

Supercomputing Challenge Board Meeting  
ABBA Technologies  
5301 Beverly Hills Ave NE, Albuquerque  
March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 6:00 - 9:00pm

Meeting minutes

Board Members in Attendance:

Bob Robey  
Kaley Goatcher (on the phone)  
David Kratzer  
Ron Davis (hosting us at ABBA)  
Teri Roberts (on the phone)  
Tom Bowles (on the phone)  
Matthew Curry  
Tim Thomas  
Cristina Martinez (on the phone)

Staff Members in Attendance:

Celia Einhorn (on the phone)  
Bill Blackler  
Patty Meyer (on the phone)

(6:05 pm) Call to Order

(6:05 pm) Quorum is achieved

(6:10 pm) Approval of Agenda

Matt approves to approve the agenda, seconded by Tim, all in favor

(-) Approval of Previous Minutes

No meeting minutes were provided from previous meeting

(6:12 pm) Finances and Budget

Teri is coming up to speed on QuickBooks  
QuickBooks has been thoroughly cleaned up  
US Bank account needed to be merged with Los Alamos bank account  
Off in the account by a couple of hundred dollars – some checks have not been cashed  
One participant's check was lost, and one participant forgot to cash it

Revenue: ~\$85k

Expenditure: \$86k

Showing \$125k short for this year

David: we'll have 2 \$50k, 2 \$15k for hotel, maybe \$25k from Sandia (total: \$130k - \$155k)  
\$160k revenue projected

Bob: suggestion to table the remainder of this statement until the end of the meeting  
We need to have cleaner books, reports, and statements in accounting if we intend to go after federal money/grants.

We need to work on developing an “indirect rate” by separating out indirect charges:

Benefits

Time spent on proposals

(6:43 pm) Board member actions

Election of President

Election of Vice President

Floor open to nominations for President/Vice President

Tim nominated Matt for President; Ron seconded

Matt nominated Tim for VP; Ron seconded

Ron moves that we close nominations, seconded unanimously

Statement from prospective Presidential nominee Matthew Curry

Cristina is interested in starting the Challenge in California, starting with maybe one team and expanding from there.

Motion to vote for President, seconded.

All in favor of Matthew Curry for President: unanimous

Any opposed: none

Motion to vote for Vice President, seconded.

All in favor of Tim Thomas: unanimous

Any opposed: none

Resignations

Cristina is moving to California, but would still like to participate with the Challenge, but not as a board member.

Teri motions that we accept Cristina's resignation, so long as she remains accessible as an advisor to the board.

Motion to vote on Cristina's resignation, seconded.

All in favor: none

All opposed: unanimous

Tom feels like he's had a lot of personal road blocks keeping him from fully participating as a board member and is unsure if he should continue being part of the board.

Matt motions to recognize Tom's service and keep him as a member of the board. Seconded.

Members lacking participation:

Rita, Amy, Mark Trebian (Navajo Tech)

Matt: motions that we remove Mark Trebian from the Board and Matt will send him an email of notification. Seconded. Approved unanimously.

Motion to consolidate Amy's and Rita's Board Membership into one position to represent New Mexico Tech. Seconded. Approved unanimously.

(7:52 pm) Fund raising

Anchor funding

Depending how the contract for LANL goes, we might need to find another "anchor funder" who can support \$50k or more

LANL contract will be decided around May

If we lose LANL with the new contract, then we don't have a way of continuing.

Fund raising and strategic planning committee  
Bob will continue to work with LANL, but is scarce on time at this point.

Talk with Terry Wallace?

(8:15 pm) Committee Organization

Fund raising: Bill, Tom, Cristina, Bob

By-Laws: Tim, Kaley

International Supercomputing Panel: Matt

(8:32 pm) Challenge Event Reports

February Evaluations

8 different locations, estimating 57 teams participate and present

Expecting 60-65 teams participating in the Expo this year

Feedback/future work:

Change to be all day evaluations to better accommodate schedule conflicts

Issues with rooms (one group had to present in a public hallway)

Legislature bill

Didn't go anywhere; got unexpectedly tabled

Cristina will put Bill in contact with her dad to help get this put on the table

Expo planning

Cristina:

Katrina Wagner wanted to participate if we're having the tour this year; if no tour this year, she has some Sandia people who want to be involved in the expo

Would like to keep Katrina as involved as much as possible because she'll report back to Amy who has a say in our funding.

Celia has phone numbers for contacting others at Sandia.

Tours

All students housed in one hotel; judges/teachers housed in another hotel

(8:45 pm) Summer Program Planning

Bob would rather limit what money we are spending this summer with an uncertain future for funding.

Paige Prescott has a week-long teacher course this summer. If we can advertise during this event, that would be great.

Celia is already working with Paige on this.

What's the current budget for this summer?

Recruiting with Paige's event will be free!

Advertising:

Is it best to advertise to students? Parents? Schools?

HPC camp

Victor Kuhns thinks this would be great for the students

It brings "supercomputing" back into the Challenge

Maybe contact "Maker's Space" about hosting

(8:59 pm) Future board meeting times/locations

Different times?

Shorter meetings more frequently?

Break down into committee meetings?

(9:15 pm) Meeting Adjourn