

KQ Technology Leadership Team Meeting
November 19, 2002

The KQ TLT met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 19, 2002, in the 2nd Floor Conference Room of the Courts and Administration Building. A copy of the agenda is attached. Members in attendance were:

Jon Johnson, Alinda Uzel, Donna Elliott, Jack Spain, Lawrence Simpkins, Dom Stolfi, Debra Branham, Norm Dauphinee, Steve Haase, Don Pemberton (new member).

Alinda Uzel invited all present to introduce themselves and share their personal interest in the project. Don Pemberton was introduced as a new participant.

Jon Johnson introduced Jamie Shetrone (Project Director, Blacksburg Electronic Village, VA Tech) who then presented the training to the group on "Introduction to Community Networks." During and after her presentation some questions were raised.

- Does the grant provide assistance for existing businesses that do not currently have a website and wish to have a website?
- What time-frames could existing businesses expect for learning about how the TOP grant could assist them?
- "...Don't most incubator programs create-for-profit businesses?"
- How can BEV host start-up companies that will operate for profit if BEV policy is not to compete with local ISPs and web hosting companies?
- Will the TLT be able to view the templates during the Take Charge process?
- How does Take Charge serve as a backbone for TOP?
- Can the site be manipulated with JAVA scripts?
- What happens to the site at the end of the grant?

Dom Stolfi explained the presence of a discussion board he established for the benefit of the Team. This can simplify the way we communicate with each other and have all the local TOP information easily at hand. The site address is: <http://www.geocities.com/Domscomp>

This will link to the King and Queen Electronic Village discussion board site. After establishing the link, if bookmarked, you can go to it directly.

Alinda reported that a proposal in excess of \$700,000 was submitted to the USDA for a Rural Utilities Service grant that would support broadband access throughout the County. If funded, this provides free community-access stations for individuals and businesses at several community center sites for two years and connects all vital services across the County. As written, the infrastructure equipment will be owned by the County and will not cost the County if funding for continuation is not available. However, it will allow usage to be picked up again if funding is found. Another grant, the 21st Century Community Learning Centers, is being submitted in cooperation with Extension, the School System, the Community Involvement Team and Day-by-Day which includes \$5,000 to be focused on a teen component for the electronic village and technology training. If funded, the TLT will have strong input into the implementation design. (This can include teen/adult mentoring on computers, helping those wishing to purchase a computer decide which to buy, and possibly assisting local residents with the setup of their computers/printers in their homes.)

Due to the fact that the TOP initiative is a research project of VA Tech and there are regulations from the Human Research Review Board, it is necessary for TOP team members to give their permission for their names to be listed on the top.bev.net web site. Forms were provided for team members present and they completed them. Ms. Uzel will send forms to those members not present and will then forward them to VA Tech.

A brief discussion was held regarding Community Pride Day and participation in the vote for the electronic village name. The top ten names and the responses will be brought to the next meeting.

After discussion about the *Take Charge* meetings in January, it was decided that we need to meet December to firm up plans for those meetings. The next meeting is December 10, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room of the Courts and Administration Building.