

**Supercomputing Challenge
Board of Directors Meeting July 23, 2009
New Mexico Tech, Socorro, NM**

Meeting Minutes

10:18 AM **Action:** 1. Call to Order by President Bill Blackler

10:19 AM **Action** 2. Quorum Bill Blackler

Board Members Present:

Ed Angel	No_____
Bill Blackler	Yes_____
Bob Bolz	Yes_____
Shaun Cooper	No_____
Ron Davis	Yes_____
Celia Einhorn	Yes_____
Betsy Frederick	Yes_____
Tony Giancola	Yes, via phone
Stephen Guerin	No_____
Marianne Granoff	No_____
David Kratzer	Yes_____
Irene Lee	Yes, via phone
Lorie Liebrock	Yes_____
Debra Loftin	No_____
James Peery	Yes_____
Bob Robey	Yes_____
Mike Topliff	Yes_____
Victor Kuhns	No_____
Joe Watts	No_____

Others Present:

Rich Collier, Totalview Technologies_

10:19 AM **Information** 3. Introduction of Board Members Bill Blackler

10:20 AM **Action:** 4. Approval of Agenda Bill Blackler

Motion by: Mr. Kratzer_____

Seconded by: Dr. Liebrock_____

Vote: For: All___ Against: _____

10:22 AM **Action:** 4. Minutes of Previous Meeting David Kratzer

Motion by: Dr. Topliff _____
Seconded by: Mr. Bolz _____
Vote: For: All___ Against: _____

10:23 AM **Action:** 5. Treasurers Report Mike Topliff
Have \$38,791 in checking account. Assets in CDs are about \$250K and about \$100K will be taken out for STI costs and scholarships (\$50K). Dr. Topliff handed out the statement of revenues and expenses. STI 2008 was \$128K, Kickoff was \$62K, Awards day \$113K and the June 2009 Roundups cost about \$30K.

Motion by: Mr. Kratzer _____
Seconded by: Dr. Liebrock _____
Vote: For: All___ Against: _____

10:30 AM **Action:** 6. Appointment of New Director - Rich Collier Bill Blackler

Motion by: tabled vote for now _____
Seconded by: _____
Vote: For: All___ Against: _____

10:40 AM **Information** 7. Kickoff David Kratzer

Due to changes at Glorieta, we will not be able to use them for now. We have contacted and visited Sacramento Methodist Assembly and will use them this year. Travel will be longer for those in the northern part of the state, but not more than those from the southern part of the state have had to travel in the past.

10:45 AM **Information** 8. Roundups Betsy Frederick

Eight different locations hosted a week long session where students and teachers worked together in the mornings and the teachers stayed for afternoon sessions. Sessions were broadcast from NM Tech in Socorro. The roundups were successful and we expect to have several new Challenge teams/schools or GUTS clubs in the fall. Over 100 students and teachers participated. Kudos to the staff for pulling this off and to all the hosts at each of the locations: Quemado, Alamogordo, Melrose, Farmington, Penasco, Las Vegas, Artesia and Socorro.

10:55 AM **Information** 9. GUTS Update Irene Lee

Will have two units this year, epidemiology this semester and let the clubs pick from past units for the next semester. Still getting NSF and other funding.

11:01 AM **Information** 10. TIG Grant Bob Bolz

Money will be available in October. TIG wrote into a proposal to the Los Alamos National Laboratory that a percentage of the profits on a contract would be directed to a parallel programming course through the Challenge. Need to find way to instruct younger students in parallel processing concepts.

11:07 AM **Information** 11. Program Evaluation Bill Blackler

Mr. Blackler has discussed issues with Dr. Alexis Kaminsky about possible ways to evaluate the Challenge. Data has been collated from past Kickoff and Awards Day evaluations. What are the goals of the program, which can be measured? Need to finish the strategic plan and generate annual report to explain metrics. Probably should be done in the August time frame.

11:32 AM **Action** 12. Budget Mike Topliff
Dr. Topliff passed out the proposed budget for 2009/2010 and it was discussed. Budget is slim compared to last year. Some minor modifications were made.
Motion by: Dr. Liebrock _____
Seconded by: Ms. Einhorn _____
Vote: For: All___ Against: _____

11:50 AM **Information** 13. Strategic Planning Bill Blackler
The strategic plan committee provided a handout on cross cutting capabilities and 21st century skills. We have gotten an Advanced Placement Computer Science available through New Mexico Ideal for distance education. That course will happen again this year. We had a dual credit college/high school course with Northern New Mexico College and Espanola Valley High and hope to have more such courses available around the state. We want to introduce the concept of parallel programming so that kind thinking is natural, but without skipping the programming skills of sequential processing. A plan will be drafted and “passed out of committee” and approved at the October board meeting.

12:19 PM **Action** 14. Nominations For Office Bill Blackler
Dr. Topliff, Mr. Kratzer and Mr. Blackler are willing to continue serving as treasurer, secretary and president. Mr. Robey suggests we have two vice presidents to encourage further participation.

12:24 PM **Information** 15. 20th Anniversary Activities Celia Einhorn
Working with LANL and Education-Innovate NM. Asking Google for kindles. Going to have four monthly challenges. Going to have birthday cakes at as many occasions as possible.

12:25 PM **Adjourn** 16. Adjourn
Next meeting is October 15th in Albuquerque.

Ms. Einhorn moved we adjourn.

President _____ Secretary _____