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## **ARIZONA TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION COUNCIL**

### **ATIC Board Meeting Minutes (Draft) – November 8, 2006**

#### **On-Site Attendees:**

1. Al Crawford (\*);
2. Patt Patterson (\*);
3. Mike Keeling (\*);
4. Ron Schott (\*);
5. Christopher Smith (\*);
6. Al Sterman (\*);
7. Galen Updike proxy for Chris Cummiskey (\*);
8. Frank Croan (\*);
9. Deborah Dupée;
10. Nathan Glazier;
11. Oris Friesen (\*)

#### **Attendees via Audio:**

1. Michael Cohen (\*);
2. Steve Peters (\*);
3. Jay "Flash" Miringoff (\*);
4. David Whitt;
5. Ralph Gierish (\*);
6. Sue Stoll (\*);
7. Glenn Stoneman (\*)

(\*) - ATIC Board Members - present = 15, with a quorum = 10

Many thanks to Cox Business Services for the statewide audio conference connections and to Lewis & Roca for providing meeting facilities, technical support, and hospitality.

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW:**

**\*\*\*\*\* NOTE; THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN DECEMBER.**

- **The next ATIC Board Meeting will be on January 10, 2007, 12:00-2:00 p.m. at Lewis & Roca in downtown Phoenix.**

## **Modifications to and Acceptance of Agenda Draft**

The agenda was accepted as shown below.

**MOTION: To accept the agenda as modified below.**

**MOVE: Al Sterman**

**SECOND: Al Crawford**

**Passed Unanimously**

## **ATIC Board Agenda – November 8, 2006 DRAFT Agenda**

1. Modifications to and Acceptance of Agenda Draft
2. Self-Introductions
3. Acceptance of Minutes from Last Meeting
4. Membership Considerations
5. Review of Outstanding Action Items as Documented in October 2006 Minutes.
6. Invitation to join eCLIC Advisory Board
7. Committee Reports
  - 7.1. Strategy Committee (Mike Keeling and Steve Peters)
  - 7.2. Grant Processes Task Group (Steve Peters)
  - 7.3. Vendor Advisory Committee (Frank Croan)
  - 7.4. CCEC Arizona Corporation Commission 2006 Election Debates (Steve Peters)
  - 7.5. State Government Broadband Planning and Support– GCIT Communications Infrastructure Advisory Committee (CIAC) Progress Report (Galen Updike)
  - 7.6. Cyber Security Committee Report (Jerry Crow)
  - 7.7. FCC Activities (Al Sterman)
  - 7.8. ACC Activities (Tom Campbell)
  - 7.9. Arizona Telecommunications Directory (Galen Updike, Brad Tritle, Mark Goldstein)
  - 7.10. GAZEL Report (Steve Peters)
  - 7.11. eSATS Report (Ted Kraver)
8. Monthly "General Information" Meetings (Mark Goldstein)
9. Announcements
10. Informational Presentation
  - 10.1. Mike Bernstein of Simply Bits LLC, Tucson (invited)
11. Adjourn

## **Self Introductions**

See the attendee list above.

## **Acceptance of Minutes from Last Meeting**

The minutes for the October 11<sup>th</sup> Board meeting were presented for approval and accepted.

**MOTION: To amend and accept the minutes.**

**MOVE: Frank Croan**

**SECOND: Ron Schott**

**Passed Unanimously**

## **Membership Considerations**

Nothing to report

## **Review of Outstanding Action Items as Documented in October 2006 Minutes**

Oris Friesen noted that there are 4 outstanding action items:

- → The issue of 2 levels of membership still needs to be addressed by the new Strategy Committee chaired by Steve Peters.  
No action yet.
- → The Arizona Telecommunications Directory (ATD) still needs to be reformulated and the evolution and updating of the ATD actively considered/managed. Galen Updike and Brad Tritle have this action item.  
**ACTION ITEM:**  
Galen committed to address this issue before the next Board Meeting in January 2007.
- → Mike Cohen as Treasurer has an open action item to file with the IRS for certification of ATIC's 501(c)(6) status. AT&T's 2006 sponsorship payment has been delayed pending a copy of the certification letter and may be at risk if not accomplished in a timely manner.  
**ACTION ITEM:**  
Michael committed to take action on this over the Thanksgiving holidays.
- → Mike Keeling, ATIC Chair is to provide the Centennial Vision Coalition (CVC) a letter confirming ATIC's decision to support and anticipated future participation.  
No action yet.

