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**ARIZONA TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION COUNCIL**

**ATIC Board Meeting Minutes (Draft) – July 11, 2007**

**On-Site Attendees:**

|  |   |                       |
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| 1. Mike Keeling (*)                          | 2. Oris Friesen (*)                           | 3. Patt Patterson (*) |
| 4. Eddie Chang proxy for GladysAnn Wells (*) | 5. Galen Updike proxy for Chris Cummiskey (*) | 6. Tom Campbell (*)   |
| 7. Genene Walker (*)                         | 8. Mark Goldstein (*)                         | 9. Michael Cohen (*)  |
| 10. Jon Adams                                | 11. Jerry Crow (*)                            |                       |

**Attendees via Audio:**

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| 1. Al Sterman (*)                          | 2. Audrey Skidmore                    | 3. Michael Bernstein |
| 4. Dave Ziegler proxy for Connie Eitel (*) | 5. Todd Dandy proxy for Sue Stoll (*) |                      |

(\*) - ATIC Board Members - present =13, 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:**

**>>>> THERE IS NO MEETING SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 2007 <<<<<<**

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

**IN REMEMBRANCE OF  
FRANK CROAN**

It is with a sense of sadness and loss that I am reporting the recent death of one of our Board Members Frank Croan in July 2007. Frank was an active member of the ATIC Board and an always willing volunteer. He was most recently in charge of the Vendor Advisory Committee.

Frank will be missed by all of us.

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

The agenda was accepted as shown below

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

**MOVE:** Al Serman

**SECOND:** Patt Patterson

**Passed Unanimously**

## **ATIC Board Agenda – July 11, 2007 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. Review of Outstanding Action Items as Documented in June 2007 Minutes.
6. Committee Reports
  - 6.1. Strategy Committee (Mike Keeling and Steve Peters)
    - 6.1.1. DOC/GITA Broadband RFI Response
    - 6.1.2. Broadband Panel at Governor's Rural Development Response
    - 6.1.3. Committee and Policy Email List-serves
  - 6.2. ATIC/CIAC AZ Telecom Summit Committee (Steve Peters)
  - 6.3. GCIT CIAC Progress Report (Galen Updike)
  - 6.4. Cyber Security Committee Report (Jerry Crow)
  - 6.5. FCC Activities (Al Serman)
  - 6.6. ACC Activities (Tom Campbell)
  - 6.7. Arizona Telecommunications Directory (Patt Patterson, Galen Updike)
  - 6.8. GAZEL Report (Steve Peters)
  - 6.9. eSATS Report (Ted Kraver)
  - 6.10. Vendor Advisory Committee (Jay "Flash" Miringoff)
7. ATIC "Public Information" Meetings (Mark Goldstein)
  - 7.1. Sept 20 – Net Neutrality Issues and Outlook
  - 7.2. Nov 15 – CyberSecurity Committee
8. Announcements
9. Informational Presentation
  - 9.1. Simply Bits of Tucson, Mike Bernstein
10. Adjourn

## **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 from the June Meeting.**

**MOVE:** Patt Patterson

**SECOND:** Jerry Crow

**Passed Unanimously**

## **Membership Considerations**

Mark Goldstein reported that Deborah Dupée has expressed interest in becoming a Board Member. In view of the numerous activities in which she has participated and assisted ATIC in the past several months, she has earned a right to be a Board Member.

**MOTION: To accept Deborah Dupée as a member of the ATIC Board.**

**MOVE:** Mark Goldstein

**SECOND:** Oris Friesen

**Passed Unanimously**

## **Review of Outstanding Action Items as Documented in the June 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.  
**ACTION ITEM:**  
➔ As Steve Peters is absent, this will be carried forward to the September meeting. It is time to begin to address these issues.  
**This really needs to given a sense of urgency.**
- 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 reported that he expects a response from the accountant within the next few days.
- 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.  
This topic is discussed later in the meeting.

## **Committee Reports**

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

The Strategy Committee will be co-chaired by Ron Schott and Steve Peters. It will begin to ramp up activity after the summer vacations in September.

- **DOC/GITA Broadband RFI Response**

Galen Updike reported that approximately 16 responses to the Broadband Request for Information (RFI) issued by the Department of Commerce (DOC) and the Government Information Technology Agency (GITA) have been submitted to date. They will be made available for viewing by the public shortly. A majority of them can be seen at our new ATIC Strategy information list at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/atic-strategy/> in the Files Section in a folder named "June 2007 RFI Responses." (For more details on this Information List, see the section below titled "**Committee and Policy Email List-serves.**")

Mark noted that the submittal from ATIC is still in draft form. Oris agreed to distribute it to the board members for review and comment. [This has been done.] You may also review this draft on the ATIC website at [http://www.arizonatele.com/atic/docs/ATIC\\_Broadband\\_RFI\\_Response.pdf](http://www.arizonatele.com/atic/docs/ATIC_Broadband_RFI_Response.pdf).

- **Broadband Panel Governor's Rural Development Conference**

ATIC will be hosting a Broadband Panel Discussion at the Governor's Rural Development Conference in Oro Valley, Arizona on August 16.

- **Committee and Policy Email List-serves**

Mark reported that he and Steve Peters have created 2 new information list groups.

ATIC has just created two Yahoo! Groups to replace the old now non-functional Great Scott lists and to support active ATIC communications and engagement. You'll need a basic Yahoo! account (but not a Yahoo! e-mail address) to access the content and subscribe to it, a relatively painless process they'll lead you through if you don't already have one.

