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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.

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- 11:00 AM **Info** 9. Discussion of LANL/DOE/DP Support David Kratzer
Mr. Kratzer has receive 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 hurtles 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:

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11:50 AM **Info** 13. Report on Bookkeeper Status Marianne Granoff
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.

11:55AM **Info/Action** 14. New Business: Marianne Granoff
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.

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12:00 PM **Action** 15. Adjourn Board Meeting:

Marianne Granoff

Motion by:

Mr. Blackler

Vote:

For: All ___ Against: _____