

**MINUTES
LOUISIANA OPTICAL NETWORK INITIATIVE
MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

March 20, 2006

The Louisiana Optical Network Initiative (LONI) Management Council (MC) met at 3:08 p.m., Monday, March 20, 2006, on the 10th floor of the LSU Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, Louisiana. Chair, Les Guice called the meeting to order. The roll was called and a quorum was established.

Council Members Present:

Les Guice, Chair
Paul Barron
Mr. Bob Fudickar
Steve Landry
Laura Levy
Dr. Brad O'Hara
Michael Ralph
Ed Seidel
Harold Silverman
Jeffery Smith
Greg Speyrer
Joel Tohline

Council Members Absent:

Michael Stubblefield
Donald Vandal

Guests:

Mike Abbiatti, Board of Regents
John Hoolahan, Bell South
Brain Voss, LSU
Lori Brannon, Cisco Systems

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 10, 2006 MINUTES

On motion of Dr. Brad O'Hara, seconded by Dr. Michael Ralph, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2006, LONI Management Council meeting.

NLR AND LONI MC LEADERSHIP BRIEFING

Dr. Guice began by asking Mike Abbiatti to give an update on NLR. Mr. Abbiatti introduced Rizwan Ahmed, the new State Chief Information Officer (CIO). Rizwan comes to the State CIO position with a great deal of successful technical, business, and state government experience. Most recently he served a dual role as the CIO for the Office of Group Benefits (OGB) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Rizwan's experience as a customer of state technology services, and a friend of postsecondary education, make him a solid proponent of LONI and the potential that LONI brings to our research community and beyond.

Next, Mr. Abbiatti told the Council that the NLR infrastructure is complete. The merger group is working with lawyers to finalize the merger. Mr. Abbiatti then told the Council that the State Office of Emergency Preparedness is looking at LONI as a way to change how hospitals can track patients and how LONI could be successful in helping.

CHIEF ADVISOR REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Guice began by thanking Mr. Paul Barron and his staff for the work done to allow the Management Council to meeting at LSU Health Sciences Center – New Orleans. Mr. Barron then thanked Kevin Hardy with the Board of Regents, and LSU for all the help in planning the event for the media.

Next, Dr. Guice asked Dr. Landry to give the technical update. Dr. Steve Landry began by telling the Management Council that he is glad for the press coverage of LONI that was presented today. Next, he told the Council that the infrastructure with DOA, DOTD, and Regents is now in other hands for legal representation and that he hopes to have everything approved by next week. Then, he told the Council that the schedule of the P5 machines is about the same and that by June the entire grid should be up. Next, Lonnie Leger told the

Council that ten routes have been awarded to Bell South and that the hope is to have everything done by the June timeframe. There was then some discussion about getting IP addresses. The Council was informed that they can now get a guest account for LONI by going to the LONI Website, clicking on request an account, and then submit the information to receive a guest account.

Next, Dr. Ed. Seidel gave the Management Council an update on research activities. Dr. Seidel began by telling the Management Council that the ongoing allocation procedures will align LONI with the Tera Grid. Next, he stated that they have software that can be aligned with the Tera Grid. Next, he told the Council that IBM has made an offer to SURA to buy the same kinds of machines as LONI and they will be run in the same model as LONI. IBM is trying to partner with high scale P5-Plus Systems.

Next, Dr. Guice asked Mr. Bob Fudickar to give the economic development update. Mr. Fudickar began by stating that the outline on policies has been

LONG-TERM LONI MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Dr. Guice told the Council that the leadership team is considering hiring additional staff in an effort to put core staff together. Next, he noted that the executive director search has not yielded the most successful results.

Next, Dr. Guice told the Council that they needed to elect a new Vice-Chair and Secretary/Treasurer. With that considered the management Council made the following motions.

On a motion of Dr. Steve Landry, seconded by Dr. Ed Siedel, the Management Council voted and unanimously elected Dr. Laura Levy from Tulane Health Sciences Center as the Vice-Chair of the LONI Management Council.

On a motion of Dr. Steve Landry, seconded by Dr. Joel Tohline, the Management Council voted and unanimously elected Dr. Michael Stubblefield from Southern University as the Secretary/Treasurer of the LONI Management Council.

PUBLIC EVENTS

Dr. Guice told the Management Council that there would be a Louisiana Health Grid Workshop this week. The workshop is part of a seed grant sponsored by National Science Foundation.

Next, Mr. Paul Barron thanked everyone for coming to Tulane for the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the LONI Management Council, the meeting adjourned at 4: 05 p.m.

