Supercomputing Challenge
Board of Directors Meeting September 15, 2005
At the Home of Marianne Granoff, 801 Calle Fuerte, Albuquerque, NM

Minutes

11:15 AM  1. Call to order by President        Bill Blackler

11:16 AM  2. Quorum                         Bill Blackler

Board Members Present

Bill Blackler        Yes_______
Shaun Cooper         No________
Larry Donahue        No________
Celia Einhorn        Yes_______
Betsy Frederick      Yes_______
Marianne Granoff     Yes_______
David Kratzer        Yes_______
Irene Lee            Yes_______
Willard Smith        No________
Mike Topliff         No________
Molly Tovar          No________
Joe Watts            No________

Others Present

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11:17 AM  Action  3. Approval of Agenda    Bill Blackler

Motion by: Ms. Frederick
Seconded by: Ms. Granoff
Vote: For: All_____ Against: ________

11:18 AM  Action  4. Minutes of Previous Meeting  Bill Blackler

Motion by: Ms. Einhorn
Seconded by: Mr. Blackler
Vote: For: All_____ Against: ________

11:20 AM  Action  5. Treasurers Report:       Betsy Frederick

The current checking account balance is $7476. Another $4373 is due from NM Tech for invoices submitted. One of the Amy Boulanger scholarship recipients has not returned our calls so we will send her parents a letter saying that the funds will no longer be available if we don’t hear from
here within two weeks. Cyndy Topliff is now helping with our books, we will add her to the sponsors page on the website.

Motion by: Ms. Granoff
Seconded by: Mr. Kratzer
Vote: For: All Against: ______

11:30 PM  Action  6. Inquiry Facilitators Banquet
Celia Einhorn
Should we spend $1000 for a table for 10 people? We would include the winners of the 2004-2005 Challenge, their teacher, and some of the board members. They need to know by Oct 5th. Ms. Einhorn will ask if we can do it at cost, but the board will authorize the spending of $1000 to be there.

Motion by: Ms. Einhorn
Seconded by: Ms. Frederick
Vote: For All Against ______

11:45 AM  Discussion  7. LANL Foundation Grant
Celia Einhorn
Due to claimed issues with our submission, it doesn’t look like we will get the grant. They say we missing a fiscal sponsorship form from NMIPA and the forms and financial statements from the Challenge and NMIPA (we sent a check register and our projected operating budget for 2005-2006). Unfortunately, we don’t have a copy of the fiscal sponsorship form. Ms. Einhorn will contact Nicolla Covey to get another letter. Ms. Granoff moves that we all approach the LANL Foundation board members regarding the reconsideration of our application.

Motion by: Ms. Granoff
Seconded by: Mr. Kratzer
Vote: For All Against ______

12:10 PM  Update  8. 501(c)3
Larry Donahue
Ms. Frederick and Mr. Donahue are getting close to finishing it. They are meeting again next week.

Larry Donahue
We will defer this discussion.

Motion by: ____________________________
Seconded by: ____________________________
Vote: For _______ Against _______

12:16 PM  Discussion  10. Kickoff
David, Betsy, Celia
We will use our 60 computers from the shed, Mike Carpenter will build us another 20, and NMSU will provide a computer lab. We had a good curriculum meeting this morning. We will use the computer labs more efficiently than last year. We will use the Patio/Chapel area. We need help on Friday the 21st and Wednesday to load and unload the truck in Albuquerque (at least six people). We need help Saturday the 22nd to set up the computer labs and network. Dr. Neo Martinez will be the keynote speaker. We have about 140 participants registered so far, expecting about 400.

1:00 PM  Discussion  11. Grant Committee
Molly and/or Celia
Ms. Tovar will help with future grant applications. She will help us get our ducks in a row. Need to finish 501(c)3 and a mission statement.

1:10 PM  Discussion  12. New Business
We need to send out an electronic Newsletter several times a year to the VIP list. In the letter to the VIPs this next month, we will ask for email addresses.

Ms. Granoff contacted Lenovo/IBM about them sponsoring the computer labs at the Kickoff by providing 100 laptops. Turns out that they sent available machines to the Katrina Relief effort, but they do want to be involved.

Digital stories: Ms. Tovar has contacted several people and work is progressing. Need to produce a report of how the State monies were spent and submit it to NM Tech (Dr. Lopez) and Ben Lujan (and ask Regis Pecos and Bill Heimbach who else to send it to).

Ms. Frederick would like to learn more about the Northern New Mexico Math and Science Academy. They are doing well funding wise and having success with the schools they work with.

1:45 PM     13: Adjourn        Bill Blackler
Motioned by: Mr. Kratzer

Next meeting is proposed for November 16, 2005 at Ms. Granoff’s home at 10am. Will discuss fundraising and board member skills/duties.