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ARIZONA TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION COUNCIL

ATIC Board Meeting Minutes (Draft) – April 9, 2008

On-Site Attendees:

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| 1. Mark Goldstein (*) | 2. Oris Friesen (*) | 3. Galen Updike proxy for Chris Cumiskey (*) |
| 4. Al Sterman (*) | 5. Bob Denton | 6. Mala Muralidharan proxy for GladysAnn Wells (*) |
| 7. Ron Schott (*) | 8. Ted Kraver (*) | 9. Michael Stull |
| 10. Jay Flash (*) | 11. Ralph Gierish (*) | 12. Patt Patterson (*) |
| 13. Bill Bolin (*) | 14. Christopher Smith (*) | |

Attendees via Audio:

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| 1. Michael Cohen (*) | 2. Deborah Dupée (*) | 3. Tracy Clarke |
| 4. Jerry Crow (*) | 5. Steve Peters (*) | |

(*) - ATIC Board Members - present =16, with a quorum = 11

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

Modifications to and Acceptance of Agenda Draft

MOTION: To accept the agenda as shown below, and add a treasurer's report as a standing item beginning next month.

MOVE: Patt Patterson

Second: Ron Schott

Passed Unanimously

The agenda was accepted as shown below:

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. Review of Outstanding Action Items as Documented in March 2008 Minutes.
6. Upcoming Conferences
 - 6.1. Arizona Digital Government Summit at the Hyatt Regency on May 28-29, 2008.
 - 6.2. Governor's Rural Development Conference, Carefree, September 24-27, 2008.
 - 6.3. FCC Rural Broadband workshops in Arizona on November 20, 2008.
7. Committee Reports
 - 7.1. Strategy Committee (Ron Schott and Steve Peters)
 - 7.1.1. Status Report
 - 7.1.2. ABC Initiative (Galen Updike)
 - 7.2. CCEC Debates for ACC Candidates (Steve Peters)
 - 7.2.1. Partnership with Arizona Consumers Council.
 - 7.2.2. Partnership with Arizona Investment Council
 - 7.3. GAZEL Report (Steve Peters)
 - 7.3.1. GAZEL Summit – Final Report?
 - 7.4. Telecom Directory - ATD (Mark Goldstein)
 - 7.5. Cyber Security Committee Report (Jerry Crow)
 - 7.6. GCIT CIAC Progress Report (Galen Updike)
 - 7.7. FCC Activities (Al Serman)
 - 7.8. ACC Activities (Tom Campbell)
 - 7.9. eSATS Report (Ted Kraver)
 - 7.10. Vendor Advisory Committee (Jay "Flash" Miringoff)
8. ATIC "Public Information" Meetings (Mark Goldstein)
 - 8.1. April 17
9. Announcements
10. Informational Presentation
TBD
11. Adjourn

Self-Introductions

The attendees introduced themselves (see attendance list above).

Acceptance of Minutes from Last Meeting

The minutes for the February 13^h Board meeting were presented for approval and accepted.

MOTION: To accept the minutes from