

**MINUTES**  
**LOUISIANA OPTICAL NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE**  
**MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

May 22, 2018

The Louisiana Optical Network Infrastructure (LONI) Management Council (MC) met at 1:04 p.m., Tuesday, May 22, 2018, in the Board Conference Room, 6<sup>st</sup> Floor, Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge, LA. Chair Bettina Owens called the meeting to order and asked for a roll call. A roll call was taken and a quorum was not established.

**Council Members Present:**

Mike Asoodeh  
Beth Courtney  
Gabriel Fagbeyiro  
Gene Fields  
Lonnie Leger  
Bettina Owens  
J. Ram Ramanujam  
Eric Setz  
Uma Subramanian  
Leo Tran  
Rachel Vincent-Finley  
Noel Wong  
John Borne (Proxy- Andrea Ballinger)  
Karl Findorff (Proxy-Tony Moore)

**Council Members Absent**

Richard Howze  
Thomas Lovince  
Sherri McConnell  
Ramu Ramanujam

**Guest:**

Gary Mumphrey  
Charles Broome  
Lance Neal  
Angela Mastainich  
Frank Scroggs  
John Barcelona  
Walt Organ  
Steven Brand  
Nayong Kim  
Sam White  
Ric Simmons

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES:

**On the motion of Ms. Beth Courtney, seconded by Dr. Ram Ramanujam, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously approve the minutes of the February Council minutes.**

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ACTION ITEM:

Chair Owens notified the Council of the Executive Committee meeting to discuss the current and future network subscription funding model. The meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2018.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES:

Mr. Leger informed the Council of the actions of LONI. Mr. Leger along with Chair Owens, Ms. Ballinger and Mr. John Borne had the opportunity of providing a representative from Senator Bill Cassidy's office a tour of Queen B2 (QB2). LONI hosted a North Louisiana Townhall, Cybersecurity Discussion and Working Group Summit. The LONI staff is working on service projects. A timeline was provided for completed and near completed projects. Mr. Leger provided the Council with a timeline for invoicing for OpenDNS and Subscription services. The Council was informed of the vacancy and new positions in the LONI office.

CHIEF ADVISOR REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Researching Working Group: Dr. Ramanujam provided the Council with updates from the town hall meetings held in April and May to obtain feedback on a new Queen B2 (QB2). The researching group will review the surveys from the townhall. There was some researcher's issues regarding utilization that will need to be addresses. Dr. Ramanujam gave a detailed presentation on the different kinds of nodes available and that were used in QB2. Dr. Ramanujam informed the Council of the cost of repairs of QB2, amount of usages of QB2 and the benefits of replacing it.
- Security and Networking Group: Mr. Gene Fields complimented the LONI team on a successful Working Group Summit. Mr. Lance Neal gave a detailed description of the experience of the Summit. The Summit produced 4 co-chairs for the security and networking groups and 15 sub-committees. Mr. Fields will be their direct resource to the Council. Mr. Neal will be their direct resource to the LONI office.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

Chair Owens announced that she will be retiring on July 1, 2018. Dr. Mike Asoodeh will serve as the Interim Chair.

**On the motion of Mr. Leger, seconded by Mr. Noel Wong, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to approve the 2019 meeting dates of February 26<sup>th</sup>, May 21<sup>st</sup>, August 21<sup>st</sup> and December 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the LONI Management Council, Chair Owens asked for a motion for adjournment. On the motion of Dr. J. Ram Ramanujam, seconded by Dr. Mike Asoodeh, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.