

**Southwest Telecommunications Cooperative
Governance Board Meeting**

Tuesday September 12, 2000 - 1:00 P.M.
Westbrook Country Club, Westbrook, Minnesota

Minutes

Southwest Telecommunications Governance Board Members Present:

Rick Clark	Tracy
Steve Kjorness	Westbrook/Walnut Grove
Jay Haugen	Sleepy Eye
Doug Froke	Fulda
John Widvey	Worthington
Marv Niedan	Canby
Gery Arndt	JCC
Don Knutson	RTR

Others Present:

Rod Wrege	SWTC
Jerry Parker	SWTC
Bruce Haug	SW/WC Service Cooperatives

- 1.0 The meeting of Southwest Telecommunications Cooperative Governance Board was called to order by Steve Kjorness at 1:00 P.M., September 12, 2000, at the Rolling Hills Country Club in Westbrook.
- 2.0 The agenda was modified by adding 7.3 Request for Class Trip. Motion by Marv Niedan, second by Doug Froke, to approve the modified agenda. Motion carried.
- 3.0 Motion by Jay Haugen, second by Marv Niedan, to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2000, Governance Board meeting. Motion carried.
- 4.0 Election of Officers
Motion by Marv Niedan, second by Jay Haugen, to nominate Steve Kjorness as Chairman.
Motion by Rick Clark, second by Marv Niedan, to close nominations. Motion carried. Steve Kjorness is the new Chairman.
Motion by Rick Clark, second by Marv Niedan, to nominate Doug Froke as Vice Chairman.
Motion by Marv Niedan, second by Jay Haugen to close nomination. Motion carried. Doug Froke is the new Vice Chairman.
- 5.0 SWTC Operations

- 5.1 FY2000 Operating Budget and Expenditures
Rod Wrege presented the FY2000 Operating Budget and Expenditures. Motion by Doug Froke, second by Marv Niedan, to approve the FY2000 Financial Reports and Claims of Account presented to the SWTC Governance Board. Motion carried.
- 5.2 Network Operations Report
Rod Wrege reported that the new ITV equipment is installed and working. There have been some audio and bridging problems. Forrest has contacted the vendors and they will be helping him resolve these issues. Jerry Parker presented the updated schedule for the 2000-01 school year. We currently have scheduled 29 classes for Fall semester. ITV usage is up about 50% from this time last year.
- 5.3 SWTC Staff Assignments
Theresa Black has resigned as of August 3. Mary Evers has been hired to replace her and will start September 25.
- 5.4 SWTC Funding Formulas
Rod presented the question of looking at options for changing the funding formulas to make ITV and Internet services more equitable for everyone. Rod will develop some options and bring them to the Board.
- 6.0 TAG/METC/E-rate
There is no new information regarding changes in funding. Rod Wrege will write a letter to superintendents asking if they have questions regarding state funding.
- 7.0 Miscellaneous
- 7.1 Next Governance Board Meeting
The next Governance Board Meeting will be 1:00 P.M., Wednesday, November 8, 2000 at the Services Cooperatives in Marshall.
- 7.2 Next Superintendents Meeting
The Next Superintendents Meeting will be at 1:00 P.M. on Tuesday, December 12, 2000 at Key Largo, on Lake Schetek.
- 7.3 Request for Class Trip
Rod presented a proposal from Wayne Bottiger to the board regarding a four-day trip to Washington. Motion by Marv Niedan, second by Rick Clark, requesting that Mr. Bottiger look at having an alternative trip which is less expensive and closer .
- 8.0 Adjourn
Motion by Jay Haugen, second by Rick Clark, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Parker