

**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.

10:57 AM **Information:** 9. Political Action Celia Einhorn/Bill Blackler

We met with Eric Valesquez, Diane Denish's senior policy analyst. He felt next year's state budget won't be any better than this year. This was an information meeting for us to share about the Challenge to them. One of the STI participants suggested that teams present to their local legislative representatives. Maybe we should see about presenting to Suzanna Martinez. Mr. Blackler and Dr. Topliff met with NM Tech president Dr. Dan Lopez to learn about cuts to the Challenge funds at Tech. We're still not sure why so much was cut.

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 _____