

Minutes of Regular Meeting of Directors
Public Session
January 22, 2004

A Regular Session of the Board of Directors of the Adventures in Supercomputing Challenge was held at New Mexico Technet, 5921 Jefferson NE in Albuquerque, on January 22, 2004 at 9:58 AM pursuant to the call of the full Board of Directors as recorded in the notice dated December 4, 2003.

The following directors were present and participating at the meeting:

Dick Allen
Marianne Granoff
Joe Watts

Other attendees included:

David Kratzer
Betsy Frederick
Bill Blackler
Celia Einhorn

Ms. Granoff, President of the Board of Directors, called the meeting to order at 9:58 AM and acted as Chairman of the meeting. Mr. Kratzer acted as Secretary.

A quorum of the directors being present the Chairman announced that the meeting would proceed with the transaction of business.

Approval of Agenda

Upon motion by Mr. Allen and seconded by Mr. Watts, the agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting, December 4, 2003

The minutes of the previous meeting of directors held December 4, 2003, having been previously transmitted to the directors, the board agreed to waive a reading of the minutes. Upon motion duly made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Mr. Watts, the board approved the minutes.

Discussion List of outstanding requests for money

A check for \$10,000 was received from Lockheed Martin in December. Following previous discussion via email, three checks for \$2,500.00 each have been sent to the colleges of three previous Amy Boulanger Scholarship winners. Mr. Allen moved and Mr. Watts seconded a motion to ratify the email decision. This leaves a balance of \$4,900.00 in the checking account.

A full discussion (including participation by the non-Board attendees) of outstanding obligations, expected expenses, and possible funding sources was held. (See the attached spreadsheets for the list of possible funding sources, outstanding obligations, and expected expenses). Mr. Allen expressed the desire to make winning the Challenge more of an "honor" as opposed to a financial reward. Mr. Kratzer expressed the desire to get specific sponsors for the financial awards.

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Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Allen and seconded by Mr. Watts, it was agreed to pay the rest of the Black Duck bill of \$137.74 and send them a thank you letter for their patience and to send a check for \$100.00 to Silicon Heights for now. We should know about some of the funding possibilities by the next board meeting.

Review of the “To Do” List from the Previous Meeting (included here in bold text)

Joe – legislation

Mr. Watts, Ms. Granoff, Dennis Padilla, and Jackie Valdez met with Speaker Ben Lujan’s aide Regis Pecos on January 15, 2004 to go over the draft working of the bill that the Speaker will introduce in the legislature for \$160,000 of funding. Discussion was held about who can lobby, who will attend the committee meetings for testimony, and who can write letters of support.

There was a unanimous feeling that we must have a show of support when the bill is considered in committees, and to other legislators as well. Ms. Frederick will request that Kurt Steinhaus and Terry Boulanger will sign separate letters of support and send them to the House Finance Committee. Ms. Granoff will send a letter from NMIPA. Mr. Blackler will solicit a letter of support from NMITSA. Ms. Einhorn will contact Dr. Joan Woodward at Sandia Labs and solicit a letter of support. Ms. Granoff also agreed to solicit letters of support from CHECS and RDC. Letters should be addressed to members of the House Finance Committee (HFC) and the Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC). Challenge students and teachers will be asked to send letters to HFC members and to their own representatives in the Monday Morning Mail. Students will be asked to send a copy of the letters to “Consult” so it can be printed and taken to the committee meetings. Celia will keep Representative Roberto J. Gonzales informed.

David – contractors

The proposal to have LANL hire Betsy and Celia as contractors to provide services to the Challenge is coming along well. David hopes to have a Purchasing Request to cover their salaries for the entire year.

Celia and Nancy – savings bonds

Celia had reported earlier by email that the Savings Bonds had been taken care of.

Terry – Amy B. Scholarships

New Mexico Technet has not paid current tuition for these past scholarship winners. \$7,500.00 was paid to the three schools (see previous discussion of obligations).

