

**MINUTES
LOUISIANA OPTICAL NETWORK INITIATIVE
MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

November 10, 2009

The Louisiana Optical Network Initiative (LONI) Management Council (MC) met at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 10, 2009, in the Board Conference Room 6-242 in the Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Dr. Laura Levy, Vice Chair of the LONI Management Council, called the meeting to order. A roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

Council Members Present:

Laura Levy
Ed Driesse
Mike Asoodeh
Bob Fudickar
Steve Landry
Joel Tohline
Charlie McMahon
Brian Voss

Council Members Absent:

Bradley Ebersole
Greg Speyrer
Lee Bairnsfather
Les Guice
Michael Stubblefield

Guests:

Randy Walker, DOA
Brett Brock, CISCO
Mike Kling, CISCO
Mike Thibodeaux, AT&T
Lonnie Leger, LSU
Angela Mastainich, BoR
Angie Welch,
Steve Beck, LSU
Honggao Liu, LSU/LONI
Carl Brandt, LSU/LONI
Cheryl Michelet, BoR

APPROVAL OF JULY 14, 2009 MINUTES

A correction to the minutes, Mr. Brian Voss was present at the July 14, 2009 meeting. On a motion from Dr. Joel Tohline, seconded by Dr. Steve Landry, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2009, LONI Management Council meeting.

NLR AND INTERNET 2 UPDATES

Mr. Charlie McMahon, Vice President of Information Technology and CTO for Tulane University, presented an update on the National LambdaRail (NLR). Mr. McMahon said that we dropped NLR in July which means we have no vote on the board but we do have observer status. He asked that someone else step up and serve on the board instead of him. Mr. Brian Voss asked if we were still connected to NLR and Mr. Lonnie Leger said that he has not disconnected but are scaling back to get to the disconnect status. Dr. Steve Landry asked what would happen if NLR shut us off today and Mr. Leger replied it should be “no problem”.

Mr. Brian Voss reported on Internet 2 saying, the company seems to be stable now and they are expanding their operations. The Internet2 Architecture and Operations Advisory Council (AOAC) fall member meeting is coming up and Mr. Voss said that he will not run for the board position again. If anyone would like to be on the board it is a two year term and the board does not vote on day to day operations instead it serves as governance for the board. While Mr. McMahon is optimistic about Internet 2 at this time he is somewhat worried about the fact that no money is being put aside for equipment failure down the road.

CHIEF ADVISOR REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Landry thanked Dr. Honggao Liu, Director, High Performance Computing at LSU, and Mr. Lonnie Leger, LSU, for the LONI weekly updates, then turned the report over to Mr. Lonnie Leger and Dr. Honggao Liu.

Mr. Leger reported that the ground breaking to start January 4th, 2010 for the last leg between La. Tech and ULM, a two mile run is on schedule, with a Valentine’s Day completion and has come in under budget. Circuits for Queen Bee should be delivered early December and up and running around Christmas.

Dr. Honggao Liu has increased his request for 800 services to get the southern cluster running. We have 70 million cycles now and scientists are asking for more. Dr. Liu also spoke about the four incidents where intruders were able to break into our system. He is working to keep this from happening in the future.

As far as Economic Development Mr. Leger commented that we have an animation project at LSUS with two professors involved and Disney movie being made in Lafayette involving LONI. Also NASA at Stennis is looking towards our LSU south campus to involve LONI.

At the last meeting Mr. Leger was told to find two candidates to fill network engineer positions within LONI and he has found them but is waiting on LSU to approve the positions. With the looming budget cuts and a head count taken with no new hires to be done it may be hard to get the approval needed. Ms. Laura Levy asked if these positions could go through any other institutions. Mr. Brian Voss said he would check into the hires being done through LSU.

CHIEF SCIENTIST REPORT

Dr. Mike Asoodeh reported that a proposal of approximately \$110.9 million was sent in to the Federal Government applying for the stimulus money for LONI. Dr. Asoodeh hopes to hear back from the government as to whether it is accepted by December. This money would help complete the ring from Baton Rouge up to Monroe, Bastrop, Tallulah and back down to Baton Rouge. Dr. Joel Tohline said that four other proposals for stimulus money were sent to the National Science Foundation to support Tera-Grid and Queen Bee projects through July 2011.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES

Mr. Ed Driesse said the Department of Administration (DOA) was asking for a ten year business plan for LONI.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Laura Levy asked everyone if they wanted the same meeting schedule as before, meeting every other month on the second Tuesday of the month and they agreed. So the schedule will be as follows: January 12th, March 9th, May 11th, July 13th, September 14th, and November 9th 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before LONI Management Council, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.