

MINUTES - NEWCOM Meeting July 18, 2006

The first official meeting of the NEWCOM Board was held on Tuesday July 18, 2006, 10:00am at the Westwood Conference Center in Wausau, Wisconsin.

Introductions

Each person was asked to introduce him or herself. Thirty two people were in attendance representing 14 of 16 NEWCOM counties, 2 Regional Planning Commissions, and the State Patrol (see attached list)

Overview of NEWCOM

Andy Faust from the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (NCWRPC) presented a PowerPoint presentation giving an overview of how NEWCOM was started and how it got to this point in time.

Adoption of By-Laws

The NEWCOM By-Laws were adopted and can be viewed on the NEWCOM website.
<http://www.ncwrpc.org/newcom.html>

Election of NEWCOM Board Officers

The following Officers were elected to serve on the NEWCOM Board

Chair – Curtis Powell, County Board Chair, Lincoln County

Vice-Chair – Gerald Thorpe, Sheriff Department, Shawano County

Secretary-Treasurer – Jim Clark, County Board Member, Portage County

NEWCOM Budget

A budget was set at \$300 per county. $16 \times \$300 = \4800 . Invoices will be sent to each county for \$300. The budget will be used for general operations of the NEWCOM group which will include general meeting expenses, mailings, web page hosting, copies, phone conferences, and other miscellaneous expenses as approved by the Board. After all invoices are collected a checking account will be created in the name of NEWCOM.

Other Business

A standard for digital encryption was discussed again. Gerald Thorpe was asked to organize a committee to research encryption and report back to the Board.

Mike Knoll, Pierce County Sheriff Dept. contacted NEWCOM about applying for a grant with the other communication group to west side of the state for training of communication resources. Andy Faust was asked to follow up on this and report back to the Board.

CTA Communications contacted NEWCOM about providing additional consultant services to NEWCOM. No interest from the group at this time.

Andy Faust from the NCWRPC will setup a list server for email communications between NEWCOM members. This service will provide the ability for all to email everyone that subscribes to the email list server.

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