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**Minutes - Field Services Alliance Internet/Goal V Committee
Thursday, June 1, 2000**

I. The Field Services Alliance (FSA) Internet Committee met via computer chat on Thursday, June 1, 2000 at 3:55 p.m. EDT. Present were John Harris (JH), committee chair; Karla Nicholson (KN); Matt McMichael (MM) and Robbie Davis (RD).

II. JH started the meeting by asking if the committee should introduce the chat technology to the FSA and recommend it immediately for wider use or if the technology should be introduced at the FSA meeting in New Orleans in September. The group discussed the two primary uses of the chat technology: FSA committee meetings and informal chat rooms for FSA discussions. KN suggested that the committee offer some experimental informal chats prior to the New Orleans meeting. The group discussed the best times and days for informal chats. The group decided to invite FSA members to an informal chat on Wednesday, July 5 at 4:30 pm EDT. JH agreed to extend an invitation through FS-LIST. KN agreed to further encourage committee chairs to use the chat technology to conduct their meetings.

III. JH asked the group for their opinions of the newly updated FSA web site hosted by AASLH. KN and RD responded favorably and agreed to act as "critics" for updates to the web site. KN asked the group to consider what FSA's goals for the web site should be. JH stated that the web site could be a source of technical information and contact information for FS offices. KN asked if a goal for the web site could be to make it a central resource for technical information by providing links to sites that have posted technical content. JH asked if there would be a preference among FSA members to link only to FSA-member technical information. KN suggested that the Goal 4 committee could help to verify or "rubber-stamp" links to other sites and agreed to ask them to assume responsibility for selecting technical information links for the web site.

IV. The date and time for the next meeting will be determined at a later date.

Minutes recorded by Robbie Davis 6/8/2000