MARINet Governing Board
Minutes (approved)
Thursday, June 27, 1996
9:00-11:30 a.m., Marin County Civic Center, Room 311

Present: Anne M. Appel, Anne Montgomery, Mary Richardson, Vaughn Stratford, *MARINet Board;* Philip Youngholm, *Project Manager;* Carol Perot, *observer.*

1. Minutes

    The Board approved the minutes of the meeting of May 16, 1996.

2. MARINet World Wide Web page on MIDAS server (guest: John Martin, County Information Services and Technology)

    John Martin gave the Board a brief update on the status of MIDAS governance and technology. He asked the Board to name a representative to the MIDAS editorial board. Vaughn Stratford volunteered to be that representative and will so inform MIDAS.

3. Report on meeting with County Technology Strategies Committee

    Anne Appel and the Project Manager reported on a June 5 meeting requested by the County Technology Strategies Committee at which they updated the Committee members on MARINet and the status of system implementation.

4. Authority to sign for expenditures

    The Project Manager reported that the County Auditor-Controller's Office had contacted him to request that the Board collectively sign an authorization card naming one or more persons authorized to approve MARINet expenditures. Anne Appel responded that, since the County is MARINet's fiscal agent, she believed this was an internal County matter and would take it up with the Auditor-Controller's Office.

5. Regional training

    The Project Manager called the Board's attention to the fact that the Northern California Innovative Users Group is trying to arrange group training sessions for libraries in the region, with each library sharing in the expense, and that it is calling for suggestions for training topics. The Project Manager suggested, and the Board agreed, that such training sessions would probably be less useful than training aimed specifically at the needs of MARINet, and that the Marin Community Foundation might be receptive to a grant request to fund such training. With that in mind, the Board instructed the Project Manager to ask the staff committees for a list of training needs by September 15.

6. Sinking fund

The Board approved establishing the Sinking Fund in the amount of $110,000, to be taken from the current off-budget fund balance. The Sinking Fund is for both upgrade of the existing system and its eventual replacement.

7. Port pricing

    The Board was unable to agree on how existing unallocated ports should be priced, or on how the money received for these ports should be deposited. The matter will be placed on the August agenda for further discussion (since Mary Richardson will be absent during the July meeting).

8. Staff committees

    Each Board member will send the Project Manager an updated list of staff assigned to MARINet staff committees.

9. MARINet staffing plan

    The Project Manager reminded the Board that the County Human Resources Department expects to review and classify MARINet positions in September, and that it will be necessary to keep to this time frame if the position of Project Manager is to be filled with a permanent employee by January 1, 1997. Various Board members volunteered to collect job descriptions from other systems in preparation for further discussion.

The next Board meeting date (previously set) will be Thursday, July 25, 1996, in the Civic Center.