

MINUTES
LOUISIANA OPTICAL NETWORK INITIATIVE
MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

August 16, 2005

The Louisiana Optical Network Initiative (LONI) Management Council (MC) met at 2:10 p.m., Tuesday, August 16, 2005, in the 6th floor Board of Regents Conference Room in the Claiborne Building, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Chair, Les Guice called the meeting to order. The roll was called and a quorum was not established.

Council Members Present:

Les Guice, Chair
John Lawson, Vice Chair
Connie Koury
Steve Landry
Jeffery Smith
Michael Stubblefield
Donald Vandal
Joel Tohline

Council Members Absent:

David Nicklas, Secretary/Treasurer
Duane Blumberg
Laura Levy
Harold Silverman
Ed Seidel
Greg Speyrer
Victor Ukpole

Guests:

Mike Abbiatti, Board of Regents
Carl Brandt, LSU
Lori Brannon, Brannon & Associates
Bob Cashner, UNO
Gerry Catalano, IBM
Dave Crockett, IBM
Jim Cuicchi, IBM
Robert Groeneveld, Bell South
Kevin Hardy, Board of Regents
Carolyn Hargrave, LSU
Scott Klasin, IBM
Patrick Landry, ULL
Lonnie Leger, LONI
Martin Maldonado, IBM
Edward Miller, LSU
Darrell Monet, CISCO
Beth O'Quin, IBM
Jerrie Rangel, IBM
Brian Voss, LSU
Angie Welch, IBM
Scott Whittenly, UNO

APPROVAL OF JULY 26, 2005, MINUTES

No motion to approve minutes was made because of a lack of quorum.

NLR AND LONI MC LEADERSHIP BRIEFING

Chairman Guice began the meeting by recognizing the campuses representatives that were present for the presentation by IBM for grid computing.

Mike Abbiatti began by telling the presenters that attended the meeting if they had an objection to being video taped to please let him know after the meeting. Then he told the Council that the LONI-MC is increasing the pace and scope of activity as LONI moves closer to becoming a reality. Once again the power of people working together toward a common vision is proving to be the core of significant progress. He then mentioned that Chairman Guice had crafted an Executive Director Search process that is attracting an impressive array of applicants. Focusing upon a unique skillset and a variety of background experiences, the Executive Director Job description has captured the interest of professionals from across the continuum of the High Speed Computing and Grid computing communities.

Next, Mr. Abbiatti spoke of the importance of the NLR and Internet2 merger and its importance to LONI. He then mentioned that the NLR Board Meeting will be in the Regents Conference Room on September 9 and that there will be a reception at LSU the evening of the 8th.

CHIEF ADVISOR REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Landry asked Charlie McMahon to give the report. Mr. McMahon told the Council that there had been a day and a half discussion on the conceptual issues of how the P5's would be deployed. Then he told the Council that the P5's were delivered on Sunday and there now needs to be commitment from all the participating universities to bring

administration people in to learn and help. Next, he told the Council that he would like to consider hiring the staff for the administration functions and that they will be very important to getting the machines up and running.

Mr. McMahon then told the Council that they were waiting on a couple of bids from purchasing. In addition, he stated that CISCO had given LONI a 35% reduction in the list price of the optical equipment and that it was a welcome reduction. There was then discussion about the Starlight Connection and that there is a chance it might be passing light on September 8.

In the absence of Dr. Blumberg, Chairman Guice told the council that Bob Fudacore is now the LONI liaison for the Department of Economic Development.

LONG-TERM LONI MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Next, Dr. Guice told the Council that there have been several applications received for the Executive Director of LONI and they are being screened. He asked that if anyone had names to add to the candidates, to do so, there was still time. Dr. Guice then told the Council that the advisors are set up to be here on September 8 to work on providing the Council with a report regarding operational policies, staffing plan guidance, acceptable use policies, financial plans, and gathering revenue in support of LONI.

PUBLIC EVENTS

Kevin Hardy with the Board of Regents told the Council that he is working to finalize the reception plans for the LONI presentation. Also, he stated that they are trying to create a display in honor of LONI and the Governor.

MOTION

No motions were made.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the LONI Management Council, the meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.