

**Supercomputing Challenge**  
**Board of Directors Meeting July 18, 2008**  
**New Mexico Tech University, Socorro NM**

**Minutes**

10:08AM **Action:** 1. Call to Order by President Bill Blackler

10:08AM **Action** 2. Quorum Bill Blackler

Board Members Present:

Bill Blackler	Yes_____
Shaun Cooper	Yes_____
Ron Davis	No_____
Celia Einhorn	Yes_____
Betsy Frederick	Yes_____
Tony Giancola	Yes_____
Stephen Guerin	No_____
Marianne Granoff	Yes_____
David Kratzer	Yes_____
Irene Lee	Yes_____
Jeff Lunsford	No_____
Barney Maccabe	Yes_____
James Peery	Yes_____
Ginger Richardson	No_____
Mike Topliff	Yes_____
Joe Watts	No_____

Others Present:

Bob Robey \_\_\_\_\_  
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10:08AM **Action:** 3. Approval of Agenda Bill Blackler

Motion by: Dr. Cooper  
Seconded by: Dr. Maccabe  
Vote: For: All Against: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Motion by: Mr. Giancola  
Seconded by: Ms. Einhorn  
Vote: For: All Against: \_\_\_\_\_

10:14 AM **Action:** 5. Treasurers Report Mike Topliff

PED 2008 grant was signed and is in hand for \$120K for the Summer Teachers Institute for both Project GUTS and the Supercomputing Challenge. This year's LFC will be between \$58K and \$84K when it arrives. We have changed the fiscal year to end June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. Dr. Topliff passed out the treasures' report. We will invoice Sandia for what they want to contribute and encumber those monies and distribute them as the year goes on. Need to prepare a budget for this year. CHECS will change their \$500 scholarship random door prize to five \$100 random door prizes. We need to get letters from employers for donating the board member's time. Corporate in-kind contribution letters will be sent out. The budget committee will meet July 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 at Ms. Frederick's home.

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

10:38AM **Action:** 6. Appointment of New Director-Bob Robey Bill Blackler  
Mr. Robey is a staff member of the Los Alamos National Laboratory and has been involved in High Performance Computing for many years. He has been a mentor and instructor for the Challenge for the past three years.

Motion by: Mr. Kratzer \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded by: Ms. Einhorn \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote: For: All \_\_\_ Against: \_\_\_\_\_

10:43 AM **Discussion** 7. Other potential board members Celia Einhorn  
Two others that are interested in being on the board of directors for the Challenge are Victor Kuhns from Cray and Lorie Liebrock from New Mexico Tech. Ms. Einhorn mentioned she has invited Marisol Gamboa (past Challenge participant) to join and once Marisol gets settled in her new job in Las Cruces she will contact us.

10:48 PM **Action** 8. Conflict of Interest Policy Bill Blackler  
Ms. Granoff will have former Challenge board of director Larry Donahue look it over and we will read it and sign it at the next meeting.

10:55 AM **Action** 9. Betsy and Celia's Contracts Bill Blackler  
After Technet was unable to support Ms. Einhorn and Ms. Frederick, LANL took over their contract for three years. Then Sandia was able to provide monies to cover their contract. Mr. Davis, Ms. Einhorn and Ms. Frederick came up with an employment agreement based on an ABBA Technologies and we discussed the agreement. We need to change the agreement's language to between the Board and the "contractors" as Ms. Einhorn and Ms. Frederick are contractors and not employees. We will have a phone conference call to approve the agreement. A calendar will be developed to show the "plans" for the future.

11:10AM **Discussion** 10. LFC Presentation Celia Einhorn  
Ms. Einhorn has contacted the LFC and we have five minutes at the September meeting and we hope to have Marisol Gamboa help give the presentation. Dr. Cooper mentioned a program call Research and Public Service funds which we might fall under. We need to show data and the map.

11:25AM **Action** 11. Vision Statement Bill Blackler

The Vision of the Supercomputing Challenge is to be a nationally recognized program that promotes computational thinking in science and engineering so that the next generation of high school graduates is better prepared to compete in an information based economy.

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

11:30 AM **Information** 12. Grants Committee Celia Einhorn  
Ms. Einhorn and Mr. Kratzer met with Intel and David Kratzer  
we should be able to get funds from them in the Betsy Frederick  
near future. Ms. Einhorn is contacting Bob Eisenstein who works with  
retired scientists and he is working on Project 2012 which will have funds for mentors to work with  
students. When the Project GUTS funds run out next year, we need to think about how to support GUTS  
clubs, which cost \$2500 each for a school year. GUTS is the farm team for the Challenge.

11:45AM **Discussion** 13. Strategic Planning Bill Blackler  
Dr. Peery has a format for strategic planning and explained it. It is  
comprised of Objectives, Goals and Milestones. We will start fleshing out the strategic plan.

12:00 PM **Adjourn** 14.  
Motion by: Ms. Granoff \_\_\_\_\_

President \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary \_\_\_\_\_