

**MINUTES**  
**LOUISIANA OPTICAL NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE**  
**MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

August 25, 2020

The Louisiana Optical Network Infrastructure (LONI) Management Council (MC) met at 1:45 p.m., Tuesday, August 25, 2020 virtually. Dr. Mike Asoodeh, 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  
Kenneth Boe  
Beth Courtney  
Gabriel Fagbeyiro  
Gene Fields  
Terrence Ginn  
Paul Helton  
Lonnie Leger  
Ram Ramachandran  
J. Ram Ramanujam  
Eric Setz  
Rachel Vincent-Finley  
Mark Shoemaker  
Craig Woolley

**Council Members Absent:**

Richard Howze  
Noel Wong

**Guest:**

Lance Neal  
Angela Mastainich

## APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2019 MINUTES

**Mr. Eric Setz asked if there were any changes or acceptance to the minutes without any opposition. On the motion of Mr. Terrence Ginn, seconded by Mr. J. Ram Ramanujam, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the December Council meeting.**

## CHAIR BUSINESS

### Officer nomination process

Mr. Fields gave an update on the anticipated nominations for Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary positions. A new slate will be selected by the first meeting in 2021. According to the bylaws, each position is a two-year appointment, however, there will be further discussion to stagger the appointments and extend each appointment to three years.

## FY22-26 SUBSCRIPTION FORMULA RECOMMENDATION AND MOTION

The LONI Executive Director made a motion to approve the Subscription Formula as presented for FY22. The subscription formula is subject to change based on future conditions. The LONI Management Council voted unanimously to approve the Subscription Formula for FY22.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Leger reminded everyone that the meeting was being streamed live and to make sure to mute your computers when you were not speaking and to unmute when speaking. If there were any questions that you should raise your hand and pause a few seconds before speaking.

### News and Events

Due to time, Mr. Leger informed everyone to look at each exhibit and attachment online and if they have any question or concerns to contact him.

### Strategic/Business Plan Statement of Work Update

Mr. Leger informed the committee that there was a meeting on 8/25 after the current meeting to discuss the approved peer engagement by executive leaders from other state Research and Education Networks.

### PaaS FY21 Payment Status

Currently, FY21 Payment Status is doing well overall. Mr. Leger informed the committee that payment is expected by October 31, 2020.

### HPC Semi-Annual Update

Mr. Leger advised the committee to see technical report handout for a comprehensive overview of HPC.

### Network Semi-Annual Update

Activated 2<sup>nd</sup> 100G into Dallas, but not move services over due to the sensitivity of the fall semester. In the following weeks, the network operations will move to GlobalNOC starting October 1, 2020.

### PaaS Survey Results

### PaaS Update

Working diligently to prepare forecast and procurement recommendations to Regents and LSU.

### Phase-2 Fiber Construction Update

Phase 2 is almost complete.

### Phase-3 Fiber Construction Plan

Started alternative plan for institutions in New Orleans.

Dark Fiber IRU RFP

The release is pending.

CHIEF ADVISOR REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

RESEARCH WORKING GROUP

Chief Scientist – Ram Ramanujam

Chief Technology Advisor – Gene Fields

COVID-19 weekly calls are a great forum for institutions to share concepts and better prepare going forward.

Chief Economic Development Advisor Paul Helton

There was no information reported.

Call for Public Comments

There were no public comments

SECURITY AND NETWORK WORKING GROUP REPORT

Mr. Neal gave an update on the progress of the working groups:

NSWG began the current year with a series of call on April 29, 2020 and meet once a month. The returning co-chair is Summit Jain, LSU, CISO; and new co-chair, Jonathan Cockrell, LSUS, Assistance Director of IT Infrastructure.

NTAG began the current year with a series of call on May 8, 2020. Spearheaded by returning co-chair Tracy Brown, NSULA, CTO; and co-chair, Josh Young, SOWELA, IT Network Supervisor.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Helton gave a report on Resilient Louisiana Education and Training Workforce Development task force.

## OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Leger proposed the following meeting schedule:

Tuesday, December 1, 2020.

There was a plea to have a special called meeting before the scheduled December meeting to discuss the original motion for a subscription formula plan for five years. It was unanimously voted and approved to have a special called meeting October 13, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. via zoom to discuss plans and nominations.

## ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the LONI Management Council, Dr. Asoodeh asked for a motion to adjourn.

**On motion of Gene Fields, seconded by Beth Courtney the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.**