

MINUTES
LOUISIANA OPTICAL NETWORK INITIATIVE
MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

January 10, 2006

The Louisiana Optical Network Initiative (LONI) Management Council (MC) met at 2:03 p.m., Tuesday, January 11, 2006, 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 established.

Council Members Present:

Les Guice, Chair
Mr. Bob Fudickar
Steve Landry
Laura Levy
Ed Seidel
Harold Silverman
Michael Stubblefield
Greg Speyrer
Joel Tohline (Telephone)
Donald Vandal

Council Members Absent:

Dr. Brad O'Hara
Jeffery Smith
Dr. Victor Ukpolo

Guests:

Mike Abbiatti, Board of Regents
Jeff Atkinson, IBM
Dan Ballard, LETA
Carl Brandt, LSU
Lori Brannon, Brannon & Associates
Nancy Brittle, IBM
Gerry Catalano, IBM
Dave Crockett, IBM
Robert Groeneveld, BLS
John Hardy, IBM
Sherwin Harvey, IBM
Judy Hirscheim, LSU
J. Howe, LSU
Scott Klasing, IBM
Dave Lrek, Cisco
Charlie McMahan, LSU
Ryan Mongene, Cisco
Randy Powe, SU
Michael Ralph, SUS
Mike Ralph (Substitute for Dr. Ukpolo)
Herbert Schneider, LSU
Andy Schwartz, LSU
Ron Watkins, IBM
Angie Welch, IBM

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2005, MINUTES

On motion of Dr. Steve Landry, seconded by Mr. Greg Speyrer, the LONI Management Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the December, 2005, LONI Management Council meeting.

NLR AND LONI MC LEADERSHIP BRIEFING

Dr. Guice began by recognizing IBM and thanked them for being present to give a grid computing presentation after the meeting. He then asked Mike Abbiatti to give an update on NLR.

Mike Abbiatti began by telling the Management Council that from the NLR standpoint the main focus right now is the proposed NLR and I2 merger. The process is ongoing and there have been some major transitions in the last three or four days. In the process itself the basic intent is the same, to merge Internet2 and NLR. The merger will create a new organization. With the new organization there are a number of issues associated with the merger. This morning the I2 board approved a resolution for the new direction that is proposed in the negotiations. Thursday the NLR board will meet and discuss the same resolution. Mr. Abbiatti told the Council that it was safe to say that the merger is going to happen and will impact everyone at the table. He is confident that the situation will be a positive one. He then mentioned that Lonnie and Charlie are taking advantage of NLR contracts for fiber routes and locations.

CHIEF ADVISOR REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Steve Landry began by telling the Management Council that he would ask Lonnie Leger to give an update on the status of the fiber installation. Mr. Leger told the Council that as a result of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, there is now about a 4 month schedule delay. The Baton Rouge fiber loop will hopefully be completed by January 20. This loop does exclude one part of the Southern University loop but they will have partial connectivity by the end of

January. Next, he told the Council that the New Orleans to Lafayette loop should be completed by the end of January. He mentioned that things are moving more rapidly with the addition of two new employees. Next, Charlie McMahon told the Council that Michael Lambert had been hired to help with the system administration of the P5s.

Next, Dr. Ed. Seidel gave the Management Council an update on the research activities. Dr. Seidel began by telling the Management Council that the Allocations Committee is working on a set of principles for allocation of the P5 resources. He then told the Council that the committee has not met but will have a telephone conference next week.

Next, Mr. Bob Fudickar told the Council that the need right now is to get an Executive Director for LONI. He then told the Council that he would let IBM make their presentation.

LONG-TERM LONI MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Dr. Guice told the Management Council that they are planning to have one of the Executive Director applicants back for a second interview as soon as it is possible for her to come back to Baton Rouge.

PUBLIC EVENTS

Dr. Stubblefield told the Management Council that Southern will be having a LONI Presentation May 17-19 and invited everyone to come.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the LONI Management Council, the meeting adjourned at 2: 45 p.m.