

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
INFORMATION RESOURCES EXCHANGE GROUP

Minutes of March 14, 2001

Location: DVRPC, Bourse Building, 111 S. Independence Mall East, 8th Floor

Attendance: The Attendance List is omitted due to lack of accurate information.

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 am.

1) Appointment of New IREG Chair

Lauris Olsen was appointed IREG Chair. His term begins immediately. Election of the Vice-Chair position was tabled until the next meeting, as Curt Noe was not in attendance. According to IREG's bylaws, the Vice-Chair should be filled by a New Jersey representative.

2) Minutes of the meeting of December 7, 2000

a) **The minutes of the meeting of December 7, 2000 were approved.**

3) Presentations

Presentation: Taghi Ozbeki, Database Administrator, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, "DVRPC Interactive Database: Census 2000 and Traffic Counts."

Taghi Ozbeki gave a report on, and demonstration of, the Census 2000 and Traffic Count interactive databases available through the DVRPC website. These applications were developed by DVRPC as part of the Regional Information Network. Census 2000 population count data for the 9-county region is available at the Minor Civil Division (MCD) level, and can be searched by either county or by municipality. These data can be downloaded in either Excel or ASCII formats. Traffic counts data can be searched by municipality, route name or route number, and can be sorted by municipality, road name, AADT or DVRPC id. The Census 2000 database can be accessed at:

<http://www.dvrpc.org/data/dbs/db67.htm>. The Traffic Count data can be accessed at:
<http://www.dvrpc.org/asp-files/trafficcount.htm>

Presentation: Whittona Burrell, Representative, U.S. Census Bureau, “Census Web-Based Files.”

Whittona Burrell began her presentation by giving a brief overview of the Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary File. Release schedules were discussed, as well ways to access the data. Data is available for a number of states, including Pennsylvania and New Jersey, through the Census website American Fact Finder application, FTP downloads, or through the purchase of a CD-ROM or DVD. Census Bureau will also provide data to the state data centers for distribution. Changes since the 1990 census were addressed, including the expansion of race and ethnicity categories. Whittona indicated that development of the race and ethnicity categories was undertaken by the Office of Management and Budget. The U.S. Census Bureau website can be accessed at:

www.census.gov

4) Census 2000 Update

Census Bureau staff gave updates on several Census 2000 programs.

5) DVRPC Work Program Updates

DVRPC staff gave updates on elements of the DVRPC Work Program.

6) Suggestions for FY2001 IREG Topics

7) Old Business

There was no old business.

8) New Business

There was no new business.

9) Next Meeting Date and Location

The next IREG meeting will be held at DVRPC on a date to be determined