



**Tuesday, April 2, 2013 11:00 a.m.**  
**House Room 2, The Capitol**

The Joint Commission on Technology and Science held its 2013 organizational meeting on Tuesday, April 2, 2013. Delegate Tom Rust called the meeting to order, and welcomed the members present.<sup>1</sup>

The meeting began with an overview of technology and science legislation adopted by the 2013 Session of the General Assembly. The only bill recommended by JCOTS in 2013, House Bill 2032 (May) related to electronic meetings, was left in the House General Laws Committee and referred to the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council for further review. Other bills of interest to JCOTS were adopted, however. House Bill 1981 (May), which makes it a crime to track an individual using an electronic tracking device without his consent, was developed and recommended by JCOTS three years ago. Likewise, JCOTS had previously advocated for laws related to texting while driving, and legislation making texting while driving a primary offense was adopted in 2013. Finally, legislation allowing, until July 1, 2014, certain advisory bodies to hold audio-visual electronic meetings without a quorum in one location will be applicable to JCOTS advisory committees. A comprehensive document with the summaries of all technology and science legislation adopted in 2013 is available on the JCOTS website.

The members next turned to the development of a work plan for the 2013 Interim. Several bills were referred to JCOTS for study by the General Assembly:

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<sup>1</sup> Members present were Delegate Tom Rust, Delegate Joe May, Delegate John Cosgrove, Delegate Ken Plum, Senator John Watkins, Senator Steve Martin, and Senator John Miller.

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- HB 1738 (Farrell) related to contracts for invention development services;
- HB 1777 (Filler-Corn) related to use of open source digital textbooks at state colleges and universities;
- HB 1915 (Surovell) related to approval of use of access to electronic textbooks by school boards;
- HB 2050 (Webert)/ SB 1030 (Reeves) related to search and seizure of computers and computer contents;
- HB 2064 (May) related to the Uniform Trade Secrets Act;
- HB 2286 (Kory) related to access to electronic textbooks in kindergarten through twelfth grade, and reporting regarding internet access within school divisions;
- SB 830 (Puller) related to electronic voting by active-duty overseas military; and
- SB 1173 (Obenshain) related to computer trespass.

In addition to these bills, JCOTS had voted to continue at the end of the 2012 Interim to continue the study of electronic identity management, energy, and cyber security. JCOTS had also recommended the development of an electronic meetings pilot program to use and report on a variety of electronic meeting technology during the 2013 Interim.

As a result of these continued studies, as well as the numerous bills referred for study, JCOTS unanimously adopted a work plan for the 2013 Interim that would establish the following seven advisory committees, and appointed the following JCOTS members to each:

1. Electronic Meetings (May, Plum, and Miller): This advisory committee will develop the parameter of an electronic meetings pilot program to be used by all of the advisory committees during the course of the Interim.
  2. Intellectual Property (May): This advisory committee will study the issues presented by HB 1738 and HB 2064. Applications will be accepted for membership on the committee from other interested parties
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3. Computer Crimes (Plum, Howell): This advisory committee will study the issues presented in HB 2050/SB 1030 and SB 1173. Applications will be accepted for membership on the committee from other interested parties.

4. Broadband and Education (Byron, Locke): This advisory committee will study the issues presented by HB 1777, HB 1915, and HB 2286. Applications will be accepted for membership on the committee from other interested parties.

5. Energy (Cosgrove, Purkey): This advisory committee, and its membership, will be continued from the 2012 Interim.

6. Cyber Security (Rust, Martin): This advisory committee, and its membership, will be continued from the 2012 Interim.

7. Electronic Identity Management (Watkins): This advisory committee, and its membership, will be continued from the 2012 Interim.

After the adoption of the work plan, the floor was open for public comment. Ron Martin, Executive Director of the Open Security Exchange and an active participant in the 2012 Electronic Identity Management Advisory Committee, suggested the Identity Management and Cyber Security Advisory Committees hold a joint meeting, and that the committees invite Dr. Ron Ross from the National Institute of Standards and Technology to speak on cyber security and the recent Executive Order. Delegate Rust and Senator Watkins concurred that this would be a good idea, and directed staff to work on arranging this.

The meeting was adjourned.

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