

**MINUTES
LOUISIANA OPTICAL NETWORK INITIATIVE
MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

May 13, 2008

The Louisiana Optical Network Initiative (LONI) Management Council (MC) met at 1:08 p.m., Tuesday, May 13, 2008, in the Board of Regents Conference Room, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Dr. Les Guice called the meeting to order.

Council Members Present:

Les Guice, Chair
Dr. Laura Levy, Vice-Chair
Dr. Lee Bairnsfather
Dr. Paul Barron
Dr. Allen Doescher
Dr. Steve Landry
Dr. Ed Seidel
Mr. Greg Speyrer
Dr. Joel Tohline

Council Members Absent:

Dr. Brad O'Hara
Mr. Bob Fudickar
Mr. Charlie McMahon
Dr. Michael Ralph
Dr. Jeffery Smith
Dr. Michael Stubblefield
Mr. Donald Vandal

Guests:

Mike Abbiatti (Audio)
Lonnie Leger, LSU
Dan Katz, LSU
Brian Voss, LSU
Brett Brock, CISCO
Vickie McClinton, Board of Regents
Randy Walker, LSU
Donald Kirkland, OTM

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 8, 2008 MINUTES

On a motion of Dr. Paul Barron, seconded by Mr. Greg Speyrer, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2008, LONI Management Council meeting.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 11, 2008 MINUTES

On a motion of Dr. Paul Barron, seconded by Mr. Greg Speyrer, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2008, LONI Management Council meeting.

NLR BRIEFING

Dr. Les Guice began the meeting with the introduction of Dr. Allen Doescher, Acting Chief Information Officer, State of Louisiana. Dr. Doescher presented the LONI Management Council (MC) with an overview of his professional background.

Dr. Guice asked the LONI Management Council (MC) if the 1:00 p.m. meeting time would work out better for the MC members. There was further discussion to change the MC meeting from 2:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Dr. Guice asked for MC members to e-mail their vote to him.

Dr. Les Guice asked Mr. Brian Voss to give an update on NLR on behalf of Mr. Charlie McMahon. Mr. Brian Voss informed the MC on the NLR \$700,000 "Capital Call" with conditions. Nine commitments from the NLR Board were not confirmed and further discussions would be required prior to recommendations on how the Board of Regents should respond.

Dr. Guice asked Mr. Voss to give an update on the background of where LONI MC is with NLR and services offered today relative to when the Board of Regents initially became members of NLR. He commented that due to the significant changes in national networks that many of the services only previously offered by NLR can now be acquired through other service providers.

CHIEF TECHNOLOGY ADVISOR REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Guice announced the presentation on the NSF GENI project at Louisiana State University on May 14th by Chip Elliott, Director of GENI. In a prior meeting Mr. Elliott had noted that LONI might be a good candidate for an initial partnership with the GENI project.

Dr. Joel Tohline commented on the coastal issue with hurricane season coming up in June, and the potential need for researchers to have access to LONI's computing resources for modeling hurricanes and storm surges using LONI. This may have an impact on other users of Queen Bee. After further discussion, the MC recommended that the decisions could rest in the hands of the Allocations Committee.

Dr. Landry asked Mr. Lonnie Leger for the Technology update on behalf Mr. Charlie McMahon. Mr. Leger gave a report on the following: 1) LCTCS in the Baton Rouge area should be online by the end of May; 2) LCTCS in New Orleans, Shreveport, Lafayette, Alexandria and Monroe should be connected by the end of June; 3) LCTCS in Lake Charles should be connected by the end of July; 4) ULM through Jackson, MS should be connected to LONI 4) Order Optical and Router equipment for NSU and Zachary; 5) Move Tulane Campus to LONI 10GE; 6) LONI connection to LSU-E, SU-Shreveport, Board of Regents at NTG, LSUHSC-New Orleans to DPS, and NSULA are all ordered; 7) Evaluating Internet Peering in New Orleans; 8) Approval from Grambling, Nicholls, LSU-A, SU-New Orleans all approved to connect to LONI; 9) Deliver network services to NSU; 10) Peering with LEARN and ARE-ON; and 11) Permanent LONI bandwidth to ISB for Dell50T. Remaining issues – 1) Unsigned AT&T Local Loop Dark Fiber AUP and CEA, and AT&T SURA Fiber contracts; and 2) Missing local loop dark fiber routes.

Dr. Allen Doescher commented on concerns regarding agreements with AT&T, DOTD, etc. and LONI. Dr Guice mentioned that he will follow up with Mr. McMahon, Ms. Connie Koury, and other legal counsel regarding the agreements.

CHIEF RESEARCH ADVISOR/CHIEF SCIENTIST

Dr. Guice asked Dr. Ed Seidel, Chief Research Advisor/Chief Scientist for his report. Dr. Seidel reported on the following – 1) Future of the TeraGrid; 2) Training activities – LONI and TeraGrid increase user base; 3) TRACK II/EPSCOR proposal – NSF Grant; 4) NSF negotiations with Pittsburg regarding the NSF OCI Track II; 5) Update on the LONI Institute with six (6) universities – Dan Katz is leading the search for researchers in specific disciplines; 6) Talked about the LONI workshop working with LSUHSC-New Orleans folks; and 7) SURA – Computing Services collecting a log of data.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISOR

Mr. Bob Fudickar was unable to attend the LONI MC meeting therefore, no report was available.

EDUCATION INITIATIVES

Mr. Mike Abbiatti gave the Education Initiatives report via audio conference. Mr. Abbiatti commented the LONI work with the non-research institutions. Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) has a study group scaling resources and utilizing resources.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. McMahon was unable to attend the LONI MC meeting therefore, no report was available.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business was reported.

PUBLIC EVENTS

Dr. Paul Barron asked if the new administration is supportive of LONI and recommended that the MC secure the continued support with the Governor's Office. Dr. Barron suggested creating a LONI newsletter to distribute among the Louisiana Government officials to keep them posted on the LONI activities.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before LONI Management Council, the meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.