

**AiS Challenge Board Meeting**  
**February 18, 2005**  
**Joe Watts' residence**

Those in attendance: Bill Blackler, Celia Einhorn, Betsy Frederick, Marianne Granoff, David Kratzer, Willard Smith, and Joe Watts.

These notes were recorded by David Kratzer.

We discussed the way bills are being paid by NM Tech. Several bills from the Kickoff Conference have not been paid. David, Celia and Betsy will continue to work with Tech to take care of these. AiSC will pay Ken King's bill and invoice NM Tech (turns out Ken had been paid already).

Discussed the current number of teams still involved. Concerned that some teams were no shows at Project Evaluations. Also discussed the project evaluations and some of the experience that the judges had.

Concerning STI, go for three credit hours, consider ENMU for next year's STI. We need to get NNM school teacher to be involved in STI.

Need to have an Awards Ceremony PowerPoint presentation with vendor logos to go with the script. Scholarships should show University logos. Expect to have a Bingaman video or Helen will come. Joe will investigate jump drives (thumb drives) for finalists and teachers and the rest.

Willard will create a message to send out to students and teachers about the scholarships.

High Tech Consortium (HTC) of southern New Mexico, need to make contact with them.

Celia would like to see us reinstate a four year scholarship.

David will contact Jim Reed about the \$2500 Intel Scholarship and see if they would like to take over the 4-year Boulanger scholarship. \$2500 this year, 5K next year, 7.5K and then 10K after that.

March 17<sup>th</sup> is the Sandia Tour and students will be staying in the Holiday Inn Express.

We will tell Albert to book the Days Inn in Alamogordo for the STI.

CHECS might order PCs that we could use at Glorieta before they get distributed. Wonder who handles the Dell contract? We also need to see if we could be part of the Governor's laptop initiative.

Glorieta 2005 will be October 22-25, 22<sup>nd</sup> is a Saturday.

Discussed a possible working relationship with University of Phoenix.

Could we get Eclipse Aviation as a sponsor? Bill might investigate.  
Decided we should reimburse Gina Fisk for the finalist awards she purchases in April 2003, which she assumed New Mexico Technet would reimburse her for.

See if we can get laptops for AIM, STI, and the Kickoff then use them for something else.

We'll try to get money from McCuene. We need to Invite Owen to the Expo and Awards Ceremony.

Maybe get calling cards for give away.

For 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teachers, maybe projection systems. David will check with HP for laptop for winning teacher. Have a special award for a teacher nominated by the students.

Acknowledge Albert Simon at the end of STI (some kind of award) as he has been great to work with on the STI planning.

Marianne suggested we contact Sacred Winds-John Vandal, a new telecommunications company in the checker board area (west of 550 in NNM). Invite Networx. Digital Migration should be invited to give an award (Richard Luarke was invited to be a judge was not able to participate). Invite Leonard Tsotie, Conroy Chino, Begay, legislature folks.

Try to bring Willard in for the Summer and Fall as a visiting professor to work with the eight Northern Pueblos to get them involved, work with Dine College, work with Pojoaque, Taos, Penasco, ..., Los Alamos. Go visit all the schools in NNM. Meet with UNM-Bill Adkins from CIRT.

Ben Lujan will be bringing up our bill in front of the Education Committee. Rich Reif of PED might be reviewing our bill. We are still rolled in to NM Tech's funding, so are in there twice.

McCurdy has recently got new computers. There is an Oasis cyber café in Espanola, Matthew is the owner and is a computer consultant.

Our advocates-CHECS, Ben Lujan, Narissa, teachers, sponsors, Labs, judges. Need to renegotiate relationship with Santa Fe Community College. We want to get more out of UNM in the way of judges, scholarships, computers, jobs, mentors, ... Is Sandy retiring (NO).

Need to work on bringing in three more APS schools, and keep the ones we have. Cindy Lucero, math teacher from Hope School, is interested in the Challenge. We should contact TVI, AHPCC and get referrals from teachers for new teachers.

Can we do lunch presentations to NMITSA and NMIPA?

Write to judges with .com addresses to find out who is the contact person in their organization that we should make connections with for contributions to the Challenge.

Get companies to propose projects that students could work on (for a contribution?).  
“Sponsored projects”?

Betsy and Celia need funding to work on STI.

Betty Strietelmeier will be an Expo judge, her brother Bob Aspry is wealthy.

Paul Allen and Gerald Peters (gallery and race track) names came up as possible folks to contact.

In five years, Betsy hopes we are known as a premiere program whose participants are well versed in problem solving, agent based modeling, etc. Celia says we are part of the economic development of the state.

Need to track student through college and work. Need to prepare post test to compare to data collected at Glorieta. Do we need to tweak the mission statement, to add agent based modeling?