

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
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: _____