

**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 Bill Blackler

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 Giancola, Strategic Analytics  
Ron Davis, Abba Technologies

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8:42 AM **Action:** 3. Approval of Agenda Bill Blackler

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

8:43 AM **Action:** 4. Minutes of Previous Meeting David Kratzer

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

8:44 AM **Action:** 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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: \_\_\_\_\_

9:11 AM **Action:** 6. Patricia Miller Resignation Bill Blackler  
On June 21<sup>st</sup>, 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: \_\_\_\_\_

9:15 AM **Information:** 7. Board Members Duties and Obligations Bill Blackler  
See the Attorney General's Guide for Board Members at:  
<http://www.nmag.gov/office/Divisions/Civ/charity/boardmembers.aspx>  
The board needs to meet on a quarterly basis with committees working in between meetings.

9:20 AM **Information:** 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.

9:27 AM **Action:** 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: \_\_\_\_\_

9:40 AM **Action:** 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.

11:20 AM **Information:** 16. Kickoff Update 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: \_\_\_\_\_

11:20 AM **Action** 18. Vision Statement Bill Blackler  
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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 \_\_\_\_\_