Supercomputing Challenge
Board of Directors Meeting July 29, 2010
NM Computing Applications Center Gateways at
New Mexico Tech University, Speare Hall Room 23, Socorro, NM
and
University of New Mexico Center for Advanced Research Computing

Meeting Minutes

9:50 AM Action: 1. Call to order by President  Bill Blackler

9:51 AM Action 2. Quorum  Bill Blackler

Board Members Present:

Ed Angel
Bill Blackler  UNM
Bob Bolz  UNM
Shaun Cooper
Ron Davis
Celia Einhorn  NMT
Betsy Frederick  NMT
Tony Giancola  UNM
Marianne Granoff
Stephen Guerin
David Kratzer  NMT
Victor Kuhns
Irene Lee  NMT
Lorie Liebrock  NMT
Debra Loftin
Bob Robey
David Rogers
Tim Thomas  UNM
Mike Topliff  NMT

Others Present:
Nico Marrero, NMT

9:55AM Information 3. Introduction of Board Members  Bill Blackler

10:00AM Action: 4. Approval of Agenda  Bill Blackler

Motion by:  Mr. Giancola
Seconded by:  Mr. Bolz
Vote: For: All___ Against: _________

10:02 AM Action: 5. Minutes of Previous Meeting David Kratzer
As amended.
Motion by: Ms. Frederick______________
Seconded by: Dr. Topliff______________
Vote: For: All___ Against: _________

10:05AM Action: 6. Treasurers Report Mike Topliff
Dr. Topliff handed out the CPA’s statement of revenue and expenses. We have $55K in the checking account and $100K in CDs in the bank. We’ll look closely at the numbers as it appears we drew down our reserves by $84K.
Motion by: Ms. Einhorn_______________
Seconded by: Mr. Bolz_______________
Vote: For: All___ Against: _________

10:10 AM Information: 7. Fundraising Report Celia Einhorn/Lorie Liebrock/Betsy Frederick
The Funding committee is working on possible grants. Mike Trahan and Eleanor Walther met with Sandia National Laboratories management with encouraging results. There is a possibility for significant funding in the near future. Finished up reports to PED and LANL Foundation for past grant awards. Looking at writing a Qwest grant and a request to Verizon.

10:45 AM Information 8. Proposed Budget 2010-11 Betsy Frederick/Mike Topliff
Ms. Frederick passed out a spreadsheet of where we think we are for next year. We are hoping our revenues are about $228K. Looks like the Kickoff expenses will be about $83K. She will continue filling out the details. For the Kickoff Conference at NM Tech, five hotels have been contacted which have about 150 rooms available. Tech will provide one lunch. We’ll work on the budget more and call a special meeting to approve the 2010-2011 budget. Wednesday August 18 at 10:00 via Ron Davis’ conference call center we’ll vote on the 2010-2011 budget.

11:14 AM Information: 10. Summer Roundups/STI/Swarmfest Celia Einhorn/Betsy Frederick
Roundups are weeklong sessions to get students interested in participating in GUTS or the Supercomputing Challenge in the fall and to interest teachers in participating in the Summer Teacher Institute. Four sessions were held: Dona Ana Community College (17 teachers 15 students), Highlands University (0 teachers and 20 students), Northern New Mexico College (0 teachers and 23 students) and UNM-CARC (0 teachers and 20 students). We think we will see new teams in both Project GUTS and the Supercomputing Challenge thanks to the Roundups.
Four teams presented at the international agent-based modeling conference, Swarmfest, and all did well. We have been invited back and the Swarmfest participants want to be mentors.
One day left for STI, there are 20 enthusiastic participants. Several teams of teachers have come together. Good staff providing the instruction. Several teachers met together to promote the Computer
Science Teacher Association and they will meet at the Kickoff Conference to elect officers. Albert Simon has been trying to organize a New Mexico chapter this past year.

11:29 AM **Information:** 11. Intel Parallel Programming Bootcamp  
   Celia Einhorn  
   We received the PowerPoint presentations from Bob Chesebrough of Intel and will do some minor editing and make those available to teachers. Hope to have five hands-on activities for teachers to use in teach parallel thinking activities.

11:32 AM **Information** 12. GUTS/GUTS Y GIRLS  
   Irene Lee  
   Looking for partnerships with LANB, Spaceport in Gadsden and others and hope to support clubs for an initial period of time. GUTS Y GIRLS intends to bond female students with other female students and female mentors. The project is a limited scope research study to look at whether the social interactions and relationships formed boost girls’ interest and continuation in STEM pursuits.

11:35 AM 13. Adjourn  
The NM CAC gateway chose to adjourn us at 11:35 (blue screen of death). Next meeting is scheduled for October 14th.

President ____________________________   Secretary ________________________________