

Supercomputing Challenge
Board of Directors Meeting December 14, 2005
At the Home of Larry Donahue, 9519 Glendale Ave., NE, Albuquerque, NM

Minutes

9:05 AM 1. Call to Order by President Bill Blackler

9:06 AM 2. Quorum Bill Blackler

Board Members Present Bill Blackler

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

Others Present
 Cyndy Topliff_____

9:07 AM **Action** 3. Approval of Agenda Bill Blackler

Motion by: Ms. Frederick_____

Seconded by: Mr. Donahue_____

Vote: For: All____ Against: _____

9:08 AM **Action** 4. Minutes of Previous Meeting Bill Blackler

Motion by: Ms. Frederick_____

Seconded by: Ms. Einhorn_____

Vote: For: All____ Against: _____

9:10 AM **Action** 5. Financial Report: Betsy Frederick/Cyndy Topliff

There is \$10, 279.51 in the check book. Ms. Topliff passed out an in kind form for those who provide services to the Challenge. We need to come up with a volunteer form as well to track volunteer involvement. We need to look into, and get insurance for the board. Ms. Frederick will look into it.

Motion by: Mr. Kratzer_____

Seconded by: Mr. Topliff_____

Vote: For: All____ Against: _____

9:35 AM **Action** 6. Budget Approval Bill Blackler
Ms. Topliff handed out the proposed budget that the budget committee worked on. It is a good guideline for us. A big thank you to Ms. Topliff and the committee.

Motion by: Mr. Donahue _____
Seconded by: Ms. Einhorn _____
Vote: For: All _____ Against: _____

9:53 AM **Discussion** 7. LESC Report Joe Watts
Mr. Watts, Mr. Blackler, and Ms. Granoff made a presentation to the Legislative Education Study Committee in Santa Fe. Ms. Tovar and Mr. David Olivas were there as well to add their support. Three minutes were allocated but 15 were used. We want them to know who we are and what we are about. We should send a letter to the members thanking them and reminding them what was covered. We need to try to get their constituents to contact them as well. We will have an idea of where we stand at the end of March.

10:08 AM **Information** 8. 501(c)3 Larry Donahue
Pulling material together, cross checking, etc. The board wants him to go with it and not ask the board for another review.

10:13 AM **Action** 9. Mission/Vision Statements Larry Donahue
We currently are living crisis to crisis, need to look ahead. A committee of Mr. Donahue, Ms. Tovar, Mr. Kratzer, and Mr. Topliff will look in to it. We will use the Challenge web site bulletin board.

10:25 AM **Discussion** 10. Logo David Kratzer
Need to include it in our branding. Should the mission/vision statements be in place first? Logo needs to look good in color and black and white, look good when printed at 1"x 1", maybe multiple formats. Anyone who wants to submit but we may not choose one until the statements are done. Mr. Topliff will check with a department at NMT.

11:30 AM **Discussion** 11. McCune Grant Committee Betsy Frederick
The proposal has been submitted. We asked for \$72K for STI. We won't here until May if we get anything.

10:35 AM **Discussion** 12. Grants Committee Betsy Frederick
Ms. Einhorn will contact Randy Burge, thanking him for his input and seeing if he has some contacts we should follow up with. We will try for a PNM grant in March. Ms. Tovar has written two proposals and will send them to the board for input.

10:48 AM **Information** 13. School Visits/Retention Efforts Betsy/Celia
Nick Bennett went to Alamogordo to work with those schools. Ruben Gaudiana will be going to Chaparral Mid/High. Irene Lee and Roger Critchfield are going to Shiprock and Navajo Prep. Ms. Tovar will contact the Jemez Charter School. When a visit is scheduled, the board should be notified.

10:55 AM **Information** 14. Teacher Advisory Board Celia Einhorn
Should we solicit input from the participating teachers to the activities of the board? We will create a forum and Ms. Einhorn will publicize it and ask for volunteers.

11:01 AM **Discussion** 15. VIP Newsletter
Table until January.

Celia/Betsy

11:02 AM **Discussion** 16. Other business

Ms. Einhorn will contact Pat Miller to see if she would like to be an adversary to the board.

Ms. Einhorn will check with Rick Scott at NMSU to see if they can offer graduate credit for STI at the same rate (\$50/credit hour) as last year.

Ms. Frederick received a letter from Trent Toulouse, former Amy Boulanger scholarship winner, that included an article that he got published.

Ms. Einhorn, Ms. Frederick, Ms. Lee attended the Math/Science town hall meeting in November at Glorieta and they represented the Challenge.

The Challenge will give a prize at the CENAC science fair, held this year at the Jemez Day School. Ms. Frederick will see what would be an appropriate award.

We should look into giving an award at the Regional Science Fair at New Mexico Tech.

Mr. Topliff talked about NMT's computer bootcamp where students build a computer from the parts.

Mary Herrmann (parent at Shiprock) wants to start a Computational Science class in January. She wants input from others and we will get some material from Steve Schum who has prepared material for himself.

11:30 AM 17. Adjournment

Larry Donahue

Next meeting will be the third Wednesday of January.

President _____

Secretary _____