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Embassy Suites Plaza
Kansas City MO

1. Meeting called to order at 12:40PM.
2. April Minutes. Zimmerman moved and Stephens seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried, unanimously.
3. Executive Director Report: Greg Monaco
Annual Meeting budget is less than expenses. There may be some program changes for the Annual Meeting. KANREN has contributed to the streaming for the meeting.

Proposal on cyberinfrastructure has been partially written and was passed to program directors at NSF for some review. Several individuals have volunteered to write parts and to be part of the proposal.

Greg pointed out that the Bridges mtg. that is currently being held could be considered a real success story of the GPN Research Advisory Board that has brought together 40 scientists to discuss the way that engineering, computer science and social science can work together to solve problems on large cyber-physical systems.

GPN has been extending our relationship with Argonne to work on way of bringing training and application support to GPN scientists who would like to access larger suites of resources, including computing and storage.

4. Networking Program Update: Michael Ruhrdanz
Update at the NOC was postponed, partially due to Dale Finkelson's leaving to join Internet2. Bob Zimmerman pointed out that with the loss of Dale, we may need to take this loss into account since he has been so critical to the success of GPN.

There was discussion of formally recognizing Dale for his contributions to GPN and all member institutions.

Bill pointed out that MORENET is involved in the CISCO

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telepresence initiative and that this takes a great deal of bandwidth and that KC could be a national center for this type of endeavor.

5. Financial Issues/Treasurer Report: Greg Silvey
May consortium revenue expense is complete except for income from sponsors and attendees.

Networking side is complete. There was a server purchased that is to replace the GPN mail and web server. Next year we do not need to account for dynamic wave service.

FY2010 Budget is projecting revenues roughly the same on the consortium side.

Deaton moved and Ruhrdanz seconded to accept the financial statements. The motion carried, unanimously.

6. Organization Staffing

Claude described the format for the discussion and that the EC would go into Executive session when candidates are discussed.

Claude described the need for a person who is able to describe the technical networking needs to the Council, could operate independently of the Council, and could make recommendations for new networking needs and for new alliances with other networks. This person would be the Executive Director of GPN and the person should also be able to work along with Greg and complement one another's efforts.

Bob brought up the need to expand the efforts of GPN beyond research and networking and to add value to GPN, including medical services, small colleges, emergency preparedness. Are we limiting ourselves by not being a 501c3?

Claude mentioned that the discussion of 501c3 might be something to take up in the future. Claude then asked for and Greg read back his summary of Claude's earlier discussion. Claude added that the person needs to be creative and clarified "working independently" to mean that the individual works without day to day direction of the council.

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Claude asked for a motion to open the position. It was moved by Zimmerman and seconded by Ruhrdanz. There was discussion. Bob said that he thinks it is good to have two senior employees to work together. The motion carried, unanimously.

The council went into executive session at 3PM and re-convened at 3:40PM.

In principle the Executive Council is accepting Bill Mitchell's proposal with a July 1 start date and amendments that are to be worked out.

7. Membership Criteria Review

Claude mentioned that in the past, discussions have surrounded around who members might be and that in current documentation the membership is named institutions.

Discussions revolved around potential new members and fairness of representation on the council. Greg mentioned that there is value in the institutions being members of GPN. Denise mentioned that the institutions are the end users, but this may be about representing a diverse community including state networks.

8. Other Business

Likely to have a CIO at UNL around August 1. ARE-ON is going to have 11 connected members, but right now has one. Arkansas intends to have a SEGP. Oklahoma looks forward to the VR talks that are planned in GPN. The proposed I2 membership changes would mean 5 new I2 universities in Oklahoma. GPN on behalf of ONENET was one of the first awardees of the I2 Waves program. For Minnesota, on the horizon is the idea of connecting two high energy sites. In South Dakota, DUSEL is now connected and could do a VLAN to various locations; the two biggest things are to connect to North Dakota, but the ND legislative session ended without funding that connection; the total cost to date for the network is \$14 million. KU has upgraded wiring and there are several new research projects going on.

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