

GPN Executive Council Meeting Minutes of November 1, 2007.

Audio Tele-Conference

1. **Call to Order:** Claude Garelik called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. Quorum:

2.1. Attendance:

In Attendance

Council Members: Bob Zimmerman, Bill Mitchell, Michael Ruhrdanz, Claude Garelik

Executive Director: Greg Monaco

Treasurer: Dave Byland

Guests:

In Absence

Council Members: John Louis, James Deaton

2.2. Claude Garelik declared a quorum to exist.

3. Agenda:

- 3.1. 1. Call to Order – Claude Garelik
2. Financial Report – Dave Byland
3. Internet2 Connector Agreement for GPN – Dave Byland
4. Executive Director's Report – Greg Monaco
5. Quilt Update – Claude Garelik
6. Internet2 Update – Bill Mitchell
7. Networking Report – Michael Ruhrdanz
8. State Report
9. Officer Elections
10. Strategic Planning Meeting
11. Adjournment

4. Financial Report: Dave Byland

4.1. September statement:

- a. Billing: most invoices should be received +/- a couple days
 - No fee for True Broadband Networks in budget
 - Nearly everyone else is included in the budget
 - The University of Minnesota sent in their participation agreement executed
- b. Revenues: Have a budget for SegP for Oklahoma, but hasn't been billed
- c. Expenses: we have an issue with quilt as member fees are going to be going up significantly
 - Changes will have to be made to the budget in January on both the network and consortium side
 - Termination of quest pop in KC
 - Was costing us \$4,800 a month
 - There will be a hit on the expense side for the networking portion for co-location agreement
 - This will offset eventually – KanREN agreed to pay for 3 months extra we had to keep it open

4.2. Reached goal of attaining 5 affiliate members

4.3. **Motion:** To approve financial report of November 1, 2007

By: Bob Zimmerman

Second: Claude Garelik

Discussion: None

Vote: All Eyes, motion carried unanimously

- 4.4. Motion:** To approve adjustment to financial budget tabled to next meeting

5. Internet 2 Connector Agreement: Dave Byland

5.1. Revised addendum attached

- a. Compromise between I2's thought about the connector enforcing AUP
 - Now, both parties have to take reasonable action
- b. Right to cure discussion options
 - I2 could make changes to agreement with only accept or terminate option for us –
 - Right to hear clause was added to give us right to negotiate
- c. Legal concern about open-ended addendum
 - Added “to the extent allowed by applicable law”

5.2. Based on the changes made, this agreement should be ready to sign

5.3. Motion: *To approve final connector agreement addendum*

By: Bill Mitchell

Second: Claude Garelik

Discussion: None

Vote: All Eyes, motion carried unanimously

6. Executive Director Report: Greg Monaco

6.1. September and October

a. Meetings:

- Oklahoma Supercomputing Symposium: good participation in
 - Roundtable led by Amy Apon, Gordon Springer and Greg about middleware and accomplishments over last several years
 - GPN used to be a sponsor, but we haven't been doing it. Would like to do this again on a small scale. Need to make our name visible to the many universities that attend.
- GENIE Architecture meeting at the University of Minnesota
 - Did a presentation (located at Wiki)
 - Getting more people engaged, moving along and coming together
- EPSCoR Cyberinfrastructure meeting
 - All GPN states but Missouri were represented
 - Notes and report on Wiki
- Panel in Ireland about economic development for computer science
- In September Ciena sponsored a disaster management/disaster recovery meeting
 - It went very well
 - The presentation slides and evaluation are on the Wiki

b. Working with a group through the University of Arkansas at Little Rock called MACBIOS – Mid-south Bioinformatics Association

- We are hosting their registration site for meeting
 - Coming up in February
- Putting small amount for some scholarships
 - It is hard to get grad students in bioinformatics at meetings due to cost and lack of a forum to participate
 - MACBIOS does those things

