

**Supercomputing Challenge**  
**Board of Directors Meeting October 15, 2008**  
**Abba Center for Excellence, 725 6<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Suite B Albuquerque, NM**

**Meeting Minutes**

10:07AM **Action:** 1. Call to Order by President Bill Blackler

10:07AM **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_____
Stephen Guerin	Yes_____
Marianne Granoff	No_____
David Kratzer	Yes_____
Irene Lee	Yes_____
Jeff Lunsford	No_____
Barney Maccabe	No_____
James Peery	No_____
Ginger Richardson	No_____
Bob Robey	Yes_____
Mike Topliff	Yes_____
Joe Watts	No_____

Others Present:

Lorie Liebrock\_\_\_\_\_

Victor Kuhns\_\_\_\_\_

Bob Bolz\_\_\_\_\_

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10:11AM **Action:** 3. Approval of Agenda Bill Blackler

Motion by: Ms. Frederick  
 Seconded by: Dr. Topliff  
 Vote: For: All Against: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

10:14 AM **Action:** 5. Treasurer's Report Mike Topliff  
Dr. Topliff handed out the statement of assets, liabilities and fund balances. The July 2008 Summer Teacher Institute cost about \$104K which is more than in the past, but we served twice as many teachers this year. That leaves \$16K to support the STI participants throughout the rest of the year. Dr. Topliff also passed out the proposed 2008-2009 budget. Checking account has about \$103K in it. Expect Kickoff expenses to be around \$40K. \$50K of the checking account monies need to be reserved for staff contracts through May 2009. \$10K is reserved for a scholarship carryover. We expect to receive \$10K from the LANL Foundation for Northern New Mexico participation in the Expo. We expect to receive \$10K from Sandia as usual in February. Dr. Liebrock suggests that we need to look into getting IAS funding.

Motion by: Mr. Kratzer  
Seconded by: Ms. Lee  
Vote: For:   All   Against:           

10:30 AM **Action:** 6. Resignation of Director- Ginger Richardson Bill Blackler  
Thank you Ginger for your support of the Challenge.

Motion by: Dr. Topliff  
Seconded by: Mr. Giancola  
Vote: For:   All   Against:           

10:31AM **Action:** 7. Resignation of Director-Jeff Lunsford Bill Blackler  
Thank you Jeff for your support of the Challenge.

Motion by: Mr. Giancola  
Seconded by: Ms. Lee  
Vote: For:   All   Against:           

10:32AM **Action:** 8. Appointment of New Director-Bob Bolz Bill Blackler  
Mr. Bolz works for TIG and will replace Jeff Lunsford.

Motion by: Dr. Topliff  
Seconded by: Ms. Einhorn  
Vote: For:   All   Against:           

10:35AM **Action:** 9. Appointment of New Director – Marisol Gamboa Bill Blackler  
Postponed until next board meeting as Ms. Gamboa was not able to attend.

Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote: For:        Against:           

10:35AM **Action:** 10. Appointment of New Director – Lorie Liebrock Bill Blackler  
Dr. Liebrock is on the faculty of New Mexico Tech in Socorro and is the Interim Education Director of the New Mexico Computing Applications Center.

Motion by: Ms. Lee  
Seconded by: Ms. Frederick  
Vote: For:   All   Against:           

10:39AM **Action:** 11. Appointment of New Director – Victor Kuhns Bill Blackler  
Participated in the Challenge from 1993-1995 as a student at Moriarty High School. Victor currently works for Cray at Sandia National Laboratories.

Motion by: Mr. Davis  
Seconded by: Mr. Giancola

Vote: For:   All   Against: \_\_\_\_\_

10:42 AM **Information** 12. Project GUTS Irene Lee  
Project GUTS is an after school program for middle school students and is a great feeder program for the Supercomputing Challenge. During 2007-2008, joint activities were held between Project GUTS and the Supercomputing Challenge.

11:15 AM **Information** 13. Program Evaluation Alexis Kaminsky  
Dr. Kaminsky presented a plan for evaluating the Supercomputing Challenge. The plan will be sent to the board.

11:30 AM **Discussion** 14. Strategic Planning Bill Blackler  
What do we want to come out of the end of the Challenge? Knowledge of parallel programming, networking concept, visualization skills, computational analysis skills, modeling skills. Also, for kids that don't get to parallel programming, programming in general and mathematics, model usage and writing skills. Need pipeline from StarLogo TNG to using the NM CAC Encanto machine.

12:11 PM **Action** 15. Budget Mike Topliff  
Fiscal year is now July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. The proposed budget for 2008/2009 was handed out. Dr. Liebrock made a motion and Ms. Einhorn seconded it that the board direct the staff to seek out a data collector/coordinator. Motion withdrawn as discussion continued. We will get with Alexis and look at some details. We should put together a package that includes GUTS, the Supercomputing Challenge and the NM CAC so that we can show the pipeline when we go talk to people. Maybe we should allocate \$20K for stipends to the teachers who have teams that successfully complete the Challenge to be awarded at the Awards Ceremony. Set aside \$10K for internships next summer, \$20K for data coordination and \$30K in reserves. Mr. Davis made that motion, Mr. Giancola seconded, all in favor. Ms. Einhorn made a motion and Mr. Davis seconded that we accept the proposed budget and all are in favor.

12:48 PM **Action** 16. Board Elections Betsy Frederick  
Ms. Frederick moved that we accept the slate of candidates and Dr. Liebrock seconded that motion. The motion passed. The current Board officers have been reelected. Bill Blackler is president, Marianne Granoff is Vice President, Mike Topliff is Treasurer and David Kratzer is Secretary.

12:50 PM **Action** 17. Meeting Dates for 2009 Bill Blackler  
Thursdays, January 15<sup>th</sup>, April 9<sup>th</sup>, July 9<sup>th</sup> (wherever STI is held), October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

12:56 PM **Action** 18. Betsy and Celia's Contracts Bill Blackler  
Waiting for our lawyer to review them. Will postpone until the next meeting.

1:00 PM **Action** 19. Name Change Bill Blackler  
The name should be changed from Adventures in Supercomputing Challenge to just Supercomputing Challenge.

Motion by: Mr. Kratzer

Seconded by: Ms. Einhorn

Vote: For:   All   Against: \_\_\_\_\_

1:01 PM **Information** 20. LFC Presentation David Kratzer  
Made a presentation asking for \$300K for GUTS and \$300K for the  
Challenge to be passed through New Mexico Tech as part of their reoccurring funding. We will follow up  
with them.

1:06 PM **Information** 21. Outreach Celia Einhorn  
Outreach is constant. Have done over 100 outreach activities in the past  
year.

1:30 PM **Adjourn** 22. Adjourn  
Ms. Frederick moved we adjourn and Ron Davis gave a tour of the  
facility.

President \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_