Supercomputing Challenge
Board of Directors Meeting August 5, 2011
Santa Fe Institute

Minutes

1:20 PM Action: 1. Call to order by President Irene Lee

1:21 PM Action: 2. Quorum Irene Lee

Board Members Present:

- Ed Angel No
- Bill Blackler Yes
- Bob Bolz phone
- Tom Bowles phone
- Shaun Cooper No
- Ron Davis phone
- Celia Einhorn Yes
- Betsy Frederick phone
- Tony Giancola No
- Stephen Guerin Yes
- David Kratzer Yes
- Irene Lee Yes
- Lorie Liebrock Yes
- Debra Loftin No
- Richard Oliver phone
- Bob Robey Yes
- David Rogers No
- Tim Thomas Yes

Others Present:

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1:22 PM Action: 3. Approval of Agenda Irene Lee

Motion by: Ms. Lee ___________________________
Seconded by: Mr. Blackler _______________________
Vote: For: All Against: _________

1:24 PM Action: 4. Minutes of Previous Meeting David Kratzer

Motion by: Mr. Robey________________________
Seconded by: Ms. Einhorn_____________________
Vote: For: All Against: _________
1:28 PM  **Information:**  5. Treasurer’s Report

Bill Blackler/Betsy Frederick

Checking account balance is $40K in checking, $108,279 in CDs. We are $41K below budget and have a net loss of $7,861.80. We have an In Kind volunteer form that is filled out and there was some discussion about differentiating between self-supported volunteer time and company supported volunteer time. Monies from Sandia to pay for primary staff have not gone through the Challenge this past year. We’ll try to have that go through the Challenge in the future. The budget for the 2011-2012 year was presented and Ms. Einhorn moved to accept it with Mr. Robey seconding it. All were in favor. Gary Benn will do our books, 990s and such. We need to determine three or four deliverables per year. Mr. Blackler will get dates. Mr. Robey moved and Mr. Kratzer seconded the arrangement with Mr. Benn and all were in favor.

Motion by: Mr. Kratzer_______________________
Seconded by: Dr. Thomas_______________________
Vote: For: All____ Against: _________

1:38 PM  **Information:**  6. Fundraising Committee Report

A handout was distributed.

1:48 PM  **Information:**  7. Board Member Issues

Irene Lee

There was a motion to accept Dr. Shaun Cooper’s resignation to the board, but he will still be the Master of Ceremonies for the Award Ceremony in April.

Motion by: Mr. Kratzer_______________________
Seconded by: Mr. Blackler_______________________
Vote: For: All____ Against: _________

Mr. Kratzer will talk to the LANL retirees group about the Challenge.

1:50 PM  **Information:**  8. Strategic Planning

There will be another strategic planning meeting on Sept 15th from 10:00am to noon.

2:00 PM  **Information:**  9. Events

The Summer Teacher Institute (STI) held at New Mexico Tech from July 17th-July 30th was well received. Topics of computational thinking, modeling and offline parallel activities were covered. About 87% of the participants would like to return next year and several did provide suggestions for improvement of the Institute. The first three days covered the Google CS4HS curriculum. Six Roundups for students were held. Many were held in the Las Cruces area as well as Las Vegas, Espanola, Silver City and Albuquerque. Most were one week in length and some were two weeks long. The one in Espanola was in conjunction with a math skills building program and was two hours a day for four weeks.

2:30 PM  **Information:**  10. Upcoming Conferences/Events

SC’11 will be held in Seattle, WA November 12th – 18th and Mr. Kratzer, Ms. Lee, Ms. Liebrock, and Mr. Robey will be in attendance. Ms. Lee has organized a panel which has been accepted in the Workforce Development category. Mr. Kratzer and Ms. Liebrock will join Ms. Lee on the panel. The Anita Borg meeting is in Portland about the same time.

The 22nd Annual Supercomputing Challenge Kickoff Conference will be held at NM Tech on October 15th and 16th. Ms. Einhorn handed out a to-do list which was discussed. We need to have the schedule and curriculum prepared in September.

3:00 PM  **Information:**  11. Curriculum development

Celia Einhorn
We need to have web modules available for teachers to use with teams. Computational Thinking, Math Modeling and Programming with units containing each of these. Possibly use Moodle. Nico Marrero is developing material for EPSCoR. We should get together after the Kickoff and pull these together. Might use the Distance Education classroom at NM Tech to record strands. We probably need a curriculum integration specialist.

3:40 PM  **Information:** 12. Other topics
           Bylaws- we should amend them to say that missing three consecutive meetings means removal from the board. We could have an advisory board of non-voting members.

4:12 PM  13. Adjourn
           Ms. Lee moved we adjourn. Thanks to Ms. Lee and Santa Fe Institute for hosting today.

Next meeting will be on 10 am Tuesday, November 8th, at NM Tech.

President ______________________________  Secretary ______________________________