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 _______  
Shaun Cooper _______  
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

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 30th 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 30th 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.

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.

11:10 AM 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 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 ________________________________