MINUTES

9:39 AM 1. Call to order by President      Bill Blackler

9:39 AM 2. Quorum      Bill Blackler

Board Members Present

Bill Blackler    Yes__________
Shaun Cooper    No__________
Larry Donahue    Yes__________
Celia Einhorn    Yes__________
Betsy Frederick    Yes__________
Marianne Granoff    Yes__________
David Kratzer    Yes__________
Irene Lee    No__________
Willard Smith    No__________
Mike Topliff    No__________
Molly Tovar    Yes, by phone__
Joe Watts    No__________

Others Present

9:40 AM  Action 3. Approval of Agenda    Bill Blackler

Motion by:       Mr. Donahue______________________
Seconded by:   Mr. Blackler______________________
Vote:       For:  All_______  Against:  ________

9:41 AM  Action 4. Minutes of Previous Meeting    Bill Blackler

Motion by:       Ms. Einhorn________________________
Seconded by:    Mr. Donahue________________________
Vote:       For:  All_______  Against:  _______

9:46 AM  Action 5. Treasurers/CPA Report:    Betsy Frederick
Have $11,412 in the checking. Received $2000 from BigByte today, will invoice NM Tech for $2000. Expecting $50,000 from CCS Division at LANL for STI and $80,000 for scholarships. CPA report will come next month.

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

9:50 AM Information 6. 501(c)3 Larry Donahue
Thank you Larry, for getting the application in the mail. It was filed April 11th, 2006. We should be able to follow the process on a web site. Still need to file with the NM Attorney General’s office. Mr. Donahue provided an Executive Summary and a FAQ sheet. Discussed payment of employees (like for Summer Teacher Institute) where board members would recuse themselves. This shows a need for Ms. Einhorn and Ms. Frederick not to be on the board. We’ll start documenting in kind services.

10:12 AM Information 7. Legislative Update
We did not get the money expected from the State Legislature so we have no state money this year. We need a point person for legislative updates. Regis Pecos/Ben Lujan are pursuing funds from the Public Education Department but we’ll not hold our breath. Possible money from Science and Math Town Hall meeting. Ms. Tovar met with MaryBeth Schubert from the Governor’s office (working with Bingaman’s office) and helped prepare a proposal for New Mexico that included some wording about the Challenge. Teresa Gomez of AISES met with Ms. Tovar and is willing to be a judge for us.

10:28 AM Discussion 8. Budget, State Monies, Contracts, Insurance David Kratzer
Ms. Einhorn’s and Ms. Frederick’s contracts with LANL have been renewed for the third (and maybe last) year. We need to continue to look for funding for the Kickoff Conference. We are about $17K short of our budget for the Kickoff. The previous state money will probably be used up with expenses for the Awards Day activities.
Ms. Frederick is getting proposals on Directors and Board members insurance and for a $1 million policy for events such as the STI. We will inform the board members of the details and will have a short meeting to vote on this on April 23th in Los Alamos at Mr. Kratzer’s house.
Ms. Einhorn would like us to make contacts with Legislators around the state in communities where there are Challenge teams.

10:30 AM Information 9. LANL Foundation Grant Bill Blackler
Thanks to Mike Topliff and Bill Blackler for getting the application in by the deadline. Monies would be used to recruit teachers for STI and teams from Northern New Mexico. Funding would also support the teams recruited.

10:45 AM Discussion 10. Grants Committee Celia Einhorn
We need to get operational funds. There are two McCune foundations, one that targets Northern New Mexico. We need to address the counties not covered by the LANL Foundation. The Frost Foundation will provide funds for a broad program, June deadline for a September board meeting. Need to find a way to tap in to oil money in Hobbs and Artesia. Maybe the Yates company. We
need to know what we want to do with the money we go after. Would it be better if we had an Executive Director to pursue funding sources and provide a strategic plan? Money could be used for teacher stipends. Look into Walmart Foundation and other New Mexico companies.

11:03 AM **Discussion 11. Outreach**  
Celia Einhorn  
Ms. Einhorn provided a handout of our outreach activities and we showed the new brochure. If anyone does any outreach, please let Ms. Einhorn know so she can update the sheet.

11:12 AM **Information 12. Computers for Glorieta**  
Betsy Frederick  
We have made contact with Jeff Lunsford of TIG and he is willing to work with us. We’ll make contact with Tony Trujillo of Hollman’s. Also have a contact with Sun.

11:22 AM **Discussion 13. Mission/Vision Statement**  
Bill Blackler  
A start of the discussion is on the Board Forum.

11:30 AM **Adjourn**  
Next meeting Sunday, April 23, 2006 in Los Alamos at David Kratzer’s home at 7:00 pm.  
Ms. Frederick moved we adjourn.

President ____________________________

Secretary ____________________________