## **Invitation to join eCLIC Advisory Board**

Oris reported on a meeting that was held recently with Galen and Pat Lanthier, a member of the Wireless Communications Alliance based in California and a participant in the recently concluded Department of Homeland Security ITEP Project in California. Pat invited Oris and Galen, as members of ATIC, to join the Advisory Board of a newly formed Emergency Communications Leadership and Innovation Center (eCLIC). eCLIC will serve as an open forum to stimulate the advancement and widespread use of Wireless Broadband Internet Protocol (W/L-BBIP) networks for emergency services and disaster recovery management. A PDF file describing this initiative is being distributed with these minutes.

Oris noted that this is the sort of regional cooperation that the Federal Communications Commission has been encouraging, and it provides an opportunity for ATIC to share knowledge and experiences with like-minded organizations.

**MOTION: To approve ATIC representation on the eCLIC Advisory Board.**  
**MOVE: Steve Peters**  
**SECOND: Ralph Gierish**  
**Passed Unanimously**

Oris and Galen will represent ATIC on the eCLIC Advisory Board. There is no cost associated with such membership.

During this discussion the question was raised by Christopher Smith whether the Council of Regional Information Technology Associations (CRITA) has any information about funding broadband-related activity. Ron Schott agreed to look into this, as the Arizona Technology Council is a CRITA member.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Strategy Committee** (Mike Keeling and Steve Peters)  
Steve reported that a Roundtable Planning meeting will be scheduled, and that volunteers from the Board membership are requested.

Anyone interested in volunteering their services are urged to contact Steve Peters.

- **Grant Processes Task Group** (Steve Peters)  
This Task Group is part of the Strategy Committee, and it has been charged with developing a plan on how ATIC ought to evaluate and manage Grant opportunities in the future. There has been no activity on this front during the last month.

On a related Grant topic, Galen reported that he had recently spoken with Harry Hutson from the USDA's Rural Development Program, the Rural Utilities Service (RUS). He told Galen that RUS is hoping to change the parameters of the program to make it more realistic and to allow for more funds to be available to grantees. He is looking for input.

Galen suggested that ATIC should try to provide some input to Harry on this issue.

- **Vendor Advisory Committee** (Frank Croan)  
Frank reported that he has contacted 20 – 25 people, but that the response to participate was disappointing. Only about 3 or 4 vendors responded positively.

Galen observed that the Communications Infrastructure Advisory Committee (CIAC) of GITA wanted the Vendor Advisory Committee to be established within ATIC so that vendors could be contacted through the group rather than individually.

Ron Schott suggested that Frank focus on the desire of the vendors to solve the middle-mile problem and show them that joining this group would be a good way to present your solutions to a wider and like-minded audience.

Galen suggested that ATIC could send out a letter to likely vendors soliciting their assistance and participation. Frank agreed that such a letter would be helpful.

➔ **ACTION ITEM:** Mike Keeling, with assistance from Oris and Galen, will draft such a letter within the next several weeks.

- **CCEC Arizona Corporation Commission 2006 Election Debates (Steve Peters)**  
Steve is preparing the final report and gave special thanks to Mark Goldstein for his efforts in getting the DVDs created and distributed. The webcast remains available at <http://www.arizonatele.com/atic/>.

The Board gave a special round of thanks to Steve for managing and coordinating the activity and helping to bring it to a successful conclusion.

- **State Government Broadband Planning and Support- Communication Infrastructure Advisory Committee (CIAC) Progress Report (Galen Updike)**  
Galen reported that the next CIAC meeting, originally scheduled for November 21, has been postponed until sometime, a date to be determined, in December.

Galen also noted that the Governor of California has issued an Executive Order to build conduit for broadband, with the costs to be limited to construction (i.e., no fees are to be assessed for acquiring Right of Way - ROW). This policy is similar to what ATIC has been advocating. Galen observed that currently there is an \$8/foot/month ROW fee for conduits along the Oakland Bay Bridge.