Celia – Silicon Heights – charitable or payment arrangement

\$100.00 will be paid for now. (See previous discussion of obligations).

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Nancy – charitable contribution for Gina Fisk

Ms. Fisk has been asked if she would consider donating the amount of the Amazon gift certificates to the challenge, in lieu of payment.

David – Gina's Donation

Mr. Kratzer will ask Ms. Fisk to submit an invoice for the amount that she wishes to be reimbursed.

Joe – Willard, \$14,000 to B and C

Mr. Smith will be asked if his organization can cover the \$14,000 owed to Ms. Frederick and Ms. Einhorn for the Summer Teachers Institute in 2003.

Dick – Black Duck t-shirts, \$2863.14, charitable donation or payment arrangement

Mr. Allen had contacted Black Duck regarding the amount owed to them. They did not feel that they could donate the amount at this time, but would be patient in waiting for payment. They are a small business.

Celia – Marianne to sign state PRC

Ms. Granoff signed and re-mailed the PRC forms. The Challenge listing has not yet appeared on the PRC website, but that can take a while.

Betsy – Companies, Management Sciences, Network Archs, SBS, end of January for money, Amy B's, entire board will be invited and whomever can go will go do fund raising
See previous discussion of funding possibilities. This is a continuing discussion.

Marianne – We have not received \$1000 from NMIPA this year; can you work that out?

Ms. Granoff had contacted Nelson Ward, Executive Director of NMIPA. Mr. Ward reported that his records show a NMIPA issued check 1348 on 7/11/03 for \$1,000.00 to the Challenge.

Marianne – You need to sign paper for PRC; Dick has.

Mr. Allen and Ms. Granoff met on December 12, 2004 at New Mexico Technet to sign the PRC papers. Ms. Granoff has resent them to the PRC.

Discussion of Regional Judging Arrangements

Ms. Frederick, Ms. Einhorn, and Mr. Kratzer provided information on the status of the Regional Judging planned. Everything seems to be in order.

Discussion of Awards

Due to the length of time that had been expended on the discussion of outstanding obligations at the current meeting, attendees felt that this discussion could not take place in the amount of time likely remaining. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Watts and seconded by Mr. Allen it was agreed that this item would be discussed as the first agenda item at the next board meeting.

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New Business

By Laws Changes For Consistency

Ms. Granoff pointed out that the By Laws now had some inconsistencies in them since some titles had to be changed in filling out the PRC forms. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Watts and seconded by Mr. Allen, it was agreed that a discussion of the By Laws be handled via email with a vote to be taken at the next board meeting regarding any changes needed for consistency.

Increasing the size of the board

There was a discussion on increasing the size of the board of directors in order to add individuals who are committed to the Challenge as well as to assure that a quorum of the Board was more likely to be present. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Watts and seconded by Mr. Allen, it was agreed that Mr. Blackler be invited to join the Board. Mr. Blackler accepted the invitation.

Bookkeeper for the Challenge

There was a discussion of having a bookkeeper/accountant maintain the financial records of the Challenge so as to be auditable if public monies are received. This item will be discussed again at a future meeting. Meanwhile, Ms. Granoff will approach Tricia Fullerton, the former accountant for New Mexico Technet, to see if her firm will donate her time for keeping the books. Ms. Fullerton is very familiar with the Challenge expenses. Ms. Einhorn and Ms. Frederick will solicit proposals from a qualified individual known to them regarding costs.

Contacting other possible donors

Ms. Frederick and Mr. Allen will meet with UNM Foundation. Mr. Watts, Ms. Frederick, and Ms. Einhorn will meet with Larry Donahue and Jackie Fewell of Fat Cow.

Next Meeting Scheduled

The next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled to be held at Creative Financial Strategies Group, 5051 Journal Center, Suite 300 on February 25, 2004 at 9:30 AM.

Adjournment:

There being no further business before the meeting, the same was, on motion duly made by Mr. Watts and unanimously carried, adjourned at 12:13 PM.

Secretary

Chairman