

Supercomputing Challenge Board of Director's Zoom Meeting, July 17, 2023

Attendees:

- Celia Einhorn
- Nels Hoenig
- Tim Thomas
- Tom Bowles
- Darko Stefanovic
- David Kratzer
- Kaley Woelfel
- Patty Meyer
- Char Arias
- Matthew Curry

Agenda:

1. 2023-24 budget presentation and approval

- Presentation from Nels
- Current deficit is looking to sit at \$101,529, before any donations
- Anticipating:
 - \$55k LANL
 - \$10k Sandia
 - \$2k from individuals
 - \$2.5k 1700 grants
 - \$6000 2100 Registration Fees
 - \$600 2300 Misc. Revenue
- From Tom: LESC meeting August 17th
 - Meeting July 31st
 - Their fiscal year ends June 30th; if we got money it wouldn't hit til July last year
- We should look to focus on small donations this year
- Can we get our website looking like something people would want to donate money to?
- Can we see about getting Neil deGrasse Tyson to come to NM to speak for SCC as a fundraiser dinner?
- We need help with fundraising and marketing
- Motion to approve budget by Tim, motion seconded by Char, unanimously approved
- ACTION: get budget finalized

2. We need to be looking for a half-time executive director that actually lives in New Mexico and can travel to events, businesses and schools to promote the Challenge. (David is willing to step back to just a program manager role/Challenge historian/Website support type of position. Part of that person's job would be to find funding for the position!)

3. The Sinter Council (Supercomputing Industry Network for Technology, Education, and Resources)

The staff has been meeting with Stephen Guerin and Tom Robey about developing a "Sinter" Council and we would like to share more about that.

4. New board members:

Tom Robey and Creighton Edington are interested in being on the board so if any current board members would like to have those two replace them, let us know.

- ACTION: Tim invite them to our next board meeting - Tom, Creighton, and Lupe
- ACTION: Tim Doodle up board meeting sometime in September
- Nels would love to recruit someone into the Treasure role and step down

5. Fund raising

The staff, with Lynn Strauss' help, have submitted many grant proposals. Only a few have been funded.

- ACTION: Kaley send out doodle poll for MAFS meeting

6. New website, Drupal based, with Tom Robey's help

- Current website is raw html and is rough to maintain and update
- Char has someone she wants to talk to about website stuff
- Victor and Andrew have a really good marketing company they use that we may want to look into

7. Plans for the 34th annual Kickoff at NM Tech on Sept 30th - Oct 1st.

- Earlier so we miss the balloon fiesta and since school starts earlier
- Need to get date socialized since it's earlier than "usual"
- Trying to look at targeting middle schoolers and increase their skills

8. General plans going forward:

a. Reinvent the High School focus. Push for internships for juniors, seniors, and recent graduates.

b. Reinvent the Middle School focus.

c. Create supercomputing focus (linux, job schedulers, parallel processing techniques, ...) for some students