

Supercomputing Challenge
Board of Directors Meeting January 24, 2007
At the home of Joe Watts, 3305 El Paseo, Santa Fe, NM 87501

Minutes

10:20 AM Action: 1. Call to order by President Bill Blackler

10:21 AM Action 2. Quorum Bill Blackler

Board Members Present:

Bill Blackler	Yes_____
Shaun Cooper	No_____
Celia Einhorn	Yes_____
Betsy Frederick	Yes_____
Marianne Granoff	Yes, via phone____
David Kratzer	Yes_____
Irene Lee	No_____
Patricia Miller	No_____
Ginger Richardson	No_____
Willard Smith	No_____
Mike Topliff	Yes_____
Molly Tovar	No_____
Joe Watts	Yes_____

Others Present:

10:22 AM Action: 3. Approval of Agenda Bill Blackler

Motion by: Dr. Topliff_____

Seconded by: Ms. Frederick_____

Vote: For: All____ Against: ____

10:24 AM Action: 4. Minutes of Previous Meeting David Kratzer

Motion by: Ms. Frederick_____

Seconded by: Dr. Topliff_____

Vote: For: All____ Against: _____

10:25 AM Action: 5. Treasurers Report Mike Topliff

At the end of December, we had \$10,000 in the checking account. We still own Glorieta about \$9,000 of the \$19,000 bill for the Kickoff Conference. We expect to bill PED on our grant for another \$6,000 and we still have about \$20,000 of that grant. We will send Glorieta more money as the PED reimbursements come in. Our 1099 tax forms are in the mail. We need to come up with about \$10,000 for awards day. Ms. Einhorn will check on the Bigbyte contribution and Abba Technologies who want to be a sponsor.

Motion by: Mr. Kratzer_____
Secoded by: Ms. Einhorn_____
Vote: For: All___ Against: _____

10:53 AM Action 6. Proposed Budget 2006-7 Mike Topliff
Need to get our Institutions to write a memo of understanding for In-Kind
Services so that is verifiable in an audit. We reviewed the budget that the Topliffs have been working on.
It should be available shortly.

Motion with changes by: Ms. Frederick_____
Secoded by: Dr. Topliff_____
Vote: For: All___ Against: _____

11:07 AM Discussion: 7. Legislative Funding Joe Watts
Mr. Watts and Mr. Kratzer met with the House Speaker's Chief of Staff,
Regis Pecos, about how the Challenge can receive funding. The Governor has included \$100K in his
budget and expects the legislators to add an additional \$100K. The Speaker of the House will sponsor a
bill for funds for the Challenge. Mr. Blackler's work on what schools are in which legislative district has
been forward on to Mr. Pecos so that he can contact those legislators. We will keep having the
participants contact their legislators.

11:20 AM Discussion 8. Sandia and the Challenge Bill Blackler
David Kratzer
Eleanor Walther has been working with Sandia management to increase
their monetary support. We are proposing they contribute \$100K for staff support. Tom Laub is
organizing a tour of Sandia for March 19th for about 50 participants.

11:36 PM Information: 9. Interim Reports Betsy Frederick
We had 88 teams that have submitted Proposals and have 78 teams that
have submitted Interim Reports. That is very positive. The quality of the Interims is good as well.

11:47 AM Information: 10. Expo/Awards Day David Kratzer
April 23rd is the Expo and 24th is the Awards Ceremony. Locations in Los
Alamos for the specific events and the hotels to be used have yet to be determined. Scholarship
applications will be due in February and the interviewing will be done differently this year.

12:00 PM Information 11. Mentors/Judges David Kratzer
We received great support from the mentors and judges in reviewing all of
the Interim reports. Looks like there will be enough volunteer judges for the February Project Evaluations.

12:01 PM Information 12. Project Evaluations Betsy Frederick
Things are progressing for the four February weekend of project
evaluations. Some judges are still needed and the Farmington area evaluations will probably be held at
Shiprock High. We expect to have a Spanish language team (from Artesia) present the NM Tech.

12:07 PM Information 13. GUTS Betsy Frederick
Growing Up Thinking Scientifically (GUTS), is a project that assumes an
interest in science and will have the mid school students do computational science. We consider it an
incubator for the Challenge.

12:16 PM **Information** 14. Audit Betsy Frederick
On the back burner, until we get some money. We think this a good thing
to do soon.

12:19 PM **Information** 15. Kickoff Hardware Celia Einhorn
At the CHECS conference in Albuquerque last fall we made several good
contacts. Apple will provide 30 laptops. HP expects to be able to help. We should be able to borrow the
20 from Santa Fe Institute again, so things are looking good. We will continue to see if LANL will donate
salvaged computers.

12:27 PM 16. Adjourn
Ms. Einhorn moved we adjourn.
The next meeting is proposed for Thursday the March 15th.

President _____

Secretary _____