

MINUTES
LOUISIANA OPTICAL NETWORK INITIATIVE
MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

April 11, 2017

The Louisiana Optical Network Initiative (LONI) Management Council (MC) met at 1:06 p.m., Tuesday, April 11, 2017, in the Board Conference Room, 6st Floor, Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge, LA. Chair Bettina Owens called the meeting to order and asked for a roll call. A roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

Council Members Present:

Mike Asoodeh
Don Ballard (Beth Courtney)
Andrea Ballinger
Uma Subramanian
Jane Patterson (Richard Howze)
Lonnie Leger
Charlie McMahan
Bettina Owens
Ramu Ramachadran
Ram J. Ramanujam
Rachel Vincent-Finley

Council Members Absent:

Dr. Gabriel Fagbeyiro
Gene Fields
Thomas Lovince
Sherri McConnell
Tony Moore
Eric Setz
Leo Tran

Guests:

Lance Neal, LONI
Matthew LaBruyere, BoR
Ethan Bateman LSU
Gary Canzoneri – LSUHSC-NO
Ric Simmons – LSU
Patrick Keenan – LONI
Gary Mump
Frank Scroggs – Dell EML
Carl Brandy – P&N

Chair Bettina Owens introduced Ms. Ballinger, CTO at LSU, to the Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon reviewing the minutes, strike the sentence, “Lonnie and I work extensively.” From Mr. Neal’s presentation. Also on page 9, replace skin with stem. A suggestion was made to review the minutes from the education section.

On the motion of Dr. Ramanujam, seconded by Dr. Finley, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to postpone the minutes until further review.

CHIEF ADVISOR REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

- Security Working Group- Ms. Patterson stated the group did not have anything to report.
- Network Working Group – Still in progress.
- Research Working Group- Dr. Ramanujam is to create and lead this group. Dr. Ramanujam presented the information regarding a Research Working Group. See the attached document.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES

Mr. Leger conducted a presentation on future meeting dates, LONI name change, LONI website, K-12 proposal, funding model, network update, and HPC update. See attached presentation.

- Future Meetings:

On the motion of Dr. McMahon, seconded by Dr. Ramanujam, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to have meetings February, April, August, and November. Effective immediately with the next meeting occurring in August.

Previously discussed motion to move from 4 to 3 meetings has been tabled.

- Name Change:

On the motion of Mr. Leger, seconded by Dr. Ramanujam, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to change Louisiana Optical Network Initiative to Louisiana Optical Network Infrastructure.

- Website Update:

LSU went to a new platform however the Board of Regents is re-branding. LONI is currently waiting on the Board of Regents new web platform.

- K-12 proposal:

Mr. Leger will be providing the Council with a copy of the background information, FAQs, response to law and legislators. There is a proposed meeting in July to discuss the buy-in and details.

- Funding Model:

Mr. Leger has been speaking with Board of Regents' staff regarding re-formulating what we are currently doing into the network-as-a-service and not just an individual consumable service. Executive Committee will look at the funding model in detail.

- Network Update:

This past week we upgraded the capacity from LSU to Jackson, MS from 10G to 200G as well as upgraded the capacity from Jackson, MS to ULM from 10G to 100G.

- HPC Update:

We can expect that the NSF and NIH awards can be applied as network-time on LONI but there is no way to capture that information.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

- Executive Committee Nominations:

The council must be comprised of the Council's officers with 5 additional members.

- Nominees:

- Dr. Charlie McMahon
- Dr. J. Ram Ramanujam
- Dr. Ramu Ramachandran
- Ms. Andrea Ballinger
- Dr. Uma Subramanian

On the motion of Chair Owens, seconded by Mr. Leger, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to accept the Executive Committee nominations.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before LONI Management Council, Chair Owens asked for a motion for adjournment. On a motion by Chair Owens, seconded by Mr. Leger, the meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m.