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**ARIZONA TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION COUNCIL**

**ATIC Board Meeting Minutes (Draft) – June 13, 2007**

**On-Site Attendees:**

1. Mike Keeling (*)	2. Ron Schott (*)	3. Bob Denton
4. Oris Friesen (*)	5. Art Consoli	6. Patt Patterson (*)
7. James Allen	8. Eddie Chang proxy for GladysAnn Wells (*)	9. Al Sterman (*)
10. Ted Kraver (*)	11. Karen Kruse	12. Michael Cohen (*)
13. Ernest Franklin (*)	14. Jon Adams	

**Attendees via Audio:**

1. Mark Goldstein (*)	2. Ralph Gierish (*)	3. Jay Flash Miringoff (*)
4. Deborah Dupée	5. Ladd Vagen	6. Galen Updike proxy for Chris Cummiskey (*)
7. Jerry Crow (*)	8. Steve Peters (*)	

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

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

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW:**

- The next ATIC Board Meeting will be on July 11, 2007, 12:00-2:00 p.m. at Lewis and Roca in downtown Phoenix.

**IMPORTANT SCHEDULING NOTE:**

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

The agenda was accepted as shown below

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

**MOVE: Al Sterman**

**SECOND: Patt Patterson**

**Passed Unanimously**

## **ATIC Board Agenda – June 13, 2007 DRAFT Agenda**

1. Modifications to and Acceptance of Agenda Draft
2. Self-Introductions
3. Acceptance of Minutes from Last Meeting
4. ATIC Board Membership Considerations
5. Request to be an Affiliate (Mike Keeling and Oris Friesen)
6. ATIC Exhibit Booth at Arizona Digital Government Summit (Oris Friesen)
7. USF CAP & Broadband Expansion Letter to FCC (Mike Keeling)
8. Net Neutrality Policy Issues (Oris Friesen)
9. Review of Outstanding Action Items as Documented in May 2007 Minutes.
10. Committee Reports
  - 10.1. Strategy Committee (Mike Keeling and Steve Peters)
  - 10.2. ATIC/CIAC AZ Telecom Summit Committee (Steve Peters)
  - 10.3. GCIT CIAC Progress Report (Galen Updike)
  - 10.4. Cyber Security Committee Report (Jerry Crow)
  - 10.5. FCC Activities (Al Sterman)
  - 10.6. ACC Activities (Tom Campbell)
  - 10.7. Arizona Telecommunications Directory (Patt Patterson, Galen Updike)
  - 10.8. GAZEL Report (Steve Peters)
  - 10.9. eSATS Report (Ted Kraver)
  - 10.10. Vendor Advisory Committee (Jay "Flash" Miringoff)
11. Semi-Monthly "General Information" Meetings (Mark Goldstein)
  - 11.1 6/21/07 Joint Meeting with CIAC for Post-Summit Strategy and Planning
12. Announcements
13. Informational Presentation – at 1:40 p.m. and continuing after 2:00 p.m. live from Superior
  - 13.1 Report from the City of Superior on the WiFi Internet Project Ribbon Cutting via iLinc and Cox conferencing bridge live from The Superior Bar (Galen Updike)
14. Adjourn (and continue to monitor the WiFi Internet Project Ribbon Cutting from L&R)

## **Self Introductions**

The attendees introduced themselves (see attendance list above).

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

The minutes for the May 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting were presented for approval and accepted.

**MOTION: To accept the minutes.**

**MOVE: Patt Patterson**

**SECOND: Al Sterman**

**Passed Unanimously**

### **Membership Considerations**

Mark Goldstein reported that Deborah Dupée has expressed interest in becoming a Board member, and this will be on our agenda at the next Board meeting. With the relocation of Dave Evertsen to Texas, we need to address the status of his Board membership. Greg Binder of the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) has declined an offer to join the Board. Audrey Skidmore from the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) &/or David Heck of the City of Tempe may be interested in joining. Ralph Gierish reported that Jeff Hatch-Miller of the Arizona Corporation Commission has declined Board membership due to a potential conflict of interest.

### **Request to be an Affiliate**

Oris Friesen reviewed a request from Pat Lanthier, Chairman of the eCLIC: emergency Communications Leadership & Innovation Center in California and a member of the Wireless Communications Alliance (WCA), a northern California initiative for wireless connectivity (see [www.wca.org](http://www.wca.org)). WCA would like to list ATIC on its website as an affiliated organization. Subsequently a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between ATIC and WCA was signed. ATIC is an affiliate of WCA, and the WCA website is listed on the ATIC website. See <http://www.arizonatele.com/atic/> for the reference to WCA and see [http://www.arizonatele.com/atic/docs/ATIC\\_WCA\\_MOU%2006\\_08\\_07.pdf](http://www.arizonatele.com/atic/docs/ATIC_WCA_MOU%2006_08_07.pdf) for a copy of the MOU.

