Adventures in Supercomputing Challenge

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes July 21, 2004

Santa Fe Preparatory School

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    yes
Betsy Frederick    yes
Bill Blackler    yes
Celia Einhorn    yes
David Kratzer    no
Joe Watts    no
Willard Smith    no
Irene Lee    yes

Others Present:
Dale Henderson, Rio Rancho High, STI participant
Nick Bennett, Consult member, STI instructor

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


Marianne Granoff

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

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5:45 PM  Info  6. Review of Conference call with Liza Petra Marianne Granoff/Betsy Frederick
Betsy Frederick's notes were accepted as an overview of conference call.
Her email is attached to these minutes.

6:00 PM  Info  7. $50.00 to Liza? Celia Einhorn
A motion was made send Liza Petra a $50 thank her for her expertise and time
with the board via email to collect information and during the conference call.

Motion by: Celia Einhorn ____________
Seconded by Irene Lee ______________
Vote: For: All Against: 0

6:02 PM  Info  8. Create Committees Betsy Frederick/Celia Einhorn
Bill Blackler will own this process. He will make a list of skills and present
proposals for four committees:
governance
fundraising
financial
PR
nominating for new board members

6:10 PM  Info  9. Review of Sponsors/Fundraising/Obligations Betsy Frederick/Celia Einhorn

Fundraising  Refused by McCune
Waiting to hear from LANL Foundation for $41,000 for STI
Celia Einhorn will call Randy Buck, who worked on NM Science Fair.
Celia and Betsy will follow through with Leo Baca and Quest.
Plans for dinner with Regis and Ben Lujan with statewide sponsors need to
be established.

Obligations  Amy B scholarship to UNM paid. Two others waiting on student
paperwork.
All three Amy B scholarships are encumbered: $7500
Betsy Frederick will ask Gianopoulos Design to sue New Mexico
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\(^{th}\).  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
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
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 with 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 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 26th 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.
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: _________________________________