

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY GROUP

March 10, 2010
MAG Office
302 North First Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Dale Shaw, Mesa, Chair	Christopher Nchopa-Ayafor for Stacey Haggart, Maricopa County
Pat Timlin, El Mirage, Vice Chair	**Duncan Miller, Paradise Valley
* Patrick Quain, ADOA	*John Imig, Peoria
** Dee Hathaway, Buckeye	**Greg Binder, Phoenix
**Jim Keen, Carefree	*Lester Godsey, Queen Creek
**Patrick Hait, Chandler	**Brad Hartig, Scottsdale
**Mike Ciccarone, Fountain Hills	**Randy Jackson, Surprise
*Ajay Joshi, Gilbert	*Dave Heck, Tempe
*Kenneth Arnold, Glendale	Harvey Estrada for Arkady Bernshteyn, Valley Metro Light Rail
**Kathy Fernandez, Goodyear	

*Members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS PRESENT

Craig Chenery, MAG

**Participated via telephone conference call.

+Participated via video conference call.

TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY GROUP AGENDA

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:04a.m. by Chairman Dale Shaw of Mesa. All members introduced themselves.

2. Call to the Audience

No comments were made by the audience.

3. Approval of the March 10, 2011 Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the March 10, 2011 meeting minutes was moved by Brad Hartig of Scottsdale, seconded by Pat Timlin of El Mirage and unanimously approved by the committee.

4. HB2282 Government Transparency Act

Mr. Shaw introduced Joanna Greenaway and Kiran Chinnagangannagari of the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA). Ms. Greenaway stated the ADOA transparency website was launched in December 2010 and gave a brief overview of HB2282. She added that OpenBooks.az.gov was created in accordance with Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) Section 41-725. Ms. Greenaway stated that the site is a searchable, user-friendly public site that serves as a single point of reference for citizens to view information about the financial activities of the state of Arizona. It is anticipated that data will be retained for ten complete fiscal years. Ms. Greenaway stated that the website is designed to provide a database of statewide revenue and expenditures. She added that the database is very complex due to the 120 different agencies that require entry and involving over 600 funding sources.

Ms. Greenaway stated that Arizona uses a centralized, automated accounting system called the Arizona Financial Information System (AFIS). The AFIS is the state's principal accounting system and is utilized by most state organizations as their primary accounting system. She said that the Department of Economical Security (DES) and Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System AHCCCS maintain financial data in separate internal accounting systems with summary level information periodically posted to the AFIS. Ms. Greenaway stated that universities process summary level information on AFIS related to state funding, as well as collections of tuition and fees. She added that detailed revenue and expenditure transactions are maintained in their separate internal accounting systems.

Ms. Greenaway stated that ADOA has not spent any money on hardware or software as they were able to leverage technology and infrastructure from the implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) reporting solution. This approach of leveraging ARRA products provided significant cost and time savings in development and support of the state transparency website.

Mr. Shaw asked when the mandated deadline is for agencies to have these features available. Ms. Greenaway stated that the deadline is January 1st, 2013. Mr. Chinnagangannagari stated that he will provide the template used for information gathering to the committee.

Ms. Fernandez asked if ADOA has been keeping track of the number of hits the website has received. Ms. Greenaway replied that the site had 6400 visits between December 2010 and March 2011. Mr. Shaw asked if any members would be interested in the state hosting their transparency information and multiple members stated that they would be.

5. Shared Systems and Resources Working Team Update

Mr. Shaw opened the floor to Craig Chenery of MAG. Mr. Chenery stated that the database has been launched and advised the members that they have been emailed with the details. Mr. Chenery stated that the working team is currently looking for new leadership due to the departure of Ken Arnold of Glendale. Mr. Shaw opened the floor for discussion for leadership. Kathy Fernandez of Goodyear stated that she wasn't sure where the group could go moving forward, as all of the data had been gathered. Mr. Shaw stated he feels the group still holds value. Mr. Hartig said that there is concern regarding the sharing of contact information. Due to time constraints, this item was cut short and added to the agenda for the April 21st meeting.

6. Microsoft Business Productivity Online Suite

Mr. Shaw opened the floor to pat Timlin of El Mirage. Mr. Timlin gave a brief update on the Microsoft Business Productivity Online Suite. Mr. Timlin stated that the suite is currently not a good fit for El Mirage due to financial constraints. Due to time constraints, Mr. Shaw added this item to the following meeting's agenda.

7. Agency Project Update

Mr. Chenery stated that MAG is currently working on a SharePoint pilot program. The committee expressed interest in a SharePoint presentation at the next meeting.

8. Request for Future Agenda Items

Mr. Chenery summarized the requested agenda items for the following meeting.

9. Committee Action Summary

Mr. Chenery stated that he will post the template information from ADOA to the MAG website.

10. Date of Future Meetings

The next meeting of the MAGTAG is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on April 21st, 2011 in the MAG Cholla Room.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.