MINUTES
LOUISIANA OPTICAL NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE
MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

May 22, 2018

The Louisiana Optical Network Infrastructure (LONI) Management Council (MC) met at 1:04 p.m., Tuesday, May 22, 2018, in the Board Conference Room, 6th 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 not established.

Council Members Present:
Mike Asoodeh
Beth Courtney
Gabriel Fagbeyiro
Gene Fields
Lonnie Leger
Bettina Owens
J. Ram Ramanujam
Eric Setz
Uma Subramanian
Leo Tran
Rachel Vincent-Finley
Noel Wong
John Borne (Proxy- Andrea Ballinger)
Karl Findorff (Proxy-Tony Moore)

Council Members Absent
Richard Howze
Thomas Lovince
Sherri McConnell
Ramu Ramanujam

Guest:
Gary Mumphrey
Charles Broome
Lance Neil
Angela Mastainich
Frank Scroggs
John Barcelona
Walt Organ
Steven Brand
Nayong Kim
Sam White
Ric Simmons
APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES:

On the motion of Ms. Beth Courtney, seconded by Dr. Ram Ramanujam, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the February Council minutes.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ACTION ITEM:

Chair Owens notified the Council of the Executive Committee meeting to discuss the current and future network subscription funding model. The meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2018.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES:

Mr. Leger informed the Council of the actions of LONI. Mr. Leger along with Chair Owens, Ms. Ballinger and Mr. John Borne had the opportunity of providing a representative from Senator Bill Cassidy’s office a tour of Queen B2 (QB2). LONI hosted a North Louisiana Townhall, Cybersecurity Discussion and Working Group Summit. The LONI staff is working on service projects. A timeline was provided for completed and near completed projects. Mr. Leger provided the Council with a timeline for invoicing for OpenDNS and Subscription services. The Council was informed of the vacancy and new positions in the LONI office.

CHIEF ADVISOR REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Researching Working Group: Dr. Ramanujam provided the Council with updates from the town hall meetings held in April and May to obtain feedback on a new Queen B2 (QB2). The researching group will review the surveys from the townhall. There was some researcher’s issues regarding utilization that will need to be addresses. Dr. Ramanujam gave a detailed presentation on the different kinds of nodes available and that were used in QB2. Dr. Ramanujam informed the Council of the cost of repairs of QB2, amount of usages of QB2 and the benefits of replacing it.

- Security and Networking Group: Mr. Gene Fields complimented the LONI team on a successful Working Group Summit. Mr. Lance Neal gave a detailed description of the experience of the Summit. The Summit produced 4 co-chairs for the security and networking groups and 15 sub-committees. Mr. Fields will be their direct resource to the Council. Mr. Neal will be their direct resource to the LONI office.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

Chair Owens announced that she will be retiring on July 1, 2018. Dr. Mike Asoodeh will serve as the Interim Chair.

On the motion of Mr. Leger, seconded by Mr. Noel Wong, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to approve the 2019 meeting dates of February 26th, May 21st, August 21st and December 3rd.
ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the LONI Management Council, Chair Owens asked for a motion for adjournment. On the motion of Dr. J. Ram Ramanujam, seconded by Dr. Mike Asoodeh, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.