

Great Plains Network
Executive Council Conference Call
1:30-2:30

Present

Claude Garelik (South Dakota), Chair; Dilawar Grewal substituting for Denise Stephens (Kansas); Bill Mitchell (Missouri); Michael Ruhrdanz (Nebraska); Bob Zimmerman (Arkansas); James Deaton (Oklahoma), Greg Silvey (MORENET staff), Greg Monaco (GPN staff)

Call to Order

Call for additional agenda additions, C. Garelik

- a) No addition to the agenda

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of October 25th were modified to state that:

- “research advisory board focus could be refined to cyberinfrastructure”
- “Bill Mitchell suggested GPN go to regular meetings of research officers & others in the research community in addition to the research advisory board meeting alone

Motion to approve minutes made by Bill Mitchell, seconded by Bob Zimmerman and the motion carried unanimously

Great Plains Network Organization Discussions

- Staffing Proposals. Bill Mitchell indicated that once the planning process is completed, we will need to revisit staffing. For now, the plan comes first.
- Strategic Plan.
 - Bill Mitchell explained that Greg Monaco, Dale Finkelson and Bill took the information from the KC meeting and revised the strategic plan. They tried to capture the two points of GPN, networking and collaboration.
 - Comments on the revised plan: Claude stated that he thought the new plan reflected everything discussed. James agreed. Claude mentioned that David Lois indicated that the rewrite captured his sense of the meeting. Claude will also get comments from Myron Lowe.
 - Greg Monaco will send the strategic plan to the Representative Council and capture their comments.
 - The revised plan will be discussed at the next EC call.

Executive Director Report, Greg Monaco

- GENI Press Release from GPN was circulated. Greg tried to highlight the collaborative aspects of the award.
 - Claude to get Greg his comments by Friday if he has any.
 - Recommendations as to where to send the release: GPN email list, Internet2, Topeka newspaper, Claude suggests Statesnet, Educause, and ESnet.

- Greg has put interested parties in touch with the US State Department regarding an international nanosatellite program. This was done by contacting the Research Advisory Board.
- Kate Adams is the new part time system administrator.
- Chelsey Fritch has been working on communication and meetings.
- Cyberinfrastructure Summit Progress
 - 38 registrants, thus far.
 - Agenda & working groups were sent out to the council members.
 - Claude mentioned that SDSMT is bringing researchers to the summit and that Greg's visit to Rapid City was beneficial.

Networking Program Update, M. Ruhrdanz

- Purchase of a larger switch from Cisco has been approved
- Proposal approved for an additional rack in the Internet2 Suite
 - Cooling and power is looking promising. In response to Dilawar's question, Michael indicated that power appears to be sufficient for the moment
 - Claude mentioned that there was also a proposal on the table at one time to purchase the neighboring suite which would increase power capabilities.
- Michael communicated with CERNER that GPN is not interested as an organization in working directly with them, but to go ahead and keep working with the state networks (ONENET, MORENET). Michael has not heard back.

Financial Issues/Treasurer Report, G. Silvey

October Statement

- Greg S. reviewed expenses on the October statement. He mentioned that the Marriott made some adjustments to the bill in GPN's favor.
- James moved to approved the financial report and Michael seconded. It was approved unanimously.

Other Business-State Updates

- 2009 meeting schedule
 - James mentioned that there may occasionally be a QUILT - GENI call conflict. If it becomes a problem, then we may want to consider re-scheduling.
 - Next EC meeting to be moved from January 1st to January 8th
- State Updates
 - Missouri
 - Successful lighting of fiber on I-70 corridor.
 - State agencies, including higher ed, requested to submit proposed budget cuts of 15%, 20% and 25%
 - South Dakota
 - Shortfall in revenue, however no budget cuts.
 - Discussing a connection to North Dakota
 - GPN

- Kansas State University donated a 16 Node cluster to be brought online
- Video Conferencing for EC Meeting
 - All the needed info wasn't available to do a video conference this time.
 - Continue to try doing video conferencing with bridging to the phone conference number.
 - Rule: If it doesn't work by 1:35 PM, go to traditional conference call
- Quarterly in person meetings for 2009
 - Spring Internet2 meeting (April)
 - GPN annual meeting (May)
 - Claude will get a note out to everyone to determine good meeting dates.
- Michael moved and James seconded a motion to adjourn. Passed unanimously.