

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Minutes of the

COMPUTER REPLACEMENT WORKGROUP

Tuesday, January 31, 2012
Harvest Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

Representative Bob Martinson, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members present: Senators Randy Burckhard, Dick Dever, Robert Erbele, Larry Robinson; Representatives Bob Martinson, Joe Heilman, Scot Kelsh, Scott Louser, Roscoe Streyle, Blair Thoreson

Others present: Patrick Forster, Information Technology Department, Bismarck
Jim W. Smith, Legislative Council, Bismarck

LAPTOPS

Mr. Kyle W. Forster, Information Technology Manager, Legislative Council, presented information ([appendix](#)) on laptop computers regarding consumer versus business class laptops and laptop screen size, screen resolution, and weight. He provided screen size, screen resolution, and weight comparison information for the current legislator laptops and demonstration laptops. He provided information on self-encrypting drives.

TABLETS

Mr. K. Forster presented information ([appendix](#)) on tablet computers regarding their form factor and use cases, operating systems, manufacturers and supported operating systems, and market share. He provided a demonstration of tablet features and usability.

In response to a question from Chairman Martinson inquiring whether workgroup members thought the Legislative Assembly should get anything other than an Apple iPad, the workgroup responded unanimously to only consider the Apple iPad tablet.

WESTERN STATES CONTRACTING ALLIANCE

At the request of the Legislative Council, Mr. Patrick Forster, Information Technology Department, presented information ([appendix](#)) regarding purchasing through the Western States Contracting Alliance computer equipment contract.

COMPUTER REPLACEMENT BUDGET AND QUOTES

Mr. K. Forster presented information ([appendix](#)) on the computer replacement budget for laptops and office software upgrade, HP laptop and Microsoft Office 2010 quotes, tablet pricing, and five computer replacement options.

It was moved by Senator Robinson and seconded by Representative Kelsh that the Computer Replacement Workgroup approve computer replacement Option 5, excluding legislator laptop bags. Senators Erbele and Robinson and Representatives Martinson and Kelsh voted "aye." Senators Burckhard and Dever and Representatives Heilman, Louser, Streyle, and Thoreson voted "nay." **The motion failed.**

It was moved by Senator Dever, seconded by Senator Robinson, and carried on a roll call vote that the Computer Replacement Workgroup approve computer replacement Option 5, excluding legislator laptop bags and including Microsoft Office 2010. Senators Burckhard, Dever, and Robinson and Representatives Martinson, Kelsh, and Thoreson voted "aye." Senator Erbele and Representatives Heilman, Louser, and Streyle voted "nay."

In response to a question from Representative Streyle regarding the funding for Option 5, excluding legislator laptop bags and including Microsoft Office 2010, which exceeds the amount budgeted by approximately \$46,000, Chairman Martinson said that would be the determination of the Legislative Procedure and Arrangements Committee and could come from other available funding or savings. He indicated the workgroup's responsibility is to make a recommendation to the Legislative Procedure and Arrangements Committee which will make the final determination.

In response to a question from Chairman Martinson for confirmation regarding funding for Option 5, Mr. Smith said the Legislative Assembly is the appropriate budget to look at for the necessary funding, including any potential savings in other areas.

No further business appearing, Chairman Martinson adjourned the meeting at 1:12 p.m.

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