- **Cyber Security Committee Report (Jerry Crow, Jeni Li)**  
Oris delivered Jerry's report on the upcoming cyber security program. The Cyber Security Committee will host the November 16<sup>th</sup> Public Information meeting. Chris Pearson of Lewis & Roca will present on the Top Ten Cyber Security risks that corporations faced in 2006.
- **Federal Communication Commission (FCC) Activities (Mark Goldstein)**  
Al Sterman reported that the FCC is interested in hearing more about our proposed roundtable plans. Relative to those plans, Steve proposed the following Motion:

**MOTION: ATIC will commit to spending up to \$5,000 to support the Roundtable**

**MOVE: Steve Peters**

**SECOND: Ralph Gierish**

**Passed with 1 Nay vote.**

- **Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) Activities (Tom Campbell)**  
No formal report this time.  
Al Sterman observed that the ACC recently gave final approval to a program designed to increase the use of renewable energy by Arizona electric utilities. The new standard requires that Arizona Public Service and Tucson Electric Power and other regulated utilities acquire 15% of their electricity from renewable sources such as wind, geothermal, biomass and solar by 2025.

Ralph Gierish asked if the ACC has an index of all the ROW issues. We asked Barry Wong about this last month and someone should follow up on this.

- **Arizona Telecommunications Directory (Galen Updike, Brad Tritle, Ralph Gierish)**  
No report this time.  
Galen committed to address this issue before the next Board Meeting in January 2007. This Action Item is documented above in the Section called "Review of Outstanding Action Items as Documented in October 2006 Minutes."
- **GAZEL Report (Steve Peters)**  
Steve noted that there is not much to report other than that a research committee has been formed and

is moving forward.

- **eSATS Report (Ted Kraver)**

Oris reported that the eLearning Task Force is developing a bill to fund eLearning in Arizona at some \$100M over ten years. The Legislative Team is shaping up, and a meeting with some education lobbyist is scheduled for tomorrow.

Mike and Oris reported on the Digital Curriculum Institute efforts that are on-going with the ASU Polytechnic campus.

Galen noted that Mark Anderson (Chair of House Education Committee) is enthusiastic about individualized learning and is interested in translating Ted's efforts into layman's language for the legislature.

### ATIC Public Meetings (Mark Goldstein)

Oris reported that the November 16, 2006, meeting will be put on by the Cyber Security Committee as mentioned above.

### Announcements

The following announcements were made:

Galen announced that a vendor has been selected for Superior. The vendor is WI-VOD who will be working with TeleSpectra. The document still needs to be signed and we are doing a region-wide search to find a Project Manager to replace Dave Evertsen.

Oris announced a new CIS280 course on Software Testing will be initiated in January at Mesa Community College. This is one of 4 courses being developed as part of a Department of Labor Grant. The course will be taught in a distance learning course environment and is open to the public. For details, please contact Oris at [oris@orisfriesen.com](mailto:oris@orisfriesen.com).

Al Sterman announced a fuel efficiency meeting (free) to be held next week on Wednesday.

Ron Schott announced the availability of a new report by the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) called "Rising Above The Gathering Storm." Energizing and Employing America for a Brighter Economic Future." It is available for download at [http://newton.nap.edu/execsumm\\_pdf/11463](http://newton.nap.edu/execsumm_pdf/11463)

Patt Patterson announced that on December 6, 2006, Community Information & Referral (CIR) will have an Open House at their new facility located at 2200 N. Central on the 6th floor. Please contact [cvm@cir.org](mailto:cvm@cir.org) for details.

Oris noted that Allan Meiusi of WI-VOD will be presenting at the International Mobile Health Association conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. The title of his presentation will be "Along the Wireless Corridor" and will deal with the WiFi ITEP Project.

Galen reported that Harvard University is considering the WiFi ITEP Project for a possible "innovation" award.

Steve announced a Border security conference to be held in Tucson, on November 13 & 14

## **Informational Presentation**

None.

**The next ATIC Board Meeting will be on January 10, 2007, 12:00-2:00 p.m. at Lewis & Roca in downtown Phoenix. ATIC Board Meeting in 2007 on Wednesdays from 12:00-2:00 PM are scheduled for:**

January 10, 2007

February 14, 2007 (Arizona Statehood Day & Valentine's Day)

March 14, 2007

April 11, 2007

May 9, 2007

June 13, 2007

July 11, 2007

September 12, 2007 (Rosh Hashanah begins at Sundown)

October 10, 2007

November 14, 2007

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.