

AGENDA ITEM III.i

GPN Executive Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 3, 2010

EC Members Attending: Mark Askren, Claude Garelik, Denise Stephens, Bob Zimmerman, Gary Allen, James Deaton

Staff Attending: Bill Mitchell, Greg Monaco, Michael Ruhrdanz (UNL), Greg Silvey (MOREnet)

1. Call to order by Claude and call for additional agenda items: There was an Internet2 item on BTOP that will be added
2. Mark moved and James seconded approval of the minutes from January 6, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Bill Mitchell asked for additions/deletions to FY10 Accomplishments and Goals. There were no objections to the plan. Claude will send on the presentation of proto-gei to the Council.
4. Financial documents were reviewed by Greg Silvey.
 - i) Mark moved and Gary seconded approving the January GPN Financial Statement. Motion passed with one abstention. Greg Monaco asked whether the financial statements should be put at the public wiki. Sentiment was to put the financials at the private wiki.
 - ii) Discussion proceeded to the FY11 budget and to approve the FY11 budget. A major change is that Bill will spend .75 time with GPN. Bob moved and Denise seconded approving the FY11 budget. It passed unanimously.
5. Executive Director Report: Bill asked for comments on the new information packet that was handed out for the meeting. Comments were all positive. The Internet2 fee structure was approved for a second 10G circuit. We may be the first connector with a 2nd 10G connection. Greg M. mentioned that we might plan to do a press release when that happens.
6. Director, Research & Cyberinfrastructure Report: Greg briefly reviewed his report. Greg asked for comments on the draft communications plan. There were none. Bill asked whether the EC wanted staff to proceed. Claude stated that we move ahead and proceed, adding measurements of effectiveness.
7. Networking Program Update: Michael discussed the addition of the second 10G connection. This will ultimately cost each connected entity (e.g., state) about \$9000 more. Claude mentioned that in his discussions at the Joint Tech meeting there were some options for making the second 10G connection optical. Bill mentioned that with the CPS/Transit Rail merger the CENIC staff would be willing to come on site and help GPN members to fine tune their connectivity. Claude gave an ESNet connection update.
8. Spring EC Meeting Date & Location: Claude discussed having a meeting face to face at the Internet2 meeting. There was general agreement among the members that that would work.
9. Greg provided an annual meeting reminder – June 2 to 4 in Kansas City. Hold June 2 for EC & Technical Committee Face-to-Face Meeting
10. State Updates: Bob mentioned that Arkansas is scheduled to participate in the new broadband initiative. No update from Kansas. Gary said that MO is still recovering from budget reductions. MOREnet has suffered a 45% cut from July. State revenues are not holding up in MO and a lot of time is being spent on resource shortages: An 11.5% rather than the 6.4% shortfall anticipated. FY12 is supposed to be worse. NE is anticipating 5% cuts. At UNL this is crunch time for the Peoplesoft student information system, and at UNL there is a lot of high level turnover on campus. On the positive side there has been some discussion on the UNL campus re a visualization center. SD is looking at 10% cuts and 2012 looks worse. Still trying to get ND and SD connected. Claude would like to figure out how GPN works together with the Northern Tier group in a more formal or planned fashion.
11. Mark moved and Gary seconded that the meeting adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.