Adventures in Supercomputing Challenge  
Board of Directors Meeting March 24, 2004  
New England Financial Conference Room, 5051 Journal Center  
Minutes

9:45AM  1. Call to order by President. Marianne Granoff

9:45AM  2. Quorum: Marianne Granoff

Board Members Present:
Marianne Granoff           Yes
Betsy Frederick            Yes
Bill Blackler              Yes
Celia Einhorn              Yes
David Kratzer              Yes
Dick Allen                 Yes
Joe Watts                  Yes
Willard Smith              No

Others Present:  
Regis Pecos, NM Legislature

9:45AM  Action  3. Appointment of Acting Secretary. Marianne Granoff

Name: Mr. Kratzer


Motion by: Ms. Frederick
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: Ms. Einhorn
Seconded by Mr. Blackler
Vote: For: All __  Against: ____


The Speaker of the House (Ben Lujan) wants to help the AiS Challenge get the $160K we originally requested. The Speaker has talked with the Governor about the program and the opportunities it provides, they want the program to
succeed. The program will help students prepare for high paying jobs. Regis wants us to identify desirable partners and the Speaker and the Governor will help get them to support the program. We need to be a line item in the NM Tech budget request to the Legislature. Mr. Watts thanked Mr. Pecos for everything he has done to help the program.
Ms. Einhorn and Ms. Frederick will work on contacting schools in NNM, with words like “The Speaker of the House has asked us to contact you …”

10:25 AM  Info  7. Discuss List of outstanding Requests for Funding vs. Obligations vs. Technet Obligations
Celia Einhorn/ Betsy Frederick
Ms. Einhorn and Ms. Frederick just found out that Dean Ginapoulos Design was not paid for the April 2003 Awards Day expenses. He is owed $2,240. We need to contact others to make sure there are no other outstanding bills. A heated discussion followed about outstanding (Technet) bills.
The Sandia Tour cost $1,250.57, $934 for housing, $316.57 for food. Current checking account balance is $3,411.27.

11:05 AM  Info  8. Discussion of LANL/DOE/DP Support/Contract
David Kratzer
Ms. Einhorn and Ms. Frederick have a contract in place with LANL.

11:10 AM  Info  9. Update on Expo/Awards Ceremony including Awards and scholarships
David Kratzer
Sponsor “plaques” will be just paper certificates in $10 frames.
Ms. Einhorn is looking into gift certificates for honorable mentions.
Everyone needs to make at least one contact (goal $500) to support Awards Day.

11:45 AM  Info  10. Discussion of possible new board members
Joe Watts
Jackie Valdez would be a good board member.
Need a Native American, due to makeup of our participants.
Ask Regis if he wants to be a board member, or if he has a recommendation for us. Whomever we ask, needs to have the time. Patricia Parkinson was suggested. Ruben Rangel. Randy Burge. (Mr. Blackler has asked NMITSA to adopt the AiS Challenge as a service project.) We should recruit the NM Society for Professional Engineers. We need honorary board members, (like the Governor’s wife). Joan Woodard from Sandia.

12:15 PM  Info  11. Final review and signing of Amended By-Laws
Marianne Granoff
Moved we postpone this item until the next meeting.
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Seconded by Ms. Frederick
Vote: For: All __ Against: ____

Mr. Blackler has a candidate that we will pursue.

12:20 PM Info 13. Possible conflict of Interest for new Board Members Marianne Granoff
Should Ms. Einhorn, Ms. Frederick, and Mr. Kratzer be on the board? They each agree that when enough board members are active, they will step down. Until they do step down, they will not vote on any issue that affects them personally.

Ms. Frederick has paperwork about the formation of the AiS Challenge and 501(c)3. She will get it to Mr. Allen, the secretary, for record keeping.

Board members need to look over 100 biggest companies in NM and make contacts.

We need a retreat to discuss funding issues and such, after Awards Day.

11:20 AM Action 15. Special next Board Meeting to discuss finances: Marianne Granoff
Drop dead deadline for what money will be available for the awards.

Motion by: Ms. Einhorn
Seconded by Mr. Blackler
Vote: For: All Against:

Date: April 6, 2004
Time: 9:30
Place: Creative Financial Strategies conference room

12:30 PM Action 16. Next Board Meeting: Marianne Granoff
Date: April 25, 2004
Time: 2:00
Place: David Kratzer’s house, 80 Cascabel, Los Alamos
12:30 PM  Action  17. Adjourn Board Meeting: Marianne Granoff

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

Secretary: ________________________________

President: ________________________________