

Great Plains Network Executive Council Meeting

Minutes, July 7, 2010

Members: Mark Askren (Nebraska), James Deaton (Oklahoma), Claude Garelik (South Dakota), Rick McMullen (Kansas), Bob Zimmerman (Arkansas)

Staff and others: Bill Mitchell, Greg Monaco, Michael Ruhrdanz, Greg Silvey

- 1) Call to Order by Claude Garelik at 1:30 PM
- 2) It was noted that Denise Stephens is no longer CIO at KU and that Rick McMullen is the interim representative from Kansas.
- 3) June 2, 2010, Minutes: Mark moved and Rick seconded to approve minutes minus the "Network Nebraska is working on" phrase. Motion carried.
- 4) Financial Reports were reviewed by Greg Silvey. Claude brought up the issue of whether having workshops is part of GPN goals. Bob moved and James seconded approving the financials.
- 5) CI 2010 Planning Project Committee Report. Rick mentioned that the survey results are being tentatively looked at and encouraged others to continue filling it out. The ratio of those who are knowledgeable about CI to those who are not knowledgeable is much higher than the first survey.
- 6) Consortium/CI Goals and Activities Progress Report. Greg reviewed new information related to his written report, including information on working with the GENI project office on potentially co-hosting a GENI Engineering Conference within the GPN region.
- 7) Network Program Goals and Activities Progress Report & Network 2010 Planning Project Committee Report. Bill reviewed new information related to the written report including the GPN-Omnipop plan primarily for backup and backup peering services. A written letter of understanding will be drafted for approval by both groups. With respect to ION, Rick asked whether GPN is ready to go to set up end-to-end connections via ION, and Bill explained that all seems to worked out with I2 and only a request is needed to get things set up.
- 8) Oracle Research Dinner Proposal. Bill briefly reviewed the Oracle proposal. Claude mentioned that without funds for travel that it would be unlikely that the research folks would attend. Mark mentioned that unless something jumped off the page it would be unlikely to get the research folks. Rick also mentioned that it might be useful to do a webcast rather than a dinner or broaden the focus of who attends the meeting—users/purchasers of the equipment versus high level research officers. Rick also suggested that it was important to understand Oracle's intent as to what they want to get out of it. Mark asked whether there is something that we are going to hear there that we wouldn't hear elsewhere, e.g., what is going to happen to SUN. Rick also indicated that there would be interest in discussing how to position Oracle for the research market. Claude says that if this meeting is about "Here is how Oracle is positioning itself to support research and research computing as well as about the future of SUN," then there would be interest and people will try to find a way to get there. A high level strategic discussion of Oracle and SUN, and how they will be aligned to support research.
- 9) FY2012 Budget Projections and Fees. Bill introduced the suggestions to enhance revenue on the consortium side for FY12. Claude agreed with the move of Quilt fee to Networking side, and recommended not changing the annual meeting fee structure. Bob suggested that raising the member fees will compete with retaining members. Mark asked how GPN fees compare to other regionals. Bill stated that there has not been a change in fees in over 10 years. Claude mentioned that in fact membership fees are roughly half of that when GPN

was formed. Bill will follow up with Claude to develop a plan and return to the EC. James mentioned that he would like to see a decision made and then have it stay in place for a reasonable period of time.

- 10) Increasing Corporate Affiliate Membership Discussion. Discussion was postponed until next meeting.
- 11) State Visits. Discussion was postponed until next meeting.
- 12) State Updates. Discussion was postponed until next meeting.
- 13) Corporate GMAIL Conversion for GPN staff and e-list name changes. Discussion was postponed until next meeting.
- 14) August Agenda. Claude suggested that an in-person meeting could be held if the Oracle meeting comes to fruition. Claude mentioned that he will be out the first week of August, and Bill will send out a poll to re-schedule.
- 15) FY11 GPN Work Plan, approval of FY12 Fees. Discussion was postponed until next meeting.
- 16) Mark moved and James seconded that the meeting adjourn at 2:30PM