Meeting Minutes

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

10:07 AM  Action  2. Quorum  Bill Blackler

Board Members Present:

Bill Blackler  Yes________
Bob Bolz  Yes________
Shaun Cooper  No________
Ron Davis  Yes, p________
Celia Einhorn  Yes________
Betsy Frederick  Yes________
Tony Giancola  No________
Stephen Guerin  Yes________
Marianne Granoff  No________
David Kratzer  Yes________
Irene Lee  Yes________
Lorie Liebrock  Yes, p________
Barney Maccabe  No________
James Peery  Yes, p________
Bob Robey  Yes________
Mike Topliff  Yes, p________
Victor Kuhns  Yes, p________
Joe Watts  No________

Others Present:
Ed Angel_______________________________
Marisol Gamboa, via phone__________________

10:08 AM  Action:  3. Approval of Agenda  Bill Blackler

Motion by:  Ms. Frederick__________________________
Seconded by:  Ms. Einhorn__________________________
Vote:  For: All___  Against: _________

10:09 AM  Action:  4. Minutes of Previous Meeting  David Kratzer

Motion by:  Mr. Robey__________________________
Seconded by:  Ms. Lee__________________________
Vote:  For: All____  Against: _________
10:10 AM  **Action:**  5. Treasurers Report  
   Betsy Frederick
   We have $131,402 in the checking account and a $45K CD. The CD is for multi-year scholarships that we owe students. We recently received $10K from the LANL Foundation and $10K from Lockheed Martin (via Sandia). There still is about $84K at NM Tech that we need to encumber and we are getting food and housing quotes for the Expo and Awards Day. We will look into encumbering funds for the 2009 Summer Teacher Institute.

   Motion by:   Ms. Lee_____________________
   Seconded by: Mr. Kratzer__________________
   Vote:      For: All___  Against: ________

10:23 AM  **Action:**  6. Resignation of Director - Barney Maccabe  
   Bill Blackler
   Dr. Maccabe has taken a job at Oak Ridge National Laboratory and has resigned from the board. Discussed possible replacements and Dr. Liebrock suggested a person from Totalview be invited. Totalview provides a debugger to the NM CAC and other High Performance Computing Centers.

   Motion by:   Mr. Kratzer__________________
   Seconded by: Dr. Liebrock__________________
   Vote:      For: All___  Against: ________

12:22 PM  **Action:**  7. Appointment of New Director - Ed Angel  
   Bill Blackler
   Dr. Angel is currently the director of the Arts Lab at UNM. He has been the chair of the computer science department. The goals of the Arts Lab are very similar to the goals of the Supercomputing Challenge. He is on the Governor’s council on film and media industry.

   Motion by:   Ms. Lee_____________________
   Seconded by: Dr. Liebrock__________________
   Vote:      For: All___  Against: ________

10:28 AM  **Action:**  8. Appointment of New Director - Marisol Gamboa  
   Bill Blackler
   At this time Ms. Gamboa doesn’t believe she can devote the time need at this time, but does want to be involved in the regular events.

   Motion by:   ______________________
   Seconded by: ______________________
   Vote:      For: ______  Against: ______

10:31 AM  **Information:**  9. Legislative Lobbying Campaign  
   Bill Blackler
   Do we ask Nick Salazar to support a funding bill for the Challenge and GUTS? Dr. Liebrock has put in a funding request from EpsCore, $15K for each the Challenge and GUTS. If we go for Legislative funding, it would be for both the Challenge and GUTS. Probably ask for $84K each. When the Legislature posts their new members, we’ll help Challenge participants contact their local representatives. We need to tout the collaborations between GUTS, Challenge, AP (computer science course). We want to support the State Public Education Department Math and Science Bureau. Need to make contacts with new federal representatives.

10:48 AM  **Discussion:**  10. Strategic Planning  
   Bill Blackler
   The “Challenge Pipeline” sent out earlier was discussed. Dr. Liebrock, Mr. Guerin, Mr. Robey and Ms. Lee will look into the curriculum needed to get teams taking advantage of high performance computers and software. Should we include gaming programming into the Challenge? Yes, as long as we don’t lose our focus. Pradee Sum from UNM would be a good keynote for next year, he works with Ed Angel. Future interactions with supercomputers will not be with keyboards and displays, but with environments, human computer interactions. Gaming, parallel programming,
visualization all need to be included. Lower the threshold of supercomputing. We are priming the pipeline for the future workforce.

11:34 AM **Action** 11. Business Cards Bill Blackler
Ms. Frederick and Ms. Einhorn have “Supercomputing Challenge” cards and the slogan will be “Computing the Future”.

11:38 AM **Action** 12. Meeting Dates for 2009 Bill Blackler
The April 9th meeting will be held in Albuquerque, July 9th in Socorro, October 22nd in Albuquerque.

11:40 AM **Discussion** 13. Kickoff Review Bill Blackler
We decided to have the math level based tracts. We met earlier at the Santa Fe Complex to plan out the courses. The Kickoff Conference went really well.

11:52 AM **Information** 14. Socorro Challenge Teams Betsy Frederick
Socorro High School dropped their computer science class for the spring semester, which affected several Supercomputing Challenge teams. Dr. Liebrock contacted the superintendent and principle and she will work with the school to get the class going for next fall. For now, the teams will switch to an after school club format. Rio Rancho schools are also having trouble and the Challenge teacher at Rio Rancho High quit and that leaves ten teams without a teacher.

12:15 PM **Information** 15. Betsy and Celia’s Contracts Bill Blackler
We have a contract written up but want a lawyer to look it over.

12:17 PM **Information** 16. Name Change Betsy Frederick
The paperwork has been submitted to the PRC and we should hear back from them before the next meeting.

12:20 PM **Information** 17. Program Evaluation Betsy Frederick
Dr. Kaminsky is willing to do an evaluation and will provide us a quote.
Ms. Einhorn will solicit another quote.

12:33 PM **Adjourn** 18. Adjourn Betsy Frederick
Ms. Einhorn moved we adjourn.

President _________________________ Secretary ____________________________