

Executive Council Minutes  
Wednesday, April 29, 2009  
Alexandria, VA

Attending in person: Claude Garelik, Bill Mitchell, Michael Ruhrdanz, Bob Zimmerman, James Deaton

Attending by phone: Denise Stephens, Dilawar Grewal  
Guest: Myron Lowe  
Staff: Greg Monaco

**February Minutes:** James recommended to approve, Bill seconded and passed unanimously.

**Executive Director Report by Greg Monaco**

1. Kate is doing a good job. She received a raise and this is still within the allocated budget. Kate is a 999 hour temporary employee.
2. Federal Broadband Coordination--Grant Miller from the office of science and technology is coordinating efforts among agencies. Greg will introduce anyone interested to Grant.
3. Stimulus Funding at NSF: There is a supposed June 1 deadline for EPSCoR funding. Bob volunteered Bill Ashmore to assist with keeping an eye out for stimulus opportunities.
4. CI Center--Greg provided update. Board said to go ahead with writing a proposal.

**Networking Program Update Michael Ruhrdanz**

1. Power is still an issue at Level3. New equipment should be installed by end of May.
2. ESNNet has agreed to provide at 10G connection. It will be there all of the time for all members.
3. Greg will add EC members to GPNNET mailing list.

**Treasurer's Report read by Bill Mitchell**

No surprises, a bit lower than expected on the consortium side. And no surprises on the networking operations side. Bill explained reserve funds in both accounts. Michael moved and James seconded to accept the financials and the motion carried unanimously.

**Strategic Planning Follow-Up by Claude Garelik**

What do we need for staff and what do we want them to do over next few years?

Representation to larger networking groups, manage growth, negotiate on behalf of the regional network.

Michael—need someone who has a mix of technical networking expertise and leadership skills.

Greg—wants to see someone with whom he can work collaboratively.

Claude—There are a lot of unexplored relationships re networking that could be exploited.

Denise—can we set aside some future time to devote to this?

Claude—we could wait a month and look at this at the GPN Annual Meeting (Wednesday, May 27). Claude will distribute the draft position descriptions for that meeting.

Greg will draft a couple of paragraphs regarding this and circulate it to the EC.

### **Organizational Discussion by Claude Garelik**

Membership and representation by state networks: Myron suggested putting a matrix together to show relationships. Claude would like to assure that the state networks are fairly represented.

Bill mentioned that I2 is currently redoing its membership structure and recommended that we map our higher ed institutions into those categories to see whether any of them would be forced into membership. Claude mentioned that we have a stronger voice with I2 and this could count strongly in that discussion.

### **Other Business/State Updates**

1. Oklahoma added another wavelength.
2. Arkansas continues to build out ARE-ON. They have a connection option going into Louisiana and another that is lit going into Texas.
3. Kansas secured rack space at Level3.
4. Minnesota and BOREAS—Involved in educating the governor's office to understand the role of higher ed in advanced networking. Myron continues to work with research storage alliance.
5. Network Nebraska finishing up putting together a ring between campuses.
6. Missouri has lit up waves on their network and is deep into telepresence.
7. South Dakota has completed DUSEL connection, completing the installation, and is reviewing their second connection to Northern Lights.

Motion to adjourn by Michael and seconded by Bill. Passed unanimously.