

MINUTES
LOUISIANA OPTICAL NETWORK INITIATIVE
MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

October 8, 2013

The Louisiana Optical Network Initiative (LONI) Management Council (MC) met at 2:23 p.m., Tuesday, October 8, 2013, in the North Dakota Room, 1st Floor, Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge, LA. Dr. Joel Tohline, Chair of the LONI Management Council, called the meeting to order. A roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

Council Members Present:

Mike Asoodeh
Beth Courtney
Gene Fields
Laura Levy
Charlie McMahan
Brian Nichols
Bettina Owens
Ramu Ramachandran
Uma Subramanian for Jim Purcell
Michael Stubblefield
Joel Tohline
Greg Trahan
Donnie Vandal
Rachel Vincent-Finley

Guests:

Raju Gottumukkala, ULL
Ric Simmons, LSU
Chris Marshall, UNO
Lance Neal, BoR
Gary Canzoneri, LSUHSC-NO
Jim Gershey, BoR
Angela Mastainich, BoR
Barbara Goodson, BoR

Council Members Absent:

Gene D. Amour
Dickie Howze
Thomas Lovince
Eric Setz

Guests:

Lonnie Leger, LSU
Leo Tran, Tulane
Honggao, LSU
James A. Lupo, CCT/LSU
Randy Ward, LETA
Habib Mohamadian, SUBR
Ben Blundell, ULL
Leo Tran, Tulane

Chair Joel Tohline began by welcoming Mr. Greg Trahan, the newly appointed Economic Development Advisor, to the Council. Chair Tohline asked everyone to look over the minutes. Mr. Vandal commented on the length of the minutes, explaining that there seemed to be a substantial amount of information that needed to be included in the minutes.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 8, 2013 MINUTES

On a motion from Mr. Brian Nichols, seconded by Mr. Charlie McMahon, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2013 LONI Management Council meeting.

UPDATES AND REPORTS

Dr. Tohline asked for the Network update. Mr. Vandal asked Mr. Lonnie Leger to present his regular Network Update. Mr. Leger stated that the information provided on the two-page document is the complete synopsis of current and pending projects and issues. He then asked if anyone had any questions. Mr. McMahon asked when the 100G backbone upgrade will be complete. Mr. Leger stated they hope it will be before Christmas. Mr. Vandal asked about the timeline of the LA-SIGMA HD video deployment. Mr. Leger stated the equipment has been received and tagged, and should be installed and in service by the end of the calendar year. Mr. McMahon asked if this video system will replace the Access Grid system. Mr. Leger stated that it will be in addition to Access Grid. There was additional discussion relative to LSU and Tulane and Access Grid.

Mr. Vandal observed that with all the discussion that the Council had earlier in the day, that it might be best to move forward on the agenda with any Old or New Business. Dr. Tohline agreed and briefly reviewed some of the highlights from the morning meeting. Mr. McMahon asked Dr.

Tohline about the Queen Bee replacement. Dr. Tohline stated that the Board of Regents has given the go-ahead with the replacement and it needs to be done this fiscal year, so that means it will need to be received by June 30, 2014. There was then discussion relative to the replacement of Queen Bee, data storage and Internet 2.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Vandal asked everyone to look at the proposed schedule for the 2014 Management Council meetings. He asked if the quarterly schedule for meetings is still acceptable. There was no discussion, so the quarterly meetings will continue. Mr. Vandal thanked Dr. Tohline for his service to LONI during his one year commitment as Chair. He stated that with the year coming to an end the Council needs to decide on Dr. Tohline's replacement. Mr. Vandal asked Dr. Asoodeh to lead the effort to select a new chairman at the January 2014 meeting. There was a question about the rules for the chairmanship. Mr. Vandal stated that the rule is for an expectation of a 2-year term. There was then a question from the audience about the 2014 LONI meeting dates, specifically, the April 8, 2014 date. That date conflicts with an Internet 2 annual meeting date. There was discussion of this matter and the Management Council may keep the April 8th date if it is determined there will likely be a quorum. Mr. Vandal expressed his appreciation to everyone for their participation in today's meeting, observed that it had been a long day, but there was a lot of material covered with lots of good discussion.

Under new business, Mike Asoodeh proposed that at the January meeting there be discussion and consideration of putting together work groups to pursue the major topics that emerged from the planning session. There was agreement by the Council members that this would be good to do.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before LONI Management Council, the meeting was adjourned.