

**Great Plains Network
Executive Meeting
February 2009**

Attending: James Deaton, Bill Mitchell, Michael Ruhrdanz
Staff- Greg Monaco, Greg Silvey

Minutes from January 8th Meeting

- No changes or additions to the minutes
- Motion to accept the minutes by Bill Mitchell, second by James Deaton
- No discussion
- Motion passed unanimously

Executive Director's Report by Greg Monaco

- Annual Meeting
 - Sponsorship letter to be coming out soon
 - Planning Committee listed online: 19 members/participants
- Brown Board Education event: 22 Additional streams going out for this event
- GENI Proposal
 - Due February 20th
 - Greg plans to circulate a copy of the GENI Proposal as soon as available.
 - GpENI Meetings are occurring weekly
 - Demonstration at the GPN annual meeting
 - Another demonstration at the upcoming GENI meeting in Florida
- Greg will be out of the country March 15 to March 30
- GPN/NSF Meetings
 - The GPN meeting will overlap with an NSF funded meeting, taking place all day Wednesday & half of Thursday.
 - This is a joint computer science/social science and engineering program.
 - An email has been sent out to the GPN Research Advisory Board to keep an eye out for young investigators who may be interested in participating in the program.
 - Pat Sanaghan will be facilitating this meeting.
 - The GPN meeting will be taking place all day Thursday, Friday.
 - Receiving funds to help with this meeting. The funds will be going through a sub-contract through Kansas State University.
- Project Summary: Concept of a regional cyberinfrastructure center
 - Develop a proposal with everybody that is a part of GPN involved and submit it to the National Science Foundation.
 - Comments & approval needed from GPN Executive Council
 - A planning grant is a possibility if full support from NSF is not received.
 - Greg will put together an action plan and a proposal.
 - How to go about engaging new member institutions

- Will provide as much information as possible to support this. This will be prepared by next week .

Network Program Update by Michael Ruhrdanz

- Networking technical folks working on power updates at Level3
- University of Nebraska recently completed an Internet RFP to help meet our networking needs – prices are dropping

State Issues & Updates by James Deaton

- University of Memphis currently connected with Internet2 is talking with ARE-ON, discussing what would be best for them as far as bandwidth goes. They are considering either going through SoX or going through ARE-ON through GPN
 - Is this possible through GPN?
 - Requires more extensive discussion among Executive Council
 - Claude asked James about the next steps? James explained that he was looking for suggestions. There was discussion. Claude suggested continuing the discussion at the next Quilt Meeting.
 - Possible to bring up second 10 gig connection to accommodate an additional connector
 - Memphis would like some follow up in about a week
 - Claude: Yes, we are interested in working with them and yes we can figure something out but we don't know any of the details or costs.

Future Meetings Discussion: Internet2

- Rooms is reserved
- Date is to be announced in about a week: Wednesday or Thursday

Treasurer Report by Greg Silvey

- Received \$2000 from Open Technologies for sponsoring cyberinfrastructure summit
- Paid keynote December keynote speaker \$621.00 for his expenses
- Paid for a Dell computer for backup
- Paid MORENET quarterly billing
- Paid for switch and maintenance on the switch, \$70,000
- Paid UNL for co-location agreement we had with them
- \$8,000 for the quilt
- Received South Dakota's payment
- Motion by James Deaton & 2nd by Claude to accept the financials as read:
Motion carried

Bill Mitchell moved to adjourn the meeting and James Deaton seconded. It passed unanimously.