

GPN Executive Council Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2007

Audio Tele-Conference

1. Call to Order: Claude Garelik called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. Quorum:

2.1. Attendance:

In Attendance

Council Members: Claude Garelik, James Deaton, Bill Mitchell, John Louis, Michael Ruhrdanz

Executive Director: Greg Monaco

Treasurer: Dave Byland

Guests: Bill Ashmore (for Bob Zimmerman)

In Absence

Council Members: Bob Zimmerman

2.2. Claude Garelik declared a quorum to exist.

3. Agenda:

- 3.1.**
1. Call to Order
 2. Minutes – John Louis
 3. Financial Report – Dave Byland
 2. Internet2 Connector Agreement for GPN
 4. I2-NLR Merger
 5. Strategic Planning
 6. Mini-GENIE
 7. Executive Director's Report
 8. Affiliate Member Discussion
 9. Networking Report

4. Minutes: July meeting

4.1. approval tabled to next meeting

5. Financial Report: Dave Byland

5.1. Year end FY07 status

- a.** Ended year close to prediction; have some money left over.
- b.** The significant expense over revenue was intentional. Reserve money was used to purchase new equipment.
- c.** Actuals for revenue on consortium side
 - New member revenue not shown in FY07 – will show in FY08
 - Some Annual Meeting expenses will not show up until FY08
- d.** Outstanding collection issues:
 - Ciena, Fujitsa and last quarter fees for KanREN
- e.** Receivables
 - Some conference fees; being taken care of in FY08

5.2. Motion: *To approve financial report of FY2007*

By: John Louis

Second: James Deaton

Discussion: None

Vote: All Eyes, motion carried unanimously

5.3. FY08 Budget

- a. Consortium and Research separate from Networking
- b. Modification may be needed on networking side for SegP fees
- c. Revenue budget: new people are network connected
 - New Affiliates
 - No participation agreement signed yet from University of Minnesota
- d. Quilt
 - Currently based on \$5,500 a year fees (split equally between networking and consortium), but could go up substantially

5.4. Motion: *To conditionally approve financial budget of FY2008, pending comments from next months meeting*

By: James Deaton

Second: John Louis

Discussion: None

Vote: All Eyes, motion carried unanimously

6. Internet 2 Connector Agreement

6.1. See attached documents for addendum changes outlining I2's responses to questions and issues.

- a. 1st addendum change: Section 2D
 - I2 put responsibility for compliance with the AUP on the connector
 - Connector should not be responsible for policing the traffic
 - Costs incurred
 - The agreement is not acceptable under these conditions.
- b. 2nd addendum
 - I2 can make changes to AUP or connection agreement terms without notification or consent.
 - I2 agreed to give notice of changes and GPN can attempt to renegotiate or disconnect
- c. 3rd addendum:
 - I2 was originally putting all responsibility for acceptable use policy member education to the connector.
 - I2 agreed that both could be responsible for taking "reasonable steps" to make sure all members know the terms of the acceptable use policy
 - maybe put an uplink to the AUP online
- d. 4th addendum: Section 17
 - Original terms were unacceptable for state institutions – has been fixed
- e. 5th addendum: add to end of sect. 20 –
 - I2 connector will be bound by I2's AUP, as is modified from time to time –
 - GPN needs time to adjust to changes
 - GPN can disconnect
 - After 1st year if GPN disconnects, there is no refund of pro-rated fees
 - Need to make clear that this should be a negotiated agreement, not just a contract for service
 - need to have some sort of recourse other than disconnection and the power to dispute a change

7. Internet 2 – NLR Merger: Bill Mitchell

- 7.1. I2 board has approved merger
 - a. dissent in NLR community around compensation for fiber asset
 - b. NLR board will vote next week
 - c. specific questions on proposed merger documents and bylaws can be brought up at Quilt meeting Sept. 13
 - who is going to be a member? fees? up to \$50,000 fees?
 - Send comments before Quilt meeting

8. Strategic Planning: Greg Monaco

- 8.1. Would like to have a day long (evening and following morning) face-to-face session
- 8.2. Patrick Sanaghan to facilitate
 - a. he has developed a plan for one day workshop
 - b. his credentials available at <http://www.thesanaghgroup.com/>
 - c. meeting will involve the executive council, research advisory board, representative council, etc.
 - d. have groups work on it through teleconference – then send small group to face-to-face meeting
 - cost around \$5000
 - November dates for meeting

9. Mini-GENIE: Greg Monaco

- 9.1. A core group of researchers met in KC at GPN07
- 9.2. GENIE is an NSF program ---
- 9.3. GPN, Ciena and Quest are collaborating to create a mini-GENIE that could jumpstart research in the area.
 - a. Equipment provided by ciena,
 - b. Bandwith by Quest,
 - c. Research by GPN--- planning a meeting at end of September and having a white paper done for Minnesota meeting about genie ---
- 9.4. planning a meeting at end of September
- 9.5. plan on having a white paper done for Minnesota meeting about GENIE

10. Executive Director's Report: Greg Monaco

- 10.1. Report is online at the WIKI
- 10.2. Great Plains Grid School
 - a. Co-sponsored by UNL and Open Science Grid
 - b. Had a big crowd
 - c. link to syllabus and attendance info
 - got a chance to meet with people and update them on GPN and make plans for future
 - upcoming EPSCOR Cyberinfrastructure meeting in Kentucky to collect information about cyberinfrastructure needs of EPSCOR states.
 - there is a link on the WIKI

- 10.3. Upcoming Disaster Recovery Meeting
 - a. sponsored by Ciena
 - b. registration available at the WIKI: there is space for 30 people
- 10.4. Beth Unger is on sabbatical from K-State, but when she returns she will not resume her position
 - a. James Lyall is taking spot on GPN Representative Council
- 10.5. New division director of computer and networking systems at NSF
 - a. responsible overall for genie program
- 10.6. Hired new graduate student
 - a. he is backing up Rahul on Middleware issues
 - b. plan for him to take over as a graduate assistant when Rahul leaves
- 10.7. James Guikema – new Research Advisory Board member from K-State
- 10.8. See report for other news

11. Affiliate Member Discussion: Greg Monaco

- 11.1. Sent out info about True Broadband Networks –
 - a. they filled out the form for affiliate membership
 - b. healthcare consortium (previously discussed at May's face-to-face meeting)
 - c. Greg has been talking with their leadership about what it means to be a member
 - they are still interested in GPN affiliate membership.
 - d. sent out summary of True Broadband Networks and their goals
 - e. concern that their end goal to pass traffic, which is not in GPN's interests
 - f. what would GPN get out their membership?
 - g. add addendum to affiliate contract specifying that GPN not providing traffic

12. Networking Update: Michael Ruhrdanz

- 12.1. UNL – Internet peering arrangement running through GPN

13. State Reports

- 13.1. Missouri: Bill Mitchell
 - a. have finished fiber acquisition process and are in contract negotiations
 - b. in middle of optical RFP evaluations
 - c. have restructured the finances to make it possible
 - d. hope to take ownership of the asset next March or April
- 13.2. Kansas: John Louis
 - a. have not made an official announcement yet between companies that dark fiber was purchased from
 - lawyers are dealing with this currently
 - first payments have been made
 - in process of connecting it all together and making sure it works
 - only 2 schools on the route: K-State and KU
 - expect dark fiber to be turned over by end of October
 - still working on optical electronics
 - considering using an RFP for the equipment
 - researching for optronics vendor

13.3. South Dakota: Claude

- a.** has gone through process for the fiber
- b.** discussing 2 options: dark or specific dim solution
- c.** still working on that issue

14. Adjournment: Claude Garelik adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.