

## ***AGENDA ITEM III.i***

### **GPN Executive Council Meeting Minutes**

**June 2, 2010**

Attending: Rick McMullen (KU), Claude Garelik (SD), Gary Allen (MU), James Deaton (OK), Bob Zimmerman (AR), Mark Askren (UNL, by phone)

Staff and Visitors: Bill Mitchell (GPN), Greg Monaco (GPN), Michael Ruhrdanz (UNL), Paul Lustgraaf (ISU)

Called to order by Claude at 1:05pm.

No changes to the agenda were offered.

#### **Minutes**

- Bob moved to accept and Gary seconded the 4/7/10 minutes. Passed unanimously.
- Mark moved to accept and James seconded the 4/27/10 minutes. Passed unanimously.

#### **Financial Reports**

Bob asked if any of the financial reports had been audited – no.

- Bob moved to accept and James seconded the April financial statement. Passed unanimously.
- Mark moved to accept and Bob seconded the May financial statement. Passed unanimously.

#### **Consortium/CI Goals and Activities Progress Report**

Greg provided an overview of his efforts, focusing on meeting preparation and CI planning.

#### **CI 2010 Planning Report**

Rick reported on two surveys, and he hopes to have information from them in July, and hopes to be able to summarize the information at the August Exec meeting.

#### **Networking Program**

Bill provided an overview of Networking's efforts. 2<sup>nd</sup> 10G is up. 2<sup>nd</sup> 10G to ESnet is running. OmniPop contacted GPN to see if we would be interesting in facilitating backup connections with them. This would mainly benefit the Illinois schools, as others have existing backup connections. A team has been created to review the issues and possibilities. Claude asked to see a list of services that GPN might be backing up for them. Overall, the network is running well.

#### **Network Technical Planning Report**

Bill summarized the information that will be contained within the report, including current usage, network philosophy, funding, and policies.

#### **FY12 Budget Outlook**

Forecasts suggest that if revenues & expenses stay flat for FY12, the Consortium would run a deficit of approximately \$80,000 at the end of FY12, leaving \$78,000 in reserves.

The Networking Program should break even for the year, ending with approximately \$300,000 in reserves.

A discussion developed around when the proposed budget for GPN initiatives needs to be ready for review/approval. October of each year seems to be a necessary goal.

Due short time lines, Bill suggested that initial budget review efforts be focused around the Consortium, as the Networking Program is more complex and in better financial shape. There were no disagreements to this proposal.

Claude suggested that 30 minutes of the next GPN Executive Committee conference call be set aside to discuss issues that would help lead toward a review of the current Consortium funding model.

#### State Visits

Bill and Greg plan to visit GPN members in the coming year to better understand the needs of the institution(s), and to promote GPN services. The team will need guidance from the Executive Committee to determine who to visit with, as there are too many member institutions to visit in a reasonable period of time. Consider visiting with EPSCoR representatives, consider being willing to support different goals for different states.

#### State Updates

James – National Search for Executive Director at OneNet. Working to connect 30 additional institutions through fiber.

Gary – Waiting to hear about a BTOP grant to install another 2,000+ miles of fiber.

Bob – Waiting to hear about funding to build out a data center. Most of AREON has been built out.

Mark – Preparing for possible budget reductions in 2011, working on network funding models. Network Nebraska is working on

Rick – Working on a potential upgrade for KanREN to 10G for higher ed. Kansas appears to be bottoming-out in relation to budget cuts. KU is re-evaluating IT within the campus.

Paul – Looking for a new director of state networking. U of Northern Iowa's network traffic is growing to the point of possibly needing fiber access. ISU is anticipating a flat budget for the next year.

Claude – 10% cut in budget. Legislature appropriated an additional \$100,000 for network operations. Interested in GPN peering in support of DUSEL. Waiting to hear on an ARI proposal for connecting to North Dakota and Northern Tier. Using Nebraska's super computing resources, and talking to OK about their resources as well.

#### Membership & Governance

Reviewed the background information that led to developing the current governance structure. After an extensive discussion, most seemed to think that the general governance structure used by GPN works.

Other items – none.

Bob made a motion to adjourn at 4:40pm, Mark seconded, motion passed unanimously.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of Minutes