

**MARINet Governing Board**

**Minutes (approved)**

Friday, July 29, 1996

1:30-3:15 p.m., Marin County Civic Center, Room 404

Present: Anne M. Appel, Anne Montgomery, Vaughn Stratford, *MARINet Board*; Philip Youngholm, *Project Manager*; David Hill, *Marin County Information Services & Technology*

The MARINet Governing Board met in an ad hoc session to discuss the proposals received in response to *Network Design and Cost Analysis: Request for Proposal*, written by David Hill and approved by the Board on April 17, 1996.

Two proposals were received:

1. Vendor: James K. Barrentine, Information Partners, Cleveland, OH  
Amount of bid: \$24,100
2. Vendor: Paul Obsitnik, SoftIRON Systems, San Rafael, CA  
Amount of bid: \$22,750  
(This bid was received after the deadline.)

The Board decided to reject both proposals, since both were well above the \$8,000 granted by the Marin Community Foundation to fund the study. The Board accepted in outline Hill's proposal to scale down the network plan to a prototype network of eight PC's (maximum) per location, taking advantage of the free CalREN frame relay service for the next year. The Board agreed to spend the grant money to contract out the detailed network design, once the elements of the network at each location have been defined by each jurisdiction. Each jurisdiction will then be free to implement the network at its own pace and with its own funding. The existing Innovative Interfaces telecommunications system will remain in place to support the dumb terminals during this transitional period. The intention is that the two telecommunications systems will eventually be merged into a single telecommunications system.

The Board will meet on Thursday, August 1, at 2:00 p.m. in Hill's office (County Information Services & Technology, 371 Bel Marin Keys Boulevard, Suite 100, Novato) to continue the planning.