

MINUTES
LOUISIANA OPTICAL NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE
MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

February 28, 2019

The Louisiana Optical Network Infrastructure (LONI) Management Council (MC) met at 1:05 p.m., Thursday, February 28, 2019, in the Board Conference Room, 6th Floor, Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge, LA. Dr. Mike Asoodeh, Vice Chair, 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
Andrea Ballinger
Beth Courtney
Dr. Gabriel Fagbeyiro
Gene Fields
Richard Howze
Lonnie Leger
Paul Helton
Eric Setz
Uma Subramanian
Rachel Vincent-Finley
Kenneth Boe
J. Ram Ramanujam
Noel Wong

Council Members Absent:

Thomas Lovince
Ramu Ramachandran
Leo Tran

Guest:

Lance Neal
Angela Mastainich
Gary Mumphrey
Frank Scroggs
John Barcelona
Charles Broome
Harold Boutte
Sam White
Preston Aydell
Gary Canzoneri
John Borne
Le Yan
Chad Soileau
Adrienne Crouse
Patrick Keenan

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES:

On the motion of Ms. Beth Courtney, seconded by Dr. Uma Subramanian, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the August Council minutes.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT:

Mr. Gene Fields presented the Council with the following nominations: Dr. Mike Asoodeh as Chair, Dr. Rachel Vincent Finley as Vice Chair, and Eric Setz as Secretary. The officers will serve a two-year term.

On the motion of Dr. Uma Subramanian, seconded by Mr. Lonnie Leger, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to approve the nominations committee recommendation for officers.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Strategic/Business Plan Planning Committee Report

Mr. Leger presented the statement of work (SOW) to the Council for feedback. Ms. Ballinger informed the Council of the shift in the timeline due to the committee not being finalized. There were recommendations made to the language of the statement of work (SOW). The recommendations were to add information regarding the initial funding coming from Governor Kathleen Blanco's Administration, add "service levels including reliability and quality of service" to goal 1, omit "competitive service provided" and added "value-added service provider" to goal 2, and omit "minimize total cost of ownership and be competitive in the market place" and add "maximize a return on investment."

On the motion of Dr. Uma Subramanian, seconded by Dr. Ram Ramanujam, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to accept the SOW pending the changes to the draft document agreed by the Council.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Motion to change 2020 February Meeting

The council agreed to move the 2020 February Meeting from Tuesday, February 25th to Tuesday, March 10th.

NaaS FY20 Status

There has been an improvement in signed subscriptions since November. The LONI staff is closed to finalizing the unsigned agreements. Dr. Mike Asoodeh requested the raw data and the formula for the approved FY20 Subscription Formula. He requested that the LONI staff provided the IPEDS numbers for 3 years for all the institutions, the HPC usage, and the bandwidth. The bandwidth will be internet access and the transport between the institutions. Once this information is received, a discussion can take place regarding FY21 and beyond.

HPC Quarterly Update

The ½ POD upgrade of QB2 is in the LSU procurement process. The metadata server to be replaced on March 12th.

Network Quarterly Update

Network Lifecycle Replacement is in the LSU procurement process. LONI and Regents have had positive discussions with the City of New Orleans. North Louisiana has upgraded to 31G of internet capacity. The delivery is scheduled for mid-April. South Louisiana pending upgrade to 80G of internet capacity. LONI staff has had positive discussions with the Dallas Consortium. The consortium will include Internet2, Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Kansas. LONI is

waiting to hear back from Internet2 and will work on their intent to have a consortium. This consortium will have a 200G path. The equipment has been purchased for the first path on I-20. The Interstate 10 path will be a little longer and will route to Houston. Both paths will be 200G and will provide anchors for Dallas. Router replacement underway including prerequisite space improvements. Mr. Lance Neal introduced Preston Aydell, the newest LONI employee.

Phase-2 Fiber Construction Update

Phase -2 constructions should be in full effort in all markets beginning in May. This will include Baton Rouge, Jennings, Lake Charles, Grambling, Alexandria, Shreveport, and Monroe. LONI service to Grambling was activated on December 19, 2018. There was a fiber connectivity celebration with Louisiana State University-Shreveport on February 12, 2019.

Campus Visit

LONI staff had 25 campuses visits with institutions from each of the four systems. The discussions were centered around managed router service, managed firewall service, managed private cloud platform, and managed public cloud platform. There are 12 campus visits scheduled.

CHIEF ADVISOR REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

RESEARCH WORKING GROUP

Dr. Ramanujam requested that we consider adding “Gaming” boards not graphics processing units (GPUs) in the ½ POD configuration. Dr. Ramanujam offered a strategy to get all schools to contribute to the cost of these “Gaming” boards.

SECURITY AND NETWORK WORKING GROUP REPORT

The Council was provided the data on the communication of the workgroups and the method the group uses. The trending topic for the workgroup is phishing. The LONI Summit will be April

3rd and 4th at Northwestern State University's Central Louisiana Campus on the England Air Park in Alexandria. There will be a C* Roundtable during the LONI Summit on April 3rd from 11 a.m.- 12 p.m. Dr. Asoodeh suggested that the Council attend the Summit. Mr. Leger invited the Council to present, and Mr. Fields recommended the Chief Information Officers share the information with their technologists.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Richard Howze informed the Council of the National Governors Association's National Summit on State Cybersecurity in Shreveport on May 14th -16th, 2019. Ms. Beth Courtney offered to have LPB stream the public sessions of the summit. Ms. Andrea Ballinger informed the Council that LSU will be leading the local network delivery with LONI and other schools for the Internet2 Tech Exchange on December 9th-12th in New Orleans. The next meetings are Tuesday, May 21st, Tuesday, August 27th, and Tuesday, December 3rd.

ADJOURNMENT:

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