

**Adventures in Supercomputing Challenge**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes July 21, 2004**  
**Santa Fe Preparatory School**

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5:30 PM                    1. Call to order by President.                    Marianne Granoff

Time: 5:45

5:31 PM                    2. Quorum:                    Marianne Granoff

Board Members Present:

Marianne Granoff	<u>yes</u>
Betsy Frederick	<u>yes</u>
Bill Blackler	<u>yes</u>
Celia Einhorn	<u>yes</u>
David Kratzer	no
Joe Watts	no
Willard Smith	no
Irene Lee	<u>yes</u>

Others Present:

<u>Dale Henderson, Rio Rancho High, STI participant</u>	_____
<u>Nick Bennett, Consult member, STI instructor</u>	_____

5:33 PM    **Action**    3. Appointment of Acting Secretary.                    Marianne Granoff

Celia Einhorn

5:35 PM    **Action**    4. Approve Agenda of Board Meeting,  
as submitted to board.                    Marianne Granoff

Motion by:	Bill Blackler _____
Seconded by	Betsy Frederick _____
Vote:	For: 4 ____ Against: 0 ____

5:40 PM    **Action**    5. Ratify minutes of June 15, 2004 Board Meeting,  
previously submitted to board.                    Marianne Granoff

Motion by:	Betsy Frederick
Seconded by	Irene Lee
Vote:	For: All Against: _____



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Technet for the \$2000 owed him from April 2003.

Betsy Frederick is writing checks for \$100 a month to Silicon Heights and \$50 a month to San Juan Food Services for software and services from STI 03.

Checkbook balance is \$4473.94

**University Collaborations** David Kratzer has the connect from UNM. Celia Einhorn will work with him to invite her to our next meeting.

Betsy Frederick will follow through on NMSU connect.

Betsy Frederick will phone New Mexico Tech to see if the 80K from the state can be deposited into our account. She has tried repeatedly to contact them by email.

**PED Collaboration** Celia Einhorn and Betsy Frederick will contact Veronica Garcia, Patricia Parkinson, Kurt Steinhaus and Ferdi Serim to invite them to be advocates for the Challenge at the state level.

6:20 PM    **Info**    10. STI webinar report    Betsy Frederick/Celia Einhorn

Honored guests, Dale Henderson, Rio Rancho High sponsor and STI participant and Nick Bennett, member of Consult and STI instructor shared their opinions about STI.

They felt that we were pushing the limit on technology for most of our teachers. They have poor connection speeds, and router problems. Perhaps, next year, with pre planning, companies like ZiaNet could help out.

There was a face to face meeting at Highland High School on Monday, June 28, followed by seven days online and a concluding face to face on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Willard Smith, board member from NASA and TN State did the keynote.

Betsy Frederick thanked Bill Blackler for stopping by on Monday.

WebCT from NMSU was not working fully as they were updating new software.

Dale is concerned about teachers with no experiences in modeling, math, programming. Nick commented that STI was two years on the bleeding edge

Consult members who were present concluded that STI was very successful given structure and inherent technology problems.

Nick shared that the transcripts archived from Yahoo messenger were tremendous. The judges could view all the classes and discussions, Nick recommends that STI follow a similar blended format next summer with an

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addition of regional face to face during the second week. He also suggested that we chose a platform for WebCT all year for the Challenge. We could continue the fantastic office hours, lectures and discussions on StarLogo and Java and math modeling that Irene Lee and Nick facilitated on Yahoo messenger. We could continue using the Challenge website for resources also. Teams could upload their abstracts, interims and finals to WebCT!

The WebCT functions are great. There would be an initial learning curve, but we could manage content, use the white board, etc.

Willard Smith offered the use of Cosmos, similar format of WebCT, from a server in TN. AiSC Board decided it would be preferable to use statewide license of WebCT.

Celia Einhorn adds that this article from the Concord Consortium at <http://www.concord.org/newsletter/current/tels.html> talks of ten tips in teaching a blended class like the STI webinar. She feels that STI 2004 was successful in meeting these ten points.

6:25 PM    **Info**    11. Kickoff Location and Discussion    Betsy Frederick/Celia Einhorn

Consult at STI decided that the kickoff will be held at Glorieta this year. We hope to use WebCT for registration, content, threads, etc. We would need to have WebCT at Glorieta. Dates are October 24 – 26, with Saturday for set up. Marianne Granoff will get circuit set up.

Dale Henderson offered Rio Rancho High facilities in the future.

Betsy Frederick will write to Gina Fisk. Work will begin on theme, keynote, machines, etc. in late July!

6:40 PM    **Info**    12. Bookkeeper and CPA Status    Marianne Granoff

Nelson Ward, NMIPA, is willing to work as our bookkeeper for \$12 an hour, ten hours a month. He will use QuickBooks and Betsy Frederick will work with him. His cell number is 505-660-1115

6:45 PM    **Info**    13. Dick Allen's Resignation from the Board and Election of New Secretary of the Board    Marianne Granoff

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Dick Allen will be available to work at Glorieta or Awards Day and always available to work with teams on math modeling. The board unanimously elected David Kratzer as secretary. (So that is what I get for not being there! dhk)

Motion by: Celia Einhorn  
Seconded by Bill Blackler  
Vote: For: All \_\_ Against: \_\_\_\_

6:50 PM **Info** 14. Discussion of status of 501c3 Application Irene Lee

Irene Lee will work with David Kratzer and Celia Einhorn to get the 501c3 to an attorney as soon as possible and out the door!

7:00 PM **Info** 15. Northern NM Recruiting Hopefuls Celia Einhorn

With a mandate from LANL and Ben Lujan to get more northern NM schools, David Kratzer has been networking with teachers at the Adventures in Modeling workshop. Promising schools are Los Alamos High, Capital High, Carlos Vigil Mid in Espanola, Santa Fe High, Taos, Santa Fe Indian School, Wagon Mound, Pojoaque High. Betsy Frederick and Celia Einhorn will try again to reach Regis about other schools. Marianne has contacts at Northern Community College, ie, Roger Salas. She will also try to find contacts in Penasco. Celia Einhorn will work with Bobby Gonzales in Taos.

7:05 PM **Info** 16. New Business: Marianne Granoff

Judith Pepper, Taos La Plaza founder, has experience working with non profits and succeeds in contacting people personally, is interested in volunteering for AiSC and eventually managing the business portion. Marianne Granoff will invite her to a meeting.

Betsy Frederick, Marianne Granoff and Celia Einhorn will meet at Monday, the 26<sup>th</sup> of July to create a package and presentations for the legislative interim committee meetings: education, finance and LESC. (THIS DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO TUESDAY, THE 27TH AT MARIANNE'S HOUSE AT 9 AM.)

Bill Blackler suggested that a business plan be created for AiSC.

Betsy Frederick is heading up the thinking of how teams will use modeling and/or StarLogo and will also share it with Dick Allen.

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Celia Einhorn wondered if we should have a teacher on the board.

Celia Einhorn will work with Nick Bennett, Irene Lee, Dale Henderson and Betsy Frederick to define the positive, informal relationship between AiSC and the StarLogo Adventures in Modeling.

7:10 PM    **Action** 17. Next Board Meeting: Marianne Granoff

Date: August 12, 2004  
Time: 9 AM  
Place: Bill Blackler's CFS Room

7:10 PM    **Action** 13. Adjourn Board Meeting: Marianne Granoff

Motion by:    Bill Blackler at 6:57 PM \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote:            For:    All Against: \_\_\_\_\_

President: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_