Minutes

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

10:10AM Action: 2. Quorum Bill Blackler

Board Members Present:

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

Others Present:
Jeff Lunsford____________________
Barney McCabe__________________
James Peery_____________________
Bob Robey_______________________

10:12AM Action: 3. Approval of Agenda Bill Blackler

Motion by: Mr. Guerin_______________________
Seconded by: Ms. Richardson_______________________
Vote: For: All____ Against: _________

10:12AM Action: 4. Minutes of Previous Meeting David Kratzer

Motion by: Mr. Kratzer_______________________
Seconded by: Mr. Giancola_______________________
Vote: For: All____ Against: _________

10:15AM Action: 5. Treasurers Report Mike Topliff

In good shape financially, we have spent the legislative monies from 2005-2006 that we didn’t know about until last fall. Have about $67,000 available. We expect to spend $35,000 on Awards Day activities. Still need to process invoices for consulting services. We received
$50K from the LANL CCS Division to cover scholarships. We received a PED grant this month of $120K for the joint GUTS/Challenge Summer Teacher Institute. We don’t know what we got from the legislature yet, somewhere between $27,000 and $84,000. NM Tech administrates funds for us without any overhead charge. We expect to use some remaining STI monies as a down payment on dorms at NM Tech for this July’s STI.

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

10:13AM  Information  6. Sandia Monies    Bill Blackler
Thanks to James Peery for getting these monies, but the monies may not available next year.

Betsy Frederick

10:40AM  Information  7. Legislative Funding    Bill Blackler
See Treasurer’s report. We tried to pinpoint 20 legislators to support us at a $10K level from their program funds hoping to get $200K. It was a lot of work and we still aren’t sure it was worth it. Ms. Einhorn is exploring having us be part of NM Tech’s budget.

10:56AM  Action:  10. Appointment of New Director-Jeff Lunsford    Bill Blackler
Mr. Lunsford is a manager at Technology Integration Group. TIG might be able to loan the Challenge 40 laptops for the Kickoff Conference. TIG has a small cluster that some advanced students might be able to take advantage of.

Motion by:    Mr. Kratzer________________________
Seconded by: Ms. Richardson________________________
Vote: For: All____ Against: ________

11:04AM  Action  11. Appointment of New Director-Barney MacCabe    Bill Blackler
Dr. MacCabe is on the Computer Science faculty at University of New Mexico, currently interim Chief Information Officer for UNM.

Motion by:    Dr. Topliff________________________
Seconded by: Mr. Lunsford________________________
Vote: For: All___ Against: ________

11:08AM  Action  12. Appointment of New Director-James Peery    Bill Blackler
Dr. Peery is the director of Computation, Computers, Information and Mathematics at Sandia National Laboratories.

Motion by:    Ms. Richardson________________________
Seconded by: Dr. MacCabe________________________
Vote: For: All____ Against: ________

11:13AM  Discussion  13. Vision Statement    Bill Blackler
Do we want to be national, international, or regional? Where should our focus be? Need fundamentals, pre-calculus and programming to be able to participate in the Challenge, thus our effort to promote an online AP Computer Science course. Work on the whole state participating. Students participate because there is a champion teacher or parent pushing them to be involved. Get metrics about how participation in the Challenge affects the student’s future. Need return on investment metrics to convince funders to support the program. “The Vision of the Supercomputing Challenge is to be a nationally recognized program that promotes computational thinking so that more students are better
prepared and more interested in computational science and engineering.” This will be mailed out, discussed over email and voted on at the next board meeting.

11:50AM **Information** Stephen Guerin gave an overview of the Santa Fe Complex, its purpose and the possibilities for collaboration with the Challenge.

12:05PM **Discussion** 14. Strategic Planning Bill Blackler
How to get school support? Could we have monthly day long meetings with teachers that had participated in STI? Pay schools the cost of a sub. Could teachers get a stipend for being a Challenge teacher/sponsor? How to engage students and teachers? Get a company to sponsor the team/teacher from the school ($5-10K per year per school). We need something for teacher professional development. We need something to attract students to the industry. We need to partner with whomever we can, NM CAC, IDEAL-NM, … We should focus on content and connection with the schools. The strategic plan needs to be more than marketing but focus on teachers.

12:15PM **Information** 15. Grants Committee Postponed Celia Einhorn

12:30PM **Information** 16. Betsy and Celia’s Contracts Update Postponed Bill Blackler
We are working on it.

12:35PM **Information** 17. UNM High Performance Computing Center Tour Postponed Betsy Frederick
Ms. Frederick did a great job working with UNM and the CHPC Media Arts Lab coming up with tours for the day and Mr. Robey helped during the tour. The students were very enthusiastic about the tour. This tour was to complement the tour of Sandia National Laboratories so that foreign nationals could participate and so we could handle more than 50 participants.

12:40PM **Exercise** 18. Team Building Postponed Celia Einhorn

12:50PM **Discussion** 19. Low cost access points to NMCAC Postponed Steve Guerin
Provide Sunray computers which could provide high-end visualization but the computation would be done remotely.

1:00PM **Discussion** 20. Business Card Design Postponed Bill Blackler

1:10PM **Discussion** 21. Conflict of Interest Policy Postponed Bill Blackler

1:15PM **Adjourn** Next meeting will be at NM Tech in Socorro on July 18th which is during the Summer Teacher Institute.

President ________________________________

Secretary ________________________________