Please go ahead and subscribe to the ATIC-Strategy list if you are going to be active on the ATIC Strategy Committee and to the ATIC-Policy list for telecom & tech policy discussions by using the subscribe addresses given below.

The ATIC-Strategy list is initially described as follows: "The ATIC Strategy Committee Group on Yahoo! is for conducting the business of the Committee and related dialogue among participants. The Committee is Co-Chaired by Steve Peters and Ron Schott."

To subscribe send any e-mail to [atic-strategy-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:atic-strategy-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) from your desired address.

Once subscribed, to post a message send it to [atic-strategy@yahoogroups.com](mailto:atic-strategy@yahoogroups.com)

**The ATIC-Strategy group can be found online at:**

**<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/atic-strategy/>**

The ATIC-Policy list is initially described as follows: “The ATIC Policy Group on Yahoo! is for posting technology and telecommunications policy news and dialogue about related issues.”

To subscribe send an e-mail to [atic-policy-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:atic-policy-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) from your desired address.

Once subscribed, to post a message send it to [atic-policy@yahoogroups.com](mailto:atic-policy@yahoogroups.com)

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▪ **ATIC/CIAC AZ Telecom Summit Committee (Steve Peters)**

Mark reported that we are near the break-even point and are awaiting the final report and financial statement from Steve.

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

Galen reported that although the Governor’s Council on Innovation and Technology (GCIT) is not being disbanded it will be undergoing some restructuring as the Department of Commerce continues its reorganization efforts. Organizations that will be represented more directly than in the past include the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), the Arizona Land Department and the various tribal organizations. CIAC will probably not be responsible for writing new legislation. The legislation should come from the people (e.g., ATIC and/or the private sector).

There will be 2 tracks:

- (1) consensus needs to come from the affected agencies (CIAC can probably play a role here), and
- (2) the private sector needs to craft the corresponding legislation

This implies that ATIC (or someone) needs to create a committee to do this work and have a draft available by September – we could start with the legislation from last year on the ABDA. We also need to identify potential legislators to act as sponsors and begin to engage them now.

**➔ Therefore, we must form a broadband legislation committee ASAP.**

**VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME.**

**If you are interested in participating, please contact Mike Keeling.**

Oris agreed to distribute to the Extended ATIC List a copy of last year’s ABDA legislation. You may download 2 PDF documents relative to the proposed legislation at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/atic-strategy/> in the Files Section in a folder named “ABDA

Legislation - 2007." I am also distributing the files with these minutes.

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

Jerry discussed possible speakers and/or panelists for the meeting at which we are planning to host a Cyber Security session in conjunction with the November 15 ATIC Public Information meeting. Jerry suggested we may be able to get a presentation on counter-terrorism by a person from Phoenix Police department.

Other possibilities might include a person from Boeing on the Strategic Border Initiative in southern Arizona.

Jim Ryan is involved in securing a CyberSecurity czar for the state and could be a speaker at the fall meeting.

Perhaps we should also look into getting the Information Systems Security Association (ISSA) or InfraGard to co-host the meeting.

- **FCC Activities (Al Sterman)**

Al observed that there is not a great deal to report. much to report. Although it would be nice to engage the FCC somehow, we need something more concrete that we currently have.

The Rural Utilities System (formerly the Rural Electrification Administration) or RUS, of the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) is meeting on the 28th of August for a workshop in Sparks, Nevada, on rural development. Here is some information on it:

"HOW TO APPLY WORKSHOPS" - For USDA Rural Development Broadband, Community Connect, Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans & Grants. Registration information can be found at

<http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/broadband-workshops.htm>.

- **ACC Activities (Tom Campbell)**

Tom noted that recently there have been very few telecom issues – the focus of ACC has been mainly on electricity and water. Telecom will probably not be a major player in the near future because of the move toward broadband, which is not subject to regulation.

Galen asked about Qwest wanting to be free from Unbundled Network Elements (UNE) constraints. Arizona is the last state not to approve the Qwest request. Tom replied that the ACC does not seem to be paying much attention to this. Unbundling seems to have become a legacy issue – due in large part to the success of last-mile wireless.

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

Patt is reconstituting the Committee and passed out a sign-up sheet.

He has also sent an email inviting interested parties to participate. That message is being distributed with these minutes.

Galen noted that we still need to do a survey (cost = \$300K - \$500K) to find out what

broadband capabilities exist throughout Arizona.

Mark cautioned that we need to do the short term tasks immediately and that is what we should focus on in the near future.

- **GAZEL Report (Steve Peters)**

No report.

- **eSATS Report (Ted Kraver)**

Ted reported that we received \$1 million in funding this year from the legislature, and we are moving forward to build on this success.

The eSATS Advocacy URL is <http://azelearning.net/>

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

Nothing to report at this time. Jay has agree to take on the duties of this committee.

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

- The September 20<sup>th</sup> meeting will focus on a discussion of Net Neutrality Issues and Outlook  
Mark and Michael Cohen are working on this event.
- The November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting will be hosted by the ATIC CyberSecurity Committee  
See above discussion

### **Announcements**

- Genene Walker announced that she is scheduled to retire on August 3 as Pinal County IT Manager.

### **Informational Presentation**

- Simply Bits of Tucson, by Mike Bernstein  
Simply Bits was formed in 2003 as a wireless network for the Tucson area by Bradley Feeder, Joe Cracchiolo & Mike Bernstein, and has about 400 employees overall.

To view a copy of Mike’s presentation, please see <http://simplybits.com/atic/sb6/aticpres.htm>

### **Adjourn**

**The next ATIC Board Meeting will be on September 12, 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:**

October 10, 2007

November 14, 2007

Adjourned at 2:05 p.m.