- GPN people will participate in the meeting and put on some panels about the development and access of bioinformatics tools
- c. Ken bishop was invited to NSFNET celebration of 25 years
 - We are giving him about \$200, as he is participating in a panel on NSFNET & representing, in part, GPN
- d. Students: there is a list of project on the Director's report on the Wiki
- e. Rahul started a blog
 - The Seg-P group is putting in an ice-age cave event in Missouri (info at Wiki)
 - They wanted a blog so that students could say what they thought
 - The group is putting together learning materials for teachers
 - There is a children's book associated with it

7. Quilt Update: Claude Garelik

- 7.1. Fee increase
- 7.2. Quilt is no longer a project of Internet 2
- a. It will stand alone from a working group and image point of view
 - b. This doesn't mean that Quilt doesn't support I2
 - They just want to be recognized as a separate entity
 - c. New officers selected
 - Chair George Loftis replaced by Mark Johnson
 - d. Re-affirmed 501C3 status at the meeting
 - e. Agreed that \$16,000 was a reasonable membership fee.
 - Want to send invoices before the first of the year
- 7.3. **Motion:** *To approve adjustment of the budget to reflect new Quilt fees*
By: Bill Mitchell
Second: Claude Garelik
Discussion: It was discussed and decided that although the GPN region has several organizations that are Quilt members, it was still worth the money for GPN to maintain its individual membership for at least one more year, in order to maintain a national presence.
Vote: All Eyes, motion carried unanimously
- 7.4. NOTE: Bob Zimmerman left the meeting at about 2:05 and was not part of this vote.

8. Internet2 Update: Bill Mitchell

- 8.1. Conference in San Diego
 - a. There were many good sessions.
 - b. What wasn't said was anything about the I2-NLR merger.
 - c. GPN was in the main session thanks to UNL and Dale Finkelson with the dynamic wave demo.
- 8.2. The new advisory committees under the revised I2 governance structure are operational.
 - a. Bill and James Deaton, as well as Janet Poley are on the Application Middleware Services Advisory committee (AMSAC)
- 8.3. There are 4 committees
 - a. The Midwest in general is well represented.
 - b. This is the first attempt to cross-pollinate the committees
 - each committee has people from many different communities
 - c. What influence these committees will have is still being worked out
- 8.4. Would like GPN to continue to try to get more participants at the I2 meetings
 - a. Maybe GPN could sponsor a researcher or two
 - b. The GPN community is under represented
- 8.5. I2/NLR Merger
 - a. The issue of the I2/NLR merger has fallen completely silent.
 - b. NLR board is split and hasn't brought it to vote yet.
 - c. Both organizations are financially in trouble, which is not good for the future of national research networking

9. Networking Group Report: Michael Ruhrdanz

- 9.1. There have not been a lot of changes in network operations
- 9.2. Internet2 meeting
 - a. The dynamic connections people were working on were demonstrated and appear to be working well
 - b. May have to get technology guys together to give a presentation of how to take advantage of this technology sometime in the future
- 9.3. Sent a note out about a call from Pat Christianson about the possibilities for back-up services and even local peering arrangements
 - a. Something to keep on the radar
 - b. Claude: It is good to see Pat and Wisconsin wanting to get more involved

10. State Reports

- 10.1. Nebraska
 - a. They are building the Holland Computing Center through PKI in Omaha
 - They have asked about connecting to UNL's network and I2
 - they are part of the university
 - But, they intend to allow it to be used by commercial businesses for research and other things
 - A cable company has agreed to put in at least a 1 gig fiber connection to the UNL fiber connection for free
 - This may expand to 10 gig at some time
 - Trying right now to understand what they are planning to do with the computing system to ensure that none of their participants cause UNL to violate I2 rules.

11. Officer Elections

11.1. Need to go through process under by-laws

11.2. December meeting

12. Strategic Planning Meeting

12.1. Michael Ruhrdanz: could maybe spend time in a phone call

12.2. Where to hold in KC?

a. airport is easier

13. Adjournment: Claude Garelik adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.