Supercomputing Challenge
Board of Directors Meeting September 21, 2007
At the home of Marianne Granoff,
801 Calle Fuerte, NE, Albuquerque, NM

Minutes

8:40 AM Action: 1. Call to Order by President Bill Blackler

8:41 AM Action: 2. Quorum

Board Members Present:

Bill Blackler   Yes
Shaun Cooper  No
Celia Einhorn  No
Betsy Frederick  Yes
Marianne Granoff  Yes
David Kratzer  Yes
Irene Lee   Yes
Patricia Miller  No
Ginger Richardson  No
Mike Topliff  Yes
Joe Watts  No

Others Present:
Anthony Giancol, Strategic Analytics
Ron Davis, Abba Technologies

8:42 AM Action: 3. Approval of Agenda

Motion by:  Ms. Granoff
Seconded by:  Dr. Topliff
Vote:  For: All Against: 

8:43 AM Action: 4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion by:  Ms. Frederick
Seconded by:  Dr. Topliff
Vote:  For: All Against: 

5. Treasurer’s Report  
Mike Topliff  
Statement of Revenue & Expenses was handed out. Received $75K grant from PED for STI and outreach and the LFC audit in August revealed a $40K appropriation awarded by the Legislature in 2006 for expenditures in the 2007 state fiscal year. David Hardwig was the auditor. Willing to help the Challenge once the audit is finished. Recommend we change our fiscal year to July to July. Ms. Granoff moved we change the fiscal year to July 1st to June 30th, Mr. Kratzer seconded, all in favor. Mr. Kratzer made a motion to remove the requirement to get three bids for purchases over $2,000 and go with the requirements of the fiscal agent or funding source. Ms. Granoff second. All in favor. Currently have $10,739 in the checking account. There will be a meeting with Sandia on October 12 to discuss funding program managers.

Motion by: Ms. Granoff  
Seconded by: Ms. Frederick  
Vote: For: All  Against:  

6. Patricia Miller Resignation  Bill Blackler  
On June 21st, Patricia Miller requested to be removed from the board of directors but wants to still be an advocate for the Challenge.

Motion by: Dr. Topliff  
Seconded by: Ms. Granoff  
Vote: For: All  Against:  

7. Board Members Duties and Obligations  Bill Blackler  
See the Attorney General’s Guide for Board Members at:  
The board needs to meet on a quarterly basis with committees working in between meetings.

8. Conflict of Interest Policy  Bill Blackler  
Need to review the ICANN example to see if it appropriate for the Challenge. Ms. Frederick, Mr. Blackler, Ms. Lee and Ms. Granoff will be on the Governance committee to get the Conflict of Interest Policy to line up with the Bylaws and to proceed with a name change to just Supercomputing Challenge.

9. Appointment of New Directors  Bill Blackler  
Anthony Giancola has been involved in Challenge activities and would like to be a board member. He is a graduate of UNM and CTO of Strategic Analytics.

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

Ron Davis graduated from UNM and is with Abba Technologies. He thinks Abba Technologies can help the Challenge interact with local corporations. Abba has a conference room that the board can use in downtown Albuquerque. They are opening a new office with webex access that we might want to take advantage of in the future.

Motion by: Ms. Granoff  
Seconded by: Ms. Lee  
Vote: For: All  Against:  

10. Election of New Officers  Bill Blackler
Mr. Blackler agrees to be President, Ms. Granoff agrees to be Vice President, Mr. Topliff agrees to be Treasurer, and Mr. Kratzer agrees to be the Secretary.

Motion by: Ms. Frederick
Seconded by: Ms. Lee
Vote: For: All______ Against: ________

9:45AM  Action: 11. Quarterly Board Meeting Schedule
Bill Blackler
The board will meet on Friday, January 18, Wednesday, April 9, Friday, July 11 and Wednesday, October 15 in 2008.

10:10 AM  Information: 12. Grants Committee
David Kratzer
Betsy Frederick
Bill Blackler
Ms. Frederick, Ms. Einhorn, Mr. Kratzer, Ms. Lee, Mr. Blackler will work on getting participation from Northern New Mexico for the $10K grant from the LANL Foundation. The Challenge received $15K from the LANL Foundation to support teachers from NNM to participate in the 2008 Summer Teacher Institute.

10:15 AM  Discussion: 13. Challenge in Tech’s Budget
Mike Topliff
Dr. Topliff met with Dr. Dan Lopez, president of NM Tech, and he supports the Challenge. We also need to look at possible funding under the New Mexico Computer Applications Center. What is the potential under each option? Need a 3-5 year strategic plan. Need to do a presentation to the LFC before January. Ms. Lee, Ms. Frederick, Mr. Blackler will work on this committee (to meet with Lucky Varela). Mr. Blackler and Mr. Giancola will visit with Barney McCabe about being part of the NM CAC. We are working on a grant to the McCune Foundation. The Challenge needs to be in more NM schools to support places like the NM CAC and technology jobs in the state. Need to get Intel involved and IBM will follow. Ms. Lee suggested we ask McCune to fund a strategic planner. Maybe look into an ITEST grant.

10:50 AM  Action: 14. 2007-2008 Budget
Mike Topliff
Dr. Topliff distributed a Profit & Loss Budget Overview and discussed it.
He will add the cost of NM CAC tour. He will add the scholarships that schools supply to the list of Income/Donations.

Motion by: Mr. Kratzer
Seconded by: Ms. Frederick
Vote: For: All______ Against: ________

11:04 AM  Information: 15. Celia and Betsy’s Contracts
Bill Blackler
Funding from Sandia will expire in October. We are trying to get another contract in place with Sandia in November. Mr. Blackler will go after corporate contributions, after vision and mission statements are decided upon.

David Kratzer
Betsy Frederick
We have 25 PCs coming from the High Plains Regional Educational Cooperative, 30 MacBook Pros coming from Apple, and 20 Macs from the Santa Fe Institute. Ms. Granoff has ordered a T1 line. Lots of people are lined up to help but we still need more meet the scientists. Have a separate strand for middle school and high schools.

11:34 AM  Action: 17. Mission Statement
Bill Blackler
Motion by: Mr. Giancola __________________________
Seconded by: Dr. Topliff __________________________
Vote: For: All______  Against: ________

Ms. Frederick has a suggestion so Mr. Giancola will work with Ms.
Frederick and Mr. Blackler to combine the two vision statements. A motion was made to postpone voting
on the Vision Statement until the next board meeting.
Motion by: Ms. Granoff __________________________
Seconded by: Ms. Frederick __________________________
Vote: For: All______  Against: ________

11:40 AM  Discussion:   19. Strategic Planning   Bill Blackler
Committee of Ms. Einhorn, Mr. Kratzer, Ms. Frederick, Mr. Blackler, Ms.
Lee with work on a strategic plan.

11:45 AM  Information:   20. LANL Oversight Committee Meeting   Bill Blackler
Oct 11th 10:15-11:15 am at the Round House, an hour long meeting to tell
them about the Challenge, thank LANL, educate them about the Challenge. Mr. Heimbach has set this up.

11:50 AM  Information:   21. UNM High Performance Computing Center Tour   Bill Blackler
Potential career opportunities. Maybe also have a NM CAC tour? Have to
work out when it will happen.

11:55 AM  Discussion:   22. Letterhead Stationery and Business Card Design   Bill Blackler
David Kratzer
Some suggestions were made to the current template.

12:00 PM  Adjourn:   Ms. Granoff moved we adjourn.

President _________________________________
Secretary _________________________________