

Minutes
GPN Executive Council Conference Call
August 7, 2008

In attendance: James Deaton; Michael Ruhrdanz; Paula Johnson (for Bob Zimmerman); Dave Byland (for Bill Mitchell); Greg Monaco. Absent: Claude Garelik; Denise Stephens.

Dave Byland served as substitute Chair for Claude Garelik, and called the meeting to order at 1:38 pm. It was determined there was a Council quorum by inclusion of noted substitutes. Byland also advised he would draft minutes for this meeting.

1. Minutes of the special GPN Executive Council meeting held 7/16/08 in Kansas City were reviewed. The meeting included specific action to *approve the Consortium's FY09 budget & member fees, and to approve WiscNet as an affiliate member*. Motion to approve the minutes was made by James Deaton, seconded by Michael Ruhrdanz, and approved unanimously.
2. Michael Ruhrdanz provided an update of the Networking Program, referencing minutes of a special Networking Committee meeting held 7/16/08 and a related MOU detailing the WiscNet / GPN relationship.
 - a. From the networking discussions in Kansas City last month, the WiscNet relationship with GPN may just be the beginning of new kinds of networking relationships across the country. *Dave Farmer is developing a proposal* to define some possible networking expansions, and will be presenting that to the Networking Committee in the near future.
 - b. The Technical Committee has raised the question of whether the Networking Program is structured appropriately to embrace future networking directions. *The Committee Chair (Dale) is developing a proposal* to the Networking Committee regarding how GPN Networking should be represented at QUILT, I2 and other related meetings, how we should address new connectivity issues, whether there should be a new form of non-GPN-member networking relationships, etc.
 - c. Michael also recapped a *conference call he and Greg had with representatives from Internet2* yesterday, related to emerging relationships between I2 Connectors, RON's and other entities. Byland noted that in recent emails with Ana Preston she mentioned that George Loftus intended to have discussions with Claude Garelik and others on this topic.
 - d. Byland added that on Wednesday of this week Ana & Heather confirmed there was *no need to amend* GPN's I2 Connector Agreement related to WiscNet's new membership. In addition, last Tuesday MOREnet staff *added equipment to the GPN PoP* to connect South Dakota and WiscNet.
 - e. James Deaton discussed a current *inquiry by Cerner* for peering support via OneNet's GPN connection to a number of hospital sites currently on One-Net. The question involves whether GPN should be providing peering support to a for-profit organization providing a hosted administrative application to hospitals participating in a state R&E Network. James and Michael discussed a number of related issues, and it was mentioned that Bill Mitchell also had a conversation with Cerner on the same general topic. James indicated he would schedule a face

to face or phone meeting with appropriate individuals to gain specific information relative to what Cerner needed to accomplish, and that he and Michael would convene the Networking Committee to consider whether to move forward with this request, and further ramifications of this kind of activity.

- f. Michael suggested there was enough “stuff” going on that we should be *planning a face-to-face meeting in the immediate future – possibly both an Executive Council as well as a Networking Committee* (nearly the same composition of representatives now). Byland suggested *October* might be the soonest that could be arranged, and would work with Greg on arrangements.
3. Greg Monaco reviewed the following items detailed in his published report:
 - a. Preliminary analysis indicates the *annual meeting* generated around \$8,000 more in revenues than total expenses.
 - b. Greg is pursuing additional *Affiliate memberships from corporations*, with specific emphasis on QWEST and Sun. He noted that Council may want discussion at a future meeting regarding QWEST becoming a member, as they are a telecommunications provider.
 - c. Greg raised the issue of whether we should *consider raising the Affiliate fee for corporations*, as this could potentially generate additional funding to reduce use of the Consortium fund balance to break even on operations. No action was taken on this subject.
 - d. Greg indicated that the Council will need to address how he should respond to *inquiries by other state R&E networks who might want to join GPN*. While this needs to be included in a future council meeting, he advised he has a pending request from ARE=ON. Byland advised this should be discussed with the full council, specifically including Bob Zimmerman.
 - e. Greg has had contact with Affiliate member True Broadband Networks regarding non-payment of dues. Byland suggested adding *a motion to retract approval of their membership to next council meeting agenda*, and that based on that action he’d formally advise TrueBroadband and write-off the unpaid dues.
 - f. GPN’s potential GENI grant award is for *2/3 of the funds requested, and payable across 3 years versus 2*. The key participants in the grant are reworking the scope and deliverables of the proposal, and hope to have it complete in September. Greg will ensure members of the council are advised of the changes to the proposal.
 - g. GPN will host a *Shibboleth 2.0 workshop* in Kansas City September 26, 2008. Details to be announced shortly.
 - h. Greg provided a quick overview of his discussions with a consultant regarding future grant proposals. Byland asked if Greg was considering a *possible engagement of the consultant for specific proposals*, and he affirmed that is his intent.
 - i. Council was advised that a *new format for presenting materials* for council action was being developed, and will be implemented for upcoming meetings.
 - j. Greg advised there may be a separate EPSCoR solicitation for *proposals to enhance cyber infrastructures* in the next 1-2 months.
 - k. Greg will be doing a *presentation of GPN research approaches* at the upcoming QUILT meeting.

1. Greg advised he had received several *comments regarding GPN's strategic plan*. Byland and Deaton observed that this will need significant time allotted at a future Council meeting to address.
- m. Greg will *visit MOREnet / UM in Columbia on August 28* to review financial processes, grant approval / submission processes, UM policies and work with Byland to develop appropriate business case / issue paper templates for use with the GPN Council.
4. Byland reviewed GPN's *year-end financial statement for FY08*. Ruhrdanz moved to approve the financial statement, Deaton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
5. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 2:42 pm.