

**School & Library Network  
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes  
January 19, 2000**

Members Present: Bill Black, Phil Lindley, Reginald Palmer, Gary Nichols, Joanne Steneck, John Vedral, Greg Scott

Members Absent: Barry McCrum and Barry Crommet

1. Minutes. Minutes from the December 8, 1999 meeting were approved.

2. Status of Connections/Circuit Riders.

Art Henry reported that 262 sites are served by T1's, 772 by 56kbps, and 121 received AEV, as of December 31, 1999. For 1999, the Circuit Riders conducted 343 on-site visits; 869 phone contracts and 739 e-mail communications. Art also reported that Bell Atlantic had spent \$8,143,337 on the project through December 1999. He will provide a projection of remaining spending through June 2001.

3. Status of E-Rate.

All form 471's for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Cycle are due by January 19, 2000.

4. Status of ATM

Greg Scott reported that installations for pilot sites are progressing. 10 sites should be installed by the end of January and an additional 17 by April. 28 other sites have expressed an interest. The majority of these are in rural parts of the state.

5. Future Program Design

It was generally agreed that the Commission should open an inquiry and ask interested persons to respond to a series of questions about future program design. The questions will be widely distributed to get as much feedback as possible. Joanne Steneck passed out a list of questions that could be included in the Notice of Inquiry. She asked all Board members to provide her with additional questions or comments by January 31, 2000. Gary Nichols suggested that we follow the process used in designing the first phase of the project by holding a number of open forums where interested persons can discuss their ideas. It was agreed that the Board will recommend to the Commission that the Board sponsor such a forum in the mid-April. Greg Scott and Gary Nichols will work on an agenda for discussion at the next Board meeting.

The next Board meeting will be held on March 8, 2000 at 10:00 at the State Library.