Minutes

10:09 AM Action: 1. Call to Order by President Bill Blackler

10:10 AM Action: 2. Quorum Bill Blackler

Board Members Present:

Bill Blackler  Yes____
Shaun Cooper  Yes____
Ron Davis  Yes____
Celia Einhorn  Yes____
Betsy Frederick  Yes____
Tony Giancola  Yes____
Marianne Granoff  Yes____
David Kratzer  Yes____
Irene Lee  No____
Ginger Richardson  No____
Mike Topliff  Yes____
Joe Watts  No____

Others Present:
Stephen Guerin, via phone_________

10:15 AM Action: 3. Approval of Agenda With items 7-8 delayed
Bill Blackler
Motion by:  Ms. Frederick_______________________
Seconded by: Ms. Granoff_______________________
Vote: For:  All____ Against: _________

10:17 AM Action: 4. Minutes of Previous Meeting
David Kratzer
As amended.
Motion by:  Ms. Granoff_______________________
Seconded by: Dr. Topliff_______________________
Vote: For:  All____ Against: _________

10:18 AM Action: 5. Treasurers Report
Mike Topliff
Dr. Topliff passed out the statement of revenue and expenses. Have spent all but $1,300 of the $39,444 of last year’s legislative monies. Have not used this year’s $60K yet. Have spent all but $14K of the $75K PED monies for STI and that will be used for outreach and support of STI
participants. NFS grant is still not rejected. $23,038 in checking account. 990’s mailed off. 1099 complete and in the mail. Expect to get $72K from Sandia which will support consultants and program operations.

Motion by: Ms. Einhorn_______________________
Seconded by: Ms. Granoff_______________________
Vote: For: All____ Against: ________

10:30 AM Action: 6. Appointment of New Director-Steve Guerin Bill Blackler
Motion by: Ms. Granoff_______________________
Seconded by: Dr. Cooper_______________________
Vote: For: All____ Against: ________

10:30 AM Action 7. Appointment of New Director-Barney Maccabe Bill Blackler
Motion by: ________________________
Seconded by: ________________________
Vote: For: ______ Against: ________
Postponed until the next meeting.

10:35 AM Action 8. Appointment of New Director-James Peery Bill Blackler
Motion by: ________________________
Seconded by: ________________________
Vote: For: ______ Against: ________
Postponed until the next meeting.

10:35 AM Information 9. Quarterly Board Meeting Schedule Bill Blackler
Next meetings are April 9th in Santa Fe at RedFish Group at 10:00, July 18th in Socorro at 10:00, and October 15th in Albuquerque at 10:00.

10:39 AM Action: 10. Change in By-Laws Betsy Frederick
Now that we are a 501(c)3, we need to complete the paperwork (amendments to the article of incorporation) to officially change the name of the program to the Supercomputing Challenge as previously proposed.

Motion by: Ms. Frederick_______________________
Seconded By: Ms. Granoff_______________________
Vote: For: All____ Against: ________

10:42 AM Information 11. 2008 Legislative Appropriation Betsy Frederick
Ms. Frederick passed out material that will be distributed to anyone who is interested. We are looking for $200K from the legislature and currently have commitments from 11 legislators for $10K each from their discretionary funds and one for $25K. It is HB 131 (and HB 137). Many teachers have contacted their legislators and that has helped.

10:55 AM Information 12. Board Members Lobbying Bill Blackler
We have gotten great support from LANL liaison Mr. Heimbach and should continue to work with him. Mr. Blackler and Ms. Frederick went to a United Way meeting on lobbying. Educating legislators is not considered lobbying. Non-profits can lobby. Mr. Blackler, Ms. Einhorn, and Ms. Frederick will register to lobby. We discussed what we can and can’t do as board members with respect to lobbying.

11:07 AM Information: 13. Conflict of Interest Policy Bill Blackler
Betsy Fredericks
Although we can’t follow the ICANN conflict of interest policy in whole, since Ms. Einhorn and Ms. Fredericks are on the board and are consultants to the Challenge, we can use that as a guide.

11:19 AM Discussion 14. Celia and Betsy’s Contracts Bill Blackler

We need to have a separate contract with a few folks who do work for the Challenge. Mr. Davis, Mr. Blackler and Mr. Kratzer will prepare contracts, email them out and we will have a conference call.

11:26 AM Information 15. Grants Committee David Kratzer Betsy Frederick Bill Blackler

Ms. Einhorn has gotten $500 from Abba, $500 from SGI and $500 from the Topliffs’ for a scholarship in honor of Willard Smith. We have received a three year $10K grant from the LANL Foundation to support students attending the Expo in April and another one year $15K grant to support teachers from Northern New Mexico at the Summer Teacher Institute. The Yates Foundation is supporting the teams from Artesia.

11:58 AM Discussion 16. NMCAC Bill Blackler Betsy Frederick David Kratzer

Mr. Davis mentioned that Abba Technologies is bidding on providing gateways around the state. We have met with Dr. Tom Bowles a few times and hope that the Challenge will be very involved in the educational outreach that they want to have. We have been invited to participate at a legislative information event at the Inn of Loretta on January 23. Mr. Guerin is talking with NM CAC about being a gateway in Santa Fe at the Santa Fe Complex which the Challenge participants can use. In the future we hope to have Challenge participants get internships at the New Mexico Computing Applications Center.

12:15 PM Information 17. Math and Science Day At Roundhouse Betsy Frederick

On Feb 5th we will have a table from 8-5 and have a table with information and a few students.

12:25 PM Discussion 18. Mission Statement Bill Blackler

After looking at past and current mission statement, we came up with this for a mission statement: “Our mission is to teach teams of middle and high schools students how to use powerful computers to analyze, model and solve real world problems.”

Motion by: Dr. Cooper
Seconded By: Dr. Topliff
Vote: For: All___ Against: ______

12:50 PM Discussion 19. Vision Statement Bill Blackler

We will postpone this discussion for another meeting. Mr. Blackler, Mr. Davis, and Ms. Lee will work on a vision statement.

12:51 PM Discussion 20. Strategic Planning Bill Blackler

Ms. Lee has a white paper that she wants to present so we will postpone this until a future meeting.

12:56 PM Exercise 21. Team Building Celia Einhorn

We will postpone this to a future meeting.

12:57 PM Information 22. UNM High Performance Computing Center Tour Betsy Frederick

Ms. Frederick is working with Tom Caudell to have a tour of the CHPC or the Media Arts Lab next door.
1:05 PM Discussion 22. Letterhead Stationery and Business Card Design Bill Blackler David Kratzer

Mr. Kratzer will update the letterhead and send the template out to the board. Mr. Blackler will bring examples of business cards at a future meeting.

1:10 PM Adjourn

Ms. Granoff moved we adjourn.

President ____________________________

Secretary ____________________________