

Supercomputing Challenge Meeting Minutes November 15, 2019

Attendees:

- Matthew Curry
- Patty Meyer
- Darko Stefanovic
- Celia Einhorn
- Bob Robey
- Paige Prescott
- Tim Thomas

On the phone

- David Kratzer
- Ron Davis
- Kaley Goatcher
- Teri Roberts
- Amy Knowles
- Tom Bowles
- Steve Buelow

2:10 pm - Call to order

2:11 pm - Discussion About Meeting Times

- Deciding a meeting date/time further in advance would be better
- Meeting outside of business hours is also preferred
- How about scheduling the next meeting now?
 - o First Wednesday of February, May, August, November 5-8 PM
 - o Next meeting scheduled for February 5th, 2020 @ 5-8PM at Abba
- Board Mailing List is getting modified
- In the upcoming months, Matt will be slightly more unavailable. Please CC Tim on any important email.
 - o Tim has requested that in the subject lines to include tags of urgency, e.g. [URGENT], [IMPORTANT]

2:24 pm - Approval of Previous Minutes

- Meeting minutes have been approved unanimous
- Meeting minutes have yet to be posted publicly; would we like to start doing this?
 - o Public minutes will need to have certain things cut out
- [Matt] is taking an action to get a shared Google Drive connected with our Non-Profit Google Account

2:28 pm - Treasure's Reports [Roberts] and NMC Status

- Any funding out of LANL Triad is going through NM Consortium
- NM Consortium (NMC) does have access to our QuickBooks account (they might move things over to theirs or take over ours)
- They have two forms – one for spending and one for reimbursement
- All staff have new service contracts from NMC
- 3 Laptops have also been purchased through NMC

- Challenge State and Fed tax forms for this fiscal year have been filed and accepted
- Matt sent out a copy of the contract with NMC with the board meeting agenda, but it is not for redistribution
 - o NMC provides services to us (banking and accounting)
 - o NMC does not file our taxes (we have a CPA to do that)
- Any money we receive as checks addressed to SC can be deposited to Nusenda and then added to our account at NMC as “unrestricted income”
- Motion to approve budget
 - o Approved unanimously
- Motion to thank Teri for the many years of service to the challenge
 - o Approved unanimously

2:56 pm - Hardware Survey [Einhorn]

- We had little response from the survey we sent out
- We are trying to reach out to teachers to see what they need in order to help their students participate in the challenge
- Ron – How are we tracking equipment (who has what, and what if we get audited)
 - o Celia – yes, a spreadsheet
- Ron – We should have a loaner contract to any equipment that we loan out. This should include a clause that states who is liable in cases of damage, theft, malicious software, etc.

3:10 pm - NM PED [Robey/Bowles]

Supercomputing Challenge STEM Effort

- The Challenge should promote STEM education (including computing, Cybersecurity, Robotics, Sensors) for high school students going into college and high school (middle school?) teachers
 - Challenge should coordinate and collaborate on this with other groups in NM
 - Opportunity to couple this with focus on cybersecurity
 - Opportunity to include effort on Clean Energy/Green Grid
- Challenge can support (from \$235K funds) 2-4 week program next summer
 - Engage both students and teachers
 - This could be a pilot program for which we would seek state funding for out years
 - Need new Challenge Director in place to carry this out
- Challenge should work with PED, HED, DWS and Gov Office to create high-tech jobs in NM and to prepare students and teachers to create the future workforce
- Gov Lujan Grisham could kick off the effort with a Southwest Governor’s meeting similar to the Computing Meeting held by the Governor of Alabama
- Bowles/Robey/Liebrock(?) meeting w PED Dep Sec Gwen Warniment on Nov 25
 - Opportunity to present idea to Warniment and get her to assist with HED and DWS / Governor’s Office
- Above slide came in an email from Bob Robey
- Paige recommended STEM Boomerang

3:45 pm - Executive Directorship [Prescott]

- Matt has been working with Paige to discuss the potential for Paige to accept a position as a part-time Executive Director for SC
- Paige has some concerns as she is also the Executive Director for CS Alliance (also part-time)
 - o She would like specific guidelines outlined with how two STEM non-profit organizations can share an Executive Director, which would make this a partnership
 - o These guidelines should dictate when(if) one non-profit will take precedence over the other and how Paige should favor one over the other in similar circumstances
- [Bob and Steve] – work together to write up this partnership
 - o Draft agreement/memorandum of understanding
- Paige is currently finishing up her 3rd year of PhD program

4:19 pm - General Discussion of Open Matters

- The Staff of SC have tasked Drew and Mike Trahan with looking over the rubric

Spontaneous Topics

4:22 pm - Closed Session (as necessary) and/or after-session (if time permits)