

MINUTES
LOUISIANA OPTICAL NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE
MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

November 28, 2017

The Louisiana Optical Network Infrastructure (LONI) Management Council (MC) met at 1:07 p.m., Tuesday, November 28, 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
Beth Courtney
Gene Fields
Richard Howze
Lonnie Leger
Sherri McConnell
Charlie McMahon
Tony Moore
Bettina Owens
Andrea Ballinger
Ramu Ramachandran
Ram Ramanujam
Eric Setz
Leo Tran
Rachel Vincent-Finley

Council Members Absent:

Gabriel Fagbeyiro
Uma Subramanian
Thomas Lovince

Guest:

Gary Mumphrey
Patrick Keenan
Gary Canzoneri
Michael Walters
Sam White
Charles Broome
Frank Scroggs
John Borne
Ric Simmons
Lance Neal
Angela Mastainich

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On the motion of Dr. Ramachandran, seconded by Dr. Ramanujam, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Council's January and April meetings.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION ITEM:

On the motion of Ms. Ballinger, seconded by Mr. Leger, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to add Dr. Ram Ramanujam, Dr. Ramu Ramachandran, and Dr. Gene Fields to Nominating Committee starting their two-year term on 1/1/18.

On the motion of Mr. Setz, seconded by Dr. Ramanujam, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to approve to convene the LONI Management Council meetings on February 27th, May 22nd, August 28th, and November 27th in 2018.

On the motion of Mr. Fields, seconded by Mr. Asoodeh, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to approve the LONI subscription model, commonly known as LONI's Network-as-a-Service (NaaS) for FY18 and FY19.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES:

- Agreement with LSU and LONI on the use of HPC capacity to support operations of CERA during 2017 Atlantic Hurricane Season.
 - In July, Dr. Ramanujam provided a customary proposal for LONI's HPC support of the current hurricane season. Due to the cancelled meeting in August, the item was presented at the October Executive Committee meeting. The committee decided to obtain signatures from the parties of the proposal for 2017 and 2018. The Chair authorized Dr. Ramanujam and Mr. Leger to work together to accomplish this step. Dr. Ramanujam is working with Mr. Robert Twilley, LSU, to coordinate the process to obtain these signatures.
- LONI New Orleans infrastructure implementation issues
 - The City of New Orleans has made the determination that LONI is still obligated to pay the City's annual franchise fee for occupying its right-of-way. After 19 months of negotiations, we conducted a conference call with the CIOs of LSUHSC-NO, Tulane, and UNO to inform them of the situation and the potential need of their Presidents to advocate for our proposal. Our proposal to the City is to provide a combination of dedicated fiber strands in our cable and splice points in exchange of the assessed franchise fee. There was a suggestion to implement a MOU with the City of New Orleans to give availability to scale and expand.
- LONI Funding Model
 - Mr. Leger updated the Council that LONI did not meet the October 31st deadline for subscriptions. There has been an increase in subscriptions, and some community colleges are still making decisions.
- LONI value and benefits document

- Mr. Leger informed the Council that two versions of the document have been posted on Box.com. Mr. Leger is planning to produce the third version before Christmas break.
- LONI website
 - LONI has received a new website and got a new logo.
- K-12 proposal
 - **On the motion of Dr. Ramachandran, seconded by Mr. Asoodeh, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to approve Mr. Howze and Ms. McConnell to inquire on the K-12 proposal and report back to the Council.**

CHIEF ADVISOR REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Dr. Ram Ramanujam
 - Dr. Ramanujam stated that Research Working Group will start the process of obtaining current and future user input and feedback into the requirements for a QB2 replacement, and hold multiple town-hall meetings starting in December or January.
- Mr. Gene Fields
 - Mr. Fields expressed a need for long term membership to be effective. Mr. Leger has sought the assistance of the Network Technical Advisory Group in identifying the common and unique research, academic, and administrative uses of LONI.
- Ms. Sherri McConnell
 - Ms. McConnell expressed a need to reiterate the partnership between higher education and economic development, and expand in the private sector.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Leger provided the Council with an AT&T contract status update. Mr. Leger submitted a proposal to Internet2, and it was accepted to connect to Starlight. Lastly, the Chancellor of LSUS has asked for assistance and to connect to LONI.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before LONI Management Council, Chair Owens asked for a motion for adjournment. On the motion of Dr. Ramachandran, seconded by Mr. Leger, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.