Mike Keeling observed that we need to consider formalizing regional alliances such as this one with WCA as part of our outreach efforts. Oris suggested that this should be part of the discussion of the Strategy Committee chaired by Steve Peters when it eventually addresses the issue of 2 levels of membership. (See the section on Outstanding Action Items below.)

### **Exhibit Booth at Gov Tech Forum**

Oris reported that as usual ATIC sponsored a booth in the Government Solutions Center of the recent Government Technology Executive Leadership Forum titled the Arizona Digital Government Summit (<http://www.govtech.net/events/index.php/ArizonaDGS2007>) held on May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. We thank everyone who assisted in manning the booth, including Ron Schott, Mark, Jay Flash Miringoff, Patt and Oris. Board Member and Arizona State Chief Information Officer (CIO) Chris Cummiskey delivered the welcoming remarks. Ron reported that both keynote speeches were especially good.

Mark took a number of photos that can be viewed at

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/mg-irc/sets/72157600335283217/>

Mark also reported that the Center for Digital Government will have a half-day session in the Valley on June 28<sup>th</sup> and he will explore the option for ATIC Board members to attend.

Steve Peters asked if we should create an ATIC exhibit display to be used at such functions. Mike Keeling offered to donate a fold-up display that he no longer uses and will pass along to Mark.

### **USF CAP & Broadband Expansion Letter to FCC (Mike Keeling)**

Patt Patterson reported on the formulation of a letter of comment to the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) with the assistance of Al Sterman and other members of the Board. The letter, should reference WC Docket No. 05-337, was prepared and sent before the May 31<sup>st</sup> deadline and should referencing WC Docket No. 05-337. The topic addressed deals with the nature of any proposed Universal Service Fund (USF) CAPs and implications for expanding USF to broadband services. A copy of the letter can be found at:

[http://www.arizonatele.com/atic/docs/ATIC%20FCC%20USF%20CAP%20Letter%2005\\_07.pdf](http://www.arizonatele.com/atic/docs/ATIC%20FCC%20USF%20CAP%20Letter%2005_07.pdf).

Here is a shorter and easier-to-use URL: <http://tinyurl.com/2b323t>.

Al Sterman noted that we need to stay in close touch with FCC representatives Bob Somers and Shana Greenberg Barehand as this goes forward.

Ernest Franklin reported that the Navajo Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (NTRC) also responded to the FCC on this issue. He will provide ATIC with a copy of that letter or a link on the NTRC site.

### **Net Neutrality Policy Issues (Oris Friesen)**

Oris introduced Karen Kruse of the Kruse Group. She is working with a group called Hands Off the Internet (HOTI), see <http://handsoff.org/blog/about-us>, a nationwide coalition of businesses and people united in opposition to Net Neutrality. She gave a brief overview of the HOTI position. Considerable discussion ensued concerning the definition of Net Neutrality and the benefits of being able to manage Quality of Service (QoS) and prioritize various applications traffic.

Ralph Gierish suggested that ATIC prepare a white paper dealing with the many facets of Net Neutrality.

Michael Cohen suggested that ATIC devote the September 20 Public Information meeting to a discussion of the pros and cons of Net Neutrality. We should invite representative of all sides of the issue to present or serve on a panel. Mark agreed that this is a good idea, and we will pursue it.

### **Review of Outstanding Action Items as Documented in May 2007 Minutes.**

Oris reviewed the following outstanding action items:

- The issue of 2 levels of membership still needs to be addressed by the new Strategy Committee chaired by Steve Peters. This should also include a discussion of affiliates and other regional associations.
  - No action yet due to Summit planning priorities.
  - ACTION ITEM:**
  - ➔ Will be carried forward to the July meeting. It is time to begin to address these issues.

- Michael Cohen as Treasurer has an open action item to file with the IRS for certification of ATIC's 501(c)(6) status. This affects AT&T's payment to the 2007 Summit and AT&T's 2006 sponsorship payment.  
**ACTION ITEM:**  
 ➔ Michael Cohen will complete the application and is working with Ron Schott and the Arizona Tech Council to resolve current payment issues with AT&T.
- The Arizona Telecommunications Directory (ATD) still needs to be reformulated and the evolution and updating of the ATD actively considered/managed. Galen Updike, Patt Patterson and Brad Tritle followed up on this action item with a meeting where the ultimate value of the ATD was brought into question. Mark suggested that we need to have another meeting with at least Mark and Oris being present where we can delve more deeply into such questions.  
**ACTION ITEM:**  
 ➔ Patt will take the lead here and will call another meeting, to include Galen, Ralph, Mark and Oris as well as other interested parties.

