

**Supercomputing Challenge
Board of Directors Meeting March 15, 2007
At New Mexico Tech, Socorro, NM**

Minutes

10:17 AM Action: 1. Call to order by President Bill Blackler

10:17 AM Action 2. Quorum Bill Blackler

Board Members Present:

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

Others Present:

10:18 AM Action: 3. Approval of Agenda Bill Blackler

Motion by: Dr. Topliff_____

Seconded by: Ms. Frederick_____

Vote: For: All___ Against: _____

10:19 AM Action: 4. Minutes of Previous Meeting David Kratzer

Motion by: Ms. Frederick_____

Seconded by: Dr. Cooper_____

Vote: For: All___ Against: _____

10:20 AM Action: 5. Treasurers Report Mike Topliff

At the end of February we had about \$3437 in the checking account. Mr. Topliff handed out statements of revenue and expenses. LANL Foundation, PNM, McCune and Frost grants have not come through. We need to come up with \$15K in the next month to cover Awards Day expenses. There should be some money coming from Sandia, to the tune of \$30K. Should we charge a \$20 registration fee to attend the Expo? If we all make contacts with possible sources, we should be able to fund the Awards Day and the program management.

Motion by: Mr. Kratzer _____
Seconded by: Dr. Cooper _____
Vote: For: All ___ Against: _____

11:03 AM **Information** 6. Audit and Form 990 Betsy Frederick
Marjorie Kaplan will complete the Form 990 for \$500. An audit is not required by the state until we have \$500,000 per year in revenue.

11:07 AM **Information:** 7. Legislative Funding/Planning for Expenditure Bill Blackler
Ben Lujan put in \$160K on HB 1084, Bobby Gonzales put in \$100K in HB 1115. We understand that there is money in HB 2. There are two representatives that have committed some of their money to the Challenge, to the tune of \$15K. It is not clear that the Challenge will get any funding from the Legislature this and without funding from the State, the program is seriously in jeopardy.

11:40 AM **Discussion** 8. Summer Teacher Institute Betsy Frederick
How are we going to get more teachers involved? We will advertize to the superintendents in April, do visits and calls to schools. Get Public Education Department to recruit for us. We expect to apply to PED for funds for STI and are confident that PED will fund it.

11:15 AM **Information** 9. Growing Up Thinking Scientifically Irene Lee
GUTS has received funding. Middle school students will attend one of three summer workshops and work on projects during the school year in an after school program. Goal is 100 kids and 20 teachers per year. It can be an incubator program for the Challenge. Ms. Lee handed out a newsletter.

12:15 PM **Information** 10. Sandia and the Challenge/Betsy & Celia's Contracts Bill Blackler
David Kratzer
Eleanor Walther has been working with Sandia management and Bill Blackler has met with Sandia management and we think they will provide \$30K. They might be able to support parts of STI. Sandia's employees can be supported to volunteer for the Challenge. Two managers have been invited to visit the 75 students coming to the Sandia tour on March 19th. There will be a team tutorial session on Sunday afternoon for the students coming on the tour.

12:30 PM **Information** 11. Grants Committee/LANL Foundation Update Celia Einhorn
Mr. Blackler found ten organizations that provide grants in New Mexico and Ms. Einhorn contacted all of them and two have responded, both from southeast New Mexico. We hope to get funding to support teams in that area.

12:40 PM **Information:** 10. Project Evaluations, Expo & Awards Day David Kratzer
78 teams presented to 34 judges at six different locations in February. Lots of plans are in the works for the Expo as to where the Awards Ceremony will be held and what hotels will be used

12:50 PM **Discussion** 13. Mission and Vision Statement Bill Blackler
Mr. Blackler proposes a vision statement of “To excite the imagination and enhance the education of tomorrow’s leaders by teaching research methodology and scientific project development in a widely recognized international competition for pre-college students.” We will vote on this Vision Statement next meeting.

The proposed mission statement is:
“The Supercomputing Challenge provides a learning experience for teams of pre-college students in scientific inquiry, computational analysis and presentation skills. The Supercomputing Challenge is a year-long state wide competition for prizes and scholarships. Our goal by 2012 is to have at least one student team compete from each mid-school and high school in the state and at least one teacher/sponsor with the necessary skills to support student teams.”

1:50 PM **Action** 14. Ginger Richardson Leave of Absence Bill Blackler
Dr. Cooper moved that we accept the request for a leave of absence from the board for 90 days.

Motion by: Dr. Cooper _____
Seconded by: Ms. Frederick _____
Vote: For: All ___ Against: _____

1:55 PM **Information** 15. Board Duties and Obligations Bill Blackler
Mr. Blackler asks all board members to read the Obligations of Board Members information at http://www.challenge.nm.org/board/Obligations_of_Board_Members.htm

2:15 PM **Discussion** 16. Letterhead Stationery and Business Cards Bill Blackler
We looked at a couple of examples of letterhead. We will continue to iterate on them.

2:15 PM 17. Other Business
Dr. Topliff found that 879 students have attended New Mexico Tech who have been in the Challenge. Dr. Cooper found that 1189 people have taken an NMSU course and also participated in the Challenge.

2:25 PM 18. Adjourn
We propose to have the next meeting on May 11 at Mr. Blackler’s house at 11:00.
Dr. Cooper moved we adjourn.

President _____

Secretary _____