9:40AM  1. Call to order by President. Marianne Granoff

9:40AM  2. Quorum: Marianne Granoff

Board Members Present:
Marianne Granoff  Yes
Dick Allen  Yes
Joe Watts  No, by phone later
Willard Smith  No
Bill Blackler  Yes

Others Present:
Betsy Frederick  Yes
Celia Einhorn  Yes
David Kratzer  Yes

9:40AM  Action  3. Appointment of Acting Secretary. Marianne Granoff

Mr. Kratzer was asked to record the minutes.


Motion by: Mr. Blackler
Seconded by Mr. Allen
Vote: For: All  Against:

9:50 AM  Action  5. Approve Agenda of Board Meeting, as submitted to board. Marianne Granoff

Motion by: Mr. Allen, as amended
Seconded by Mr. Blackler
Vote: For: All  Against:

10:00 AM  Info  6. Legislative Report Joe Watts/Betsy Frederick

HB 292 was rolled into HB 2, but there is $80K instead of $160K for the AiS Challenge. The monies would be
funneled through NM Tech in Socorro. The Governor has until March 10th to review HB 2. People are positive about it. We will ask participants to contact the Governor in support of the AiS Challenge line item. Mr. Watts and Ms. Granoff will do a thank-you for Ben Lujan and Bobby Gonzales. We want to go for Legislative money again next year.

10:10 AM Info 7. Discuss List of outstanding requests for funding Celia Einhorn/ Betsy Frederick

Ms. Frederick is going to Siemens on March 10th to ask for support for the Amy Boulanger scholarships. Doesn’t look like we’ll get the Daniels Foundation or the McCune Foundation grants. See the Excel file 040225 funding and obligations.xls for details. Mike Trahan is talking with Shaun Cooper about the judges’ conference call. Mr. Kratzer will copy the final reports so we don’t have to ask Kinko’s to donate their services. Mr. Smith indicated that NASA-Ames funding for STI 2004 is still in the works.

10:30 AM Info 8. Discuss List of outstanding obligations for money (total and $) Celia Einhorn/ Betsy Frederick

The current balance in the checking account is $4,662.42. Changes to the obligations in 040122 funding and obligations.xls are
1. the amount owed Silicon Heights is $2772 instead of $1800, Ms. Frederick paid $100 to them Feb. 11th, so $2672.
2. add Aramark at San Juan College to the list, they were not paid for the food expenses from STI 2003, Ms. Einhorn will double check the amount, around $1000.
3. Black Duck has been paid off.
Ms. Granoff will contact Technet about unpaid bills from the past. The Sandia Tour will cost about $1,000 for housing and $500 for food. Awards day expenses for food and housing will be covered by LANL and DOE/DP. Still need to find funding for the awards. Mr. Allen does not believe we should give monetary awards. Mr. Kratzer disagrees. Mr. Kratzer will see if HP will sponsor the honorable mention awards. Ms. Granoff suggests we get sponsored gift certificates. Ms. Frederick says it is good marketing for companies. Ms. Einhorn suggested gift certificates from Block Buster or Allen Theaters, maybe even for the mementoes. She will check with them.
11:00 AM  Info  9. Discussion of LANL/DOE/DP Support  David Kratzer
Mr. Kratzer has received verbal confirmation that DOE/DP
will support LANL with $99K to be used for the Challenge.
Restrictions on the ways the money can be used are not
understood at this time. Mr. Kratzer is attempting to get
LANL funding for Ms. Einhorn and Ms. Frederick during this
lean year, but hurdles continue to be encountered. Since the
board meeting, progress has been made.

11:10 AM  Info  10. Update on Regionals  David Kratzer/Celia
Einhorn
Regional Project Evaluations were held during February
at eight different sites and 59 teams participated. There
were 21 judges involved.

11:15 AM  Info  11. Awards and how they will be determined, beginners vs advanced
participants and such.  David Kratzer/Celia
Einhorn
We will let the judges decide how to appropriately reward
the participants, but we will raise their awareness of the
issue of middle schools students competing with high school
students. We need some kind of recognition or awards for the
middle school students.
Ms. Frederick will talk with Kent at All-Sports Trophies and Dean
Gianopoulos about trophies and plaques. She will also check with
the Tribune to get a reporter to the Expo and Awards Ceremony.

11:20 AM  Action  12. Discussion of inconsistency in By Laws  Marianne Granoff
Motion to amend the bylaws as discussed and a clean
copy will be mailed out by Ms. Granoff and signed
at the next meeting. Three new board members were
added: Ms. Frederick will be the Program Director
and Ms. Einhorn and Mr. Kratzer will be Deputy
Program Directors.

Motion by: Mr. Blackler
Seconded by Mr. Allen
Vote:  For: All  Against:
Neither Ms. Granoff nor Ms. Frederick has been able to discuss possible bookkeeper issues with others yet.
Mr. Blackler will check with one of his contacts.

Mr. Kratzer will ask Mr. Smith about NASA funding for STI this summer. (Funding proposal is still in Washington.)
Discussed STI, need to have Northern New Mexico concentration, maybe hold it at NM Highlands, or NM Tech in Socorro, or College of Santa Fe. Need to have funding to proceed. Discussed the Santa Fe Institute Starlogo workshop. We need to encourage Challenge teachers to participate in it. It is only half day, maybe we can piggy back with them and do afternoons for the Challenge. Use Glorieta for housing? The Starlogo workshop will be held at Santa Fe Prep.

A motion was made to nominate Mr. Blackler for VP.
Motion by:  Ms. Einhorn
Seconded by:  Ms. Frederick
Vote:  For: All   Against:

Mr. Allen agreed to continue as the Secretary so a motion was made to make Mr. Watts the Treasurer.
Motion by:  Ms. Frederick
Seconded by:  Mr. Allen
Vote:  For: All   Against:

We should do a business press release soon, maybe when the 501(c)3 is in place.

Mr. Kratzer will send out the VIP database for updating as well as the proposed letter to them inviting them to the Expo and Awards Ceremony.

Ms. Granoff will check with David Douglas about an AiS Challenge letterhead.

The next meeting will be held at the same building, but probably in the New England Financial Conference Room, on March 24, 2004 at 9:30 am.
12:00 PM  Action  15. Adjourn Board Meeting: Marianne Granoff

Motion by: Mr. Blackler
Vote: For: All ___ Against: ______