

Supercomputing Challenge
Board of Directors Meeting January 18, 2008
Abba Technologies, 1501 San Pedro Dr., NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110

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 Bill Blackler
 With items 7-8 delayed
 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 sent 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 _____