

MINUTES

LOUISIANA OPTICAL NETWORK INITIATIVE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL February 22, 2005

The Louisiana Optical Network Initiative (LONI) Management Council met at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 22, 2005, in the Board Conference Room on the 6th floor in the Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair Les Guice called the meeting to order. Mr. Dave Nicklas, Secretary/Treasurer, called the roll and a quorum was established.

Council Members Present:

Les Guice, Chair
John Lawson, Vice Chair
David Nicklas, Secretary/Treasurer
Duane Blumberg
Steve Landry
Laura Levy
Kenneth Maloney
Ed Seidel
Harold Silverman
Jeffery Smith
Michael Stubblefield
Joel Tohline
Victor Ukpolo
Donald Vandal

Council Members Absent:

None

Guests:

Alan Aparicio, Global Data Systems
Carl Brandt, LSU Telecom
Gregory Catalano, IBM
David Crockett, IBM
Kyle Galushe, Cisco
Kevin Hardy, Board of Regents
Glenn Lambert, Global Data Systems
Patrick Landry, UL Lafayette
Kyle Poulsen, PTECHE
Angie Welch, IBM

APPROVAL OF January 25, 2005, MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Dave Nicklas, seconded by Joel Tohline, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2005, LONI Management Council meeting

MANAGEMENT COUNCIL LEADERSHIP UPDATES

Dr. Guice began by reiterating that the Council at the last meeting had approved the hire of an engineer for the LONI project. Dr. Guice then asked Charlie McMahon to introduce the new hire. Mr. Lonnie Leger was introduced to the Council as the first full time employee of the LONI Initiative.

Next, Dr. Guice mentioned that the Council needed to establish bylaws and noted that a task force group headed by Dr. Laura Levy was making good progress and should report on the bylaws at the next meeting.

Next, Charlie McMahon gave an update. He stated that the NLR Board Meeting will be Thursday and they will decide whether to use the AT&T route or switch to Willtell. Also, he stated that the issue should be settled by the next meeting of the LONI Management Council (LMC). In addition, Mr. McMahon stated that the anticipated NLR date has been shifted to May.

Dr. Guice gave the LONI Management Council (LMC) a brief update. Dr. Guice stated that the leadership team has continued to interact. The officers and chief advisors continue to discuss things that are needed for LMC consideration.

LONI OVERVIEW BRIEFING

Mike Abbiatti began by discussing that the equipment for the LONI Initiative has been ordered and the time frame for the receiving of the equipment is probably June, 2005. Mr. Abbiatti discussed that National Lambda Rail (NLR) had decided not to go with the AT&T fiber route. The decision not to go with AT&T was based on the quality of the fiber and a financial analysis. Next, Mr. Abbiatti informed the Council that the NLR Board meeting in Baton Rouge will be held September 9. In addition, he told the Council that there will be a meeting with CISCO soon to discuss near and long term initiatives.

Next, Technical Advisor Dr. Steve Landry began by stating that much energy has been expended by looking at models to go forward. Dr. Landry then stated that at the end of next week the technical contacts would be having two to three hour sessions to review the bids for the fiber.

Next, Dr. Seidel, Chief Research/Scientist, stated that the research people have been working on and completed an advertisement for director of LONI. Dr. Silverman discussed the job description that the research committee put together for approval. (Appendix A)

MOTION

On a motion by Dr. Lawson and seconded by Dr. Blumberg, the Council approved the job description to present to the Board of Regents.

Dr. Guice and the Council left the task of presenting the job description to the Regents in the hands of Mike Abbiatti.

PUBLIC EVENTS IN SUPPORT OF LONI

Next, Dr. Guice stated that he had given a presentation to thirty people on his campus. He offered the link to the site to retrieve the presentation he presented if anyone was interested. Also he again encouraged everyone to continue with the promotion of LONI on their respective campuses.

NEW BUSINESS

The March 8th meeting was officially moved by Dr. Guice to March 15th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the LONI Management Council, on motion of Chair Guice, seconded by Vice Chair Lawson, the meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX B

APPENDIX C