

MINUTES
LOUISIANA OPTICAL NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE
MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

December 1, 2020

The Louisiana Optical Network Infrastructure (LONI) Management Council (MC) met at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 1, 2020 virtually. 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
Gene Fields
Paul Helton
Lonnie Leger
Brad Masters
Ramu Ramachandran
J. Ram Ramanujam
Rachel Vincent-Finley
Craig Woolley
Noel Wong

Gabriel Fagbeyiro
Eric Setz
Richard Howze

Council Members Absent:

Terrence Ginn
Mark Shoemaker

Guest:

Lance Neal

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MINUTES

On the motion of Mr. Gene Fields, seconded by Dr. Ramu Ramachandran, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to approve the October Council meeting minutes.

CHAIR BUSINESS

LMC NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE BYLAW MOTION

The Council discussed in detail to modify the bylaws 3.1 and 3.3. The revision to 3.1 adds that the officers of the Council shall be elected by the Council from among the present membership of the Council and shall include a Chair, Chair-Elect, and Secretary/Treasurer. The revision to 3.3 adds the position of Chair-Elect of the Council. The Chair-Elect collaborates with the Chair to learn the role of the Chair, to become familiar with the role and function of the Council and its governance, and to develop and facilitate officer transition. The Chair-Elect shall serve in the absence of the Chair and shall perform all duties assigned by the Chair. The Chair-Elect shall automatically become Chair at the end of the term as Chair-Elect.

On the motion of Mr. Fields, seconded by Ms. Beth Courtney, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to approve the changes to the bylaws.

The Council proposed a new slate of officers. Beginning January 1, 2021, Dr. Rachel Vincent-Finley will serve a one-year term as Chair. Dr. Ramu Ramachandran will serve a one-year term of Chair Elect. Beginning January 1, 2022, he will serve as the Chair. Mr. Eric Setz will serve as Secretary/Treasurer for one- year.

On the motion of Mr. Fields, seconded by Dr. Mike Asoodeh, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to approve the 2022-2023 Council Officers.

Mr. Leger thanks Dr. Asoodeh for his service. Dr. Asoodeh provides closing chair remarks.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

EVENTS AND NEWS

The Executive Director holds virtual office hours via Zoom for the members on most Tuesdays
4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

STRATEGIC/BUSINESS PLAN OF WORK (SOW) UPDATE

The Board of Regents continues to review the next steps of engagement.

PaaS FY21 PAYMENT STATUS

LONI has received 50% of the payments from the LAICU and LCTCS. LSU System has submitted 75% of their payments. SU system is 100% overdue. ULS has submitted close to 90% of their payments. Overall, LONI has received over 60% of payment for their services.

PaaS FY22 SERVICE ORDER STATUS

LONI has been unable to obtain signed service order agreements for LAICU and SU institutions. Less than 10% of LCTCS institutions have signed service order agreements. LSU, ULS, and state agencies have signed 50% of their service order agreements. Overall, LONI has signed less than 30% of the total service order agreements.

HPC SEMI-ANNUAL UPDATE

Queen Bee -3 transitioned to full production on October 1st with a community-wide workshop to explain the system's new features. Our most recent utilization shows a 50/50 split between Queen Bee -2 and Queen Bee-3.

NETWORK SEMI-ANNUAL UPDATE

Due to three hurricanes, LONI Staff went above and beyond to assist subscribers in implementing workarounds.

PaaS UPDATE

We are working diligently to prepare the final purchase and financing documentation for Regents and LSU. Regents is conducting a legal review for the multi-year agreement.

PHASE-2 FIBER CONSTRUCTION PLAN

We are awaiting the second permit release from Department of Transportation and Development for the final construction phase to Bossier Parish Community College, Louisiana Tech, and Cyber Innovation Center.

PHASE-3 FIBER CONSTRUCTION PLAN

During the October Regents Board Meeting, the Board approved the capital outlay appropriations request to finalize LONI's remaining construction phases with a bold request for FY2021.

DARK FIBER IRU RFP

We are awaiting a response from the Office of State Purchasing to release the anticipate RFPs for the following: (2) renewal routes; (4) new priority routes; (4) optional routes.

CHIEF ADVISORS REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

CHIEF SCIENTIST

The LONI Resource Allocation Committee consensus action: the same allocation of computing hours can be used on both machines; keep charges the same – 1 core hour (Service Units or SUs) on QB2 = 1 core hour on QB3 (allocations may be consumed faster in real time); increase maximum on allocation requests to 6M SUs (from 4M); increase maximum active at any one time to 12M (from 8M)

CHIEF TECHNOLOGY ADVISOR

The LONI Staff is in the process of finalizing the conversion of the COVID Community Calls to Trending Topics Call. Staff hopes to gain community input by using doodle poll. There is deadline to submit your response by Friday, December 4th at noon.

CHIEF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISOR

There is no update at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 23, 2020. The Council received the below dates for upcoming meetings:

- Tuesday, February 23, 2021
- Tuesday, May 11, 2021
- Tuesday, August 24, 2021
- Tuesday, November 30, 2021

Mr. Leger presented the Council the 2022 meeting schedule. The schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday, February 22, 2022
- Tuesday, May 17, 2022
- Tuesday, August 23, 2022
- Tuesday, November 15, 2022

On the motion of Mr. Fields, seconded by Mr. Brad Masters, the LONI

Management Council voted unanimously to accept the 2022 meeting schedule.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the LONI Management Council, Dr. Asoodeh asked for a motion to adjourn. On the motion of Dr. Ramu Ramachandran, seconded by Mr. Fields, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.