

MINUTES
LOUISIANA OPTICAL NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE
MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

December 3, 2019

The Louisiana Optical Network Infrastructure (LONI) Management Council (MC) met at 1:38 p.m., Tuesday, December 3, 2019, in the Board Conference Room, 6th Floor, Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge, LA. Dr. Mike Asoodeh, Chair, called the meeting to order and asked for a roll call. A roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

Council Members Present:

Mike Asoodeh
Kenneth Boe
John Borne
Beth Courtney
Gene Fields
Lonnie Leger
Terrence Ginn
Ram Ramachandran
J. Ram Ramanujam
Rachel Vincent-Finley
Olivia Mitchell (Noel Wong)

Council Members Absent:

Gabriel Fagbeyiro
Paul Helton
Richard Howze
Eric Setz

Guest:

Lance Neal
Gary Mumphrey
Angela Mastainich
Ric Simmons
Nayoug Kim
Frank Scroggs
Charles Broome
John Barcelona

Mr. Terrence Ginn opened the meeting with brief remarks on his role to the Council. Dr. Mike Asoodeh briefed the Council on the Office of Technology Services incident.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST MINUTES:

On the motion of Mr. Gene Fields, seconded by Mr. Terrence Ginn, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the August Council minutes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Strategic/Business Plan Statement of Work Update

After two colleges chose not to take up this opportunity, as a Master of Business Administration class project for the 2019 Fall nor 2020 Spring semester, the search will continue for other public institutions with similar programs. Mr. Leger is hopeful to work with one of our colleges for the 2020 Fall semester.

NaaS FY20 Status

As of now, all the subscribers have paid their invoices. Louisiana College has joined the LONI Network. There is the anticipation of LIGO Livingston Observatory becoming a subscriber in December.

PaaS FY21 Service Order Status

Close to 50% of Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities and the University of Louisiana System have signed service orders. Over 35% of LSU has signed service orders. Close to 65% of state agencies and others have signed service orders. LONI staff is working with the Southern University System on signing service orders. As of this meeting, LONI staff has secured a total of 40% of PaaS signed service orders.

HPC Quarterly Update

The QB3 Cluster upgrade is estimated to be on-line in the March -April 2020 timeframe. QB-2 will have only 50% of its nodes available during the upgrade.

Network Quarterly Update

Mr. Gary Mumphrey presented the Council with the LONI staff completed and upcoming activities.

NaaS to PaaS Update

Our vision is to offer a comprehensive platform, not just a network but a Platform as a Service (PaaS) business model with a baseline of services included in your subscription fee. PaaS will provide Router-as-a-Service, Network-as-a-Service, WAN-as-a-Service, Firewall-as-a-Service, and Cloud-as-a-Service. LONI staff will provide a PaaS Survey and FAQ within the next 14 days.

Phase-2 Fiber Construction Update

The contractor has delivered 11 out of 13 routes with two remaining routes still in development. One of the remaining routes is in Bossier Parish, pending a permit from the Department of Transportation and Development. The other remaining route is inside the City of Shreveport which is being re-engineered due to permitting feedback from the City and Railroads. LONI staff is reviewing, verifying, and confirming the required information.

Phase-3 Fiber Construction Plan

There are plans to begin fiber construction at Louisiana State University at Alexandria, River Parish Community College-main campus, the City of New Orleans institutions, and statewide resiliency

CHIEF ADVISOR REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

RESEARCH WORKING GROUP

With the upcoming production of QB3, Ram requested the LONI Allocations Committee, LONI/LSU HPC Staff, and CCT to review and recommend by the Council any adjustments to the LONI Allocations.

SECURITY AND NETWORK WORKING GROUP REPORT

There will be a LONI Summit on March 18-19, 2020, at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Cecil J. Picard Center. The LONI Network Security Working Group recommends to the LONI Council that LONI reviews, and where applicable, take the necessary measures to implement controls identified for Implementation Group 1 under the CAG20 controls for the LONI infrastructure. The LONI staff acknowledges that we would perform our evaluation and document our response to each of the controls in Group 1. The Chair acknowledged and received the working group recommendation. The Chair requested that additional details will be made available to the LONI Management Council at the next meeting so that the Council members can be informed to take up motion from the Chief Technical Advisor. The Council received the recommendation and no action was taken.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

There was no information reported.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Leger proposed the following schedule for the 2021 meetings:

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Tuesday, May 17, 2021

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Tuesday, November 30, 2021

On the motion of Dr. Ramu Ramachandran, seconded by Dr. J. Ram Ramanujam, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to approve the 2021 schedule of meetings.

There was a request to adjust the time of the meetings from 1:00 p.m. -2:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

On the motion of Dr. J. Ram Ramanujam, seconded by Dr. Ramu Ramachandran, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to adjust the time of meetings from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The 2020 schedule of meetings is as followed:

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the LONI Management Council, Dr. Asoodeh asked for a motion for adjournment. On the motion of Mr. Lonnie Leger, seconded by Dr. J. Ram Ramanujam, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.