

Supercomputing Challenge Board of Director's Zoom Meeting, December 14, 2023

Attendees:

- Nels Hoening
- Tim Thomas
- Darko Stefanovic
- David Kratzer
- Patty Meyer
- Char Arias
- Matthew Curry
- Ron Davis
- Creighton Edington
- Ely Knowles
- Thomas Robey

Absent: Tom Bowles, Celia Einhorn, Lupe Montoya, Kaley Woelfel

Minutes:

--6:00 PM--

. Quorum Established

o Action on any new or retiring Board Members

- Matthew Curry submitted his resignation to the board and that was accepted.
- Nels Hoening will be retiring from the board and as treasurer on July 1, 2024.

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o Activities / Status Report re. this season's program

- Several teams have submitted proposals and interims will be posted next month.
- A UNM grad student will be working with us, as a work-study student, for 20 hours a week through May. We will be paying 25% of her salary, UNM will pay 75%.
- Judges are getting an account on the web page to be able to review proposals and interim reports.

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o FINANCIALS - Treasury Report (public business)

- The outflow of cash has been greater than the inflow of cash for the past few years.
- There isn't enough money in the bank account and expected donations in the next nine months to be able to afford to fund the 2024-25 Supercomputing Challenge.

- Celia Einhorn will be retiring as of May 31, 2024

o Possible motion by Nels

- Nels Hoenig moved that the Supercomputing Challenge close down as of June 30, 2024.

o Brief discussion

- Maybe take a year hiatus, find an executive director who lives in New Mexico, fund raise and restart in 2025-26?
- Go totally virtual, as we did during the pandemic?
- Broaden our base of schools.
- The Supercomputing Challenge does change the lives of students, for the better.
- Merge with another organization like MESA.
- Merge with a university?
- Need to push supercomputing projects more

o Motion by Nels

- Nels Hoenig moved that the Charter of the Supercomputing Challenge ends and the organization ceases to exist at the end of the fiscal year which is June 30, 2024.
- Darko Stefanovic seconded the motion.
- David Kratzer suggested the addition “if funding can be acquired in the next six months that the board will revisit the issue”.
- All voted in favor, reluctantly.

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Adjourn