Supercomputing Challenge

Board of Directors Meeting August 12, 2005
New Mexico Tech, Socorro

Minutes

1:00 PM  1. Call to order by President      Bill Blackler

1:01 PM  2. Quorum       Bill Blackler

Board Members Present

Bill Blackler  Yes
Shaun Cooper   Yes
Larry Donahue  Yes
Celia Einhorn  No
Betsy Frederick Yes
Marianne Granoff Yes
David Kratzer  Yes
Irene Lee      No
Willard Smith  No
Mike Topliff   Yes
Molly Tovar    No
Joe Watts      No

Others Present

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1:05 PM  Action  3. Approval of Agenda      Bill Blackler

    Motion by:   Ms. Granoff (as amended)
    Seconded by: Dr. Cooper
    Vote:        For: All____ Against: ________

1:10 PM  Action  4. Minutes of Previous Meetings      Bill Blackler

June 17th meeting:
    Motion by:   Mr. Donahue
    Seconded by: Dr. Cooper
    Vote:        For: All____ Against: ________

July 5th meeting:
    Motion by:   Ms. Granoff
    Seconded by: Mr. Donahue
    Vote:        For: All____ Against: ________

1:15 PM  Action  5. Treasurer’s Report      Betsy Frederick
Ms. Granoff gave Ms. Frederick the New Mexico Business Journal article which listed potential donors. When we get contributions that are funneled through NMIPA, the check needs to be made payable to NMIPA Educational Foundation, which is a 501(c)3 organization. We have applied for a LANL Foundation grant of $20,000 to help support participation of Northern New Mexico schools. Ms. Frederick distributed copies of the check book, the invoices sent to NM Tech, and the draft operating budget. We are going to get an accountant so we can formalize the budget sheet and have other financial reports. Mr. Topliff has volunteered Cyndy Topliff to do it, and will let us know if she will do it. We don’t know if Gina Fisk has received a letter requesting an invoice from her for the $2500 in awards certificates presented at the April 2003 Awards Ceremony.

**Motion by:** Ms. Granoff

**Seconded by:** Dr. Cooper

**Vote:** For: All____ Against: ________

1:40 PM **Update** 6. 501(c)3

Bill Blackler

It is almost complete. Working on the financial statement now.

1:45 PM **Discussion** 7. Mission Statement

Larry Donahue

What is the point? Is the Challenge about participation or competition? This was a strategy session. We want to maximize school participation and have the Challenge as a requirement in an AP course. Concepts: teamwork, science and technology, computation, nationally recognized, competition, students. How does this sound for our vision? “To provide a nationally recognized, teamwork oriented competition in computational sciences for pre-college students.” The current mission statement is “The mission of the Supercomputing Challenge is to improve students’ understanding and use of technology by developing their skills in scientific inquiry, modeling, computing, communications, and team work.” Should we mention the benefits to participation? Both to the students and to sponsors.

2:40 PM **Discussion** 8. Celia and Betsy’s Contracts

Bill Blackler

When NM Technet, Inc. stopped supporting the Challenge, LANL has provided some funding for their continued work on the Challenge. That money might not continue and Mr. Kratzer would like the Challenge to be able to support staff to manage the program.

3:05 PM **Discussion** 9. Kickoff

David Kratzer

ZiaNet will provide the T1 line for the Kickoff. Have 60 desktop computers in storage. Ms. Granoff will contact Edward Lopez about getting some loaner equipment. Mr. Blackler will check with TIG and HP. Mr. Donahue will contact Gateway and Dell. We need to get solicit help (from the Sept NMITSA meeting). We have some wireless equipment in the shed.

3:30 PM **Discussion** 10. Digital Stories

Marianne Granoff

Ms. Tovar has contacted the winning team with questions to answer during a video interview. Send Ms. Granoff any contact information for past participants who might be good.

3:35 PM **Discussion** 10. STI Debriefing

Betsy Frederick

The teachers really enjoyed it and the instruction was great. May hold the 2006 STI the first two weeks of June.

3:40 PM **Discussion** 11. CHE

Mike Topliff

Currently installing computer labs in Socorro high school and Las Cruces high school. NM Tech will teach a distance education course (Computer Science 111) to those schools and at least one Challenge team is required from each school.
3:45 PM Discussion 11. Debriefing Math, Science, Technology Partnership Betsy Frederick

3:50 PM Discussion 12. NMITSA Meeting Bill Blackler
September 9th, do a 10 minute overview of the Challenge, have Albuquerque Academy students present their winning project for 10 minutes, have Pat Miller present her view.

3:50 PM Discussion 13. Other items Bill Blackler
Mr. Topliff will ask Pat Miller, current Superintendent in Ft. Sumner and past Challenge parent, if she would like to be a board member.

3: PM Discussion 13. Adjourn Bill Blackler

Next meeting will be September 15, 2005 (Thursday) in Albuquerque at 11:00.

Motion by: Dr. Cooper
Vote: For: All Against:

President: _________________

Secretary: _________________