

**MINUTES  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2008  
NORTHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY**

- I. **Call to Order** – Robert Kollar called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.
- II. **Determination of Quorum** – Quorum established
- III. **Public Comments**
- A. Brentwood Public Library – Dennis Luther, director, read a statement commenting on scenarios 1, 2, and 3, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.
  - B. Oakmont Carnegie Library – Shannon Dunn, director, commented that not enough information is available yet to make a decision on any scenario.
  - C. Carnegie Library of McKeesport – JoEllen Kenney, director, stated spending additional money to get additional consultant opinions was not prudent and the members alone could make an intelligent decision.
  - D. Northland Public Library – Sandra Collins, director, stated her library was reluctantly supporting Option #2 as a compromise for the consortium to remain intact.
- IV. **Action & Discussion Items**
- A. eiNetwork Discussion
    - 1. Process Overview – Kate Dewey, Dewey & Kaye, reported her firm was retained to provide a strategic plan for eiNetwork and the question arose of whether eiNetwork could effectively and efficiently provide the emerging technology needs of both ACLA and CLP. solutions4networks was retained as the firm to answer the questions regarding those technology needs.
    - 2. Technology Findings – Mark Taylor, solutions4networks, provided a presentation explaining the process which included the following points (a copy of which is attached to these minutes):
      - a. Critical Observations
      - b. Study Objectives
      - c. Premise Findings
      - d. Project Methodology
      - e. Technical Services Portfolio
      - f. ACLA Major Technology Users
      - g. Where eiNetwork Is and Where It Needs to Be
      - h. Transition: Centralized to Internal Service Company

- i. Scenarios
  1. **Scenario #1** – Internal service company model (recommended by Solutions4Networks)
  2. **Scenario #2** – CLP becomes host for technical services
  3. **Scenario #3** – CLP secedes from the consortium
  4. **Scenario #4** – CLP secedes from the consortium with higher-end technology libraries
3. Budgetary Overview – Marcia Taylor, eiNetwork Treasurer, presented both the 2008 budget and the 2009 draft budget surrounding Scenario #3 (copy attached to these minutes) and noted CLP needs to provide numbers for Scenario #2. She also noted neither the 2008 budget nor the 2009 draft budget allow for upgrades or enhancements and that the 2008 budget reflects a deficit budget.

A short question and answer session followed. The following are some concerns put forth from the membership:

1. How can all library needs be met equally under Scenario #2?
2. What will happen to eiNetwork under Scenario #2? Who will manage the ILS?
3. Where is the funding for new technology going to come from under Scenario #3?
4. How are any of the options going to work with prioritization for new technology?
5. Why was the approach ACLA versus CLP?
6. Who will make the final decision?
7. Are there hidden costs under Scenario #3?
8. Are there any recommendations to fix eiNetwork's governance?
9. If the changes are needed in technology, why are we re-inventing versus re-organizing? Why not construct a more flexible structure?

Jenkins noted additional questions could be forwarded to the ACLA office for response.

- V. **Approval of Minutes** – MOTION was made by Tyrone Ward (Carnegie Library of Homestead ) and seconded by Kathy Robinson (Crafton Public Library) to approve the January 2008 minutes. MOTION carried.

## VI. **Reports**

- A. Treasurer's Report – Kollar presented the Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2008 and noted these were un-audited financials but were on track with the adopted budget.
- B. Written Reports
  1. Librarians Advisory Council – No report.

2. District Services – A written report is attached to these minutes.
3. eiNetwork – A written report is attached to these minutes.

**VII. Announcements** – It was announced that Wendy Smith resigned as ACLA Board President and Sanjay Saha is the Acting President. A vacancy in the West Region results from Smith's resignation.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Cynthia K. Richey, Acting Board Secretary**