### Committee Reports

- **Strategy Committee** (Mike Keeling and Steve Peters)

The Strategy Committee report was combined with the Summit Meeting report below.

- **ATIC/CIAC AZ Telecom Summit Committee** (Steve Peters, Al Sterman)

Steve reported, preliminarily, that the Summit was successful with about 175 attendees and roughly 215 people participating overall. Financially we did a little better than "break even" with some charges still outstanding.

Steve gave a brief report on the results of the voting that took place on the actionable items to pursue. The report is being distributed with these minutes.

- **GCIT CIAC Progress Report** (Galen Updike)

Galen reported that the Governor's Council on Innovation and Technology (GCIT) has been disbanded. This means that the Communication Infrastructure Advisory Committee (CIAC), which reported to the GCIT, needs a new home. It may be moved under the Arizona Government Information Technology Agency (GITA). The Department of Commerce will be playing a more important role than in the past regarding issues such as Rights of Way (ROW), etc.

Galen reminded everyone that the project solicitations questionnaires that were distributed at the 2007 Summit should be submitted, as they are very important for gauging what activities might be pursued in the near future. They will be on the agenda of the Department of Commerce Rural Economic Development Conference in Oro Valley, near Tucson, on August 16, 2007.

- **Cyber Security Committee Report** (Jerry Crow)

Jerry reported that there is nothing new to report other than that we are still planning to host a Cyber Security session at the November 15 ATIC Public Information meeting.

- **FCC Activities** (Al Sterman)

Al reported that we will continue to keep in close touch with Bob Somers and Shana Greenberg Barehand of the Federal Communication Commission (FCC).

- **ACC Activities** (Tom Campbell)

Ernest Franklin reported on a meeting with Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) commissioners at Chinle, Arizona, last month, which was attended by various ILECs, telcos and Navajo Nation representatives. The meeting was a result of the Summit presentation. They developed an MOU with ACC to help the ILECS.

- **Arizona Telecommunications Directory** (Patt Patterson, Galen Updike)

Patt will organize a meeting in the near future to include Galen, Ralph, Mark and Oris.

- **GAZEL Report** (Steve Peters)

Steve reported that GAZEL has a newly relaunched website at <http://www.gazel.org/>.

There will be an eLearning summit on September 27, 2007, arranged similarly to the recent ATIC/CIAC Summit.

- **eSATS Report** (Ted Kraver)

Ted reported that eSATS has a newly relaunched website at <http://azelearning.net/>. It is to be an advocacy website.

Our legislation for \$4M is still in play. We need to gear up for next year.

- **Vendor Advisory Committee** (Jay “Flash” Miringoff)

Jay “Flash” Miringoff has agreed to take over as lead for the Committee and Mark provided e-mails and documents from past dialogue and communications for reference. No activity report.

### **ATIC "General Information" Meetings** (Mark Goldstein)

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The September 20<sup>th</sup> Public Meeting will focus on Net Neutrality with Michael Cohen and Mark Goldstein developing the program.

The November 15<sup>th</sup> Public Meeting will focus on Cyber Security, hosted by the ATIC Cyber Security Committee.

Public Meetings for 2008 are scheduled at Lewis & Roca for:

- February 21, 2008
- April 17, 2008
- June 19, 2008
- September 18, 2008
- November 20, 2008

### **Announcements**

#### **Informational Presentation**

- Galen Updike reported from the Town of Superior on the WI-VOD WiFi Internet Project Ribbon Cutting via iLinc and Cox conferencing bridge live from The Superior Bar. ATIC Board members on hand included Chris Cummiskey, Mark Goldstein, John Lucas, Allan Meiusi, Jay Flash Miringoff, Michael Sherman, and Gene Walker (7).
- In the words of Governor Janet Napolitano, “Because of this work, Arizona now has its own model that can be replicated in almost any rural area. Arizona communities will benefit as we continue to move Arizona’s economy toward innovation and a knowledge-based economy.” There is a related Arizona Department of Commerce press release online at <http://www.azcommerce.com/Newsroom/ViewRelease.aspx?1893> FYI. Over 200 citizens and officials attended from the community and around the state. It was a great celebration of thanks to the agencies, companies, and citizens who helped make it happen and a good time was had by all! Photos of the event by Mark Goldstein can be found on Flickr at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/mg-irc/sets/72157600375078949/>.

### **Adjourn**

**The next ATIC Board Meeting will be on July 11, 2007, 12:00-2:00 p.m. at Lewis and Roca in downtown Phoenix.**

**Remaining ATIC Board Meetings in 2007 on Wednesdays from 12:00-2:00 PM are scheduled for:**

July 11, 2007  
September 12, 2007 (Rosh Hashanah begins at Sundown)  
October 10, 2007  
November 14, 2007

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.