommendation

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