

**School & Library Network
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
December 8, 1999**

Members Present: Bill Black, Phil Lindley, Reginald Palmer, Barry McCrum, Gary Nichols, Joanne Steneck, Barry Crommet, John Vedral for Stephen Gilbert, Greg Scott

Members Absent: None

1. Minutes. Minutes from the October 27, 1999 meeting were approved.

2. Status of Connections/Circuit Riders.

Art Henry reported that 209 sites had T1's installed as of December 7, 1999. Fourteen sites have applied for MSLN credit for ATM. Year-to-date, the Circuit Riders have conducted 321 on-site visits; 804 phone contacts and 675 e-mail communications. The MSLN website has been recently updated with a computer check list on what information a user should know about computer setups, information about virus protection; and information on how to maintain a healthy computer (e.g. updating software) and Y2K diagnostics.

3. Status of E-Rate.

The second cycle is complete. Maine received \$3.5 million (compared to \$2.9 in the first cycle). \$1.9 M was for telecommunication services and \$1.4 M for internal connections.

4. Status of ATM

An agreement was recently signed with Ameritech Data Networking Solutions, Inc. to provide the switching and classroom equipment. 5 sites will be installed by December 1999; 6 more by January 15, 2000. The remaining 16 sites will be installed by April 15, 2000. The contract allows for an additional 27 to be installed by September 2000.

5. Future Program Design

There was general discussion about a possible design of a new program to begin in July 2001, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. §7104-B. TAM and DOE/State Library submitted written comments/questions. Joanne Steneck briefly described a possible way to administer the program. It was agreed that Joanne would work on a draft document that would open a Commission inquiry and seek comments from interested persons on a series of questions. The document will be discussed at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held at the DOE ATM site on January 19, 2000 at 1:30.