MINUTES OF THE HOUSE VISION 2020 COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Sloan at 3:30 p.m. on February 16, 2011, in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
  Representative Broderick Henderson- excused
  Representative Mike Peterson- excused

Committee staff present:
  Corey Carnahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
  Jay Hall, Kansas Legislative Research Department
  Mary Koles, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:
  Dave Larson, Kansas Legislative Computer Services

Others attending:
  See attached list.

Chairman Sloan recognized and welcomed Dave Larson, Director, Kansas Legislative Computer Services, Division of Legislative Administrative Services, back to the committee. Mr. Larson greeted the committee and resumed his February 14 discussion about super computers. He described the resources and services of several notable supercomputer centers: San Diego Supercomputer Center, one of the oldest in the nation, offers a high-performance computing environment and co-location services; Ohio Super Computer Center, a powerful high performance computing, research and educational cyberinfrastructure, partners (250) strategically to develop new research and business opportunities, and **advance** Ohio's knowledge economy; and New Mexico Computing Applications Center, one of the newer and fastest facilities, focuses on providing applications solutions and serves the Los Alamos National Laboratory, Scandia National Labs and three (3) state universities as well as interested others.

Mr. Larson addressed other information technology (IT) opportunities for Kansas and Kansans. Garden Grove, California, Largo, Florida, and Munich, Germany, were motivated, he said, by a financial crisis to change to open source software. Kansas Legislative Information Systems and Services uses open source software and as its software is developed, Kansas is setting standards, standards for other state government information systems, and, ultimately, has an opportunity to reap financial rewards. Several research methods utilized in developing KLISS were described.   Larson concluded that it is important to have a solid network/infrastructure if a state/government uses open source software. He also noted that it is important to have broadband services available to everyone; Kansas' networks, he emphasized, do not reach everyone.

Mr. Larson mentioned the Kansas Enterprise of Electronic Preservation Project (KEEPP), an electronic repository of records which when completed will generate fees for certification of authenticity and for ingesting and transmitting these records. Mr. Larson believes this program is a potential goldmine for the State. The State Historical Society is the lead agency for this project.

Following Mr. Larson's update and glimpse at what IT could hold in the future for Kansas and Kansans, many questions and comments and discussions, brief and lengthy, occurred. Those asking broad questions included Chairman Sloan and Representatives Joseph Scapa, Ron Worley, Don Hill, Vern Swanson, Don Hineman, and Bill Otto; many questions with short answers were posed and brief comments were made. Lastly, Mr. Larson presented a short overview of KLISS and requested suggestions from the Committee to incorporate into the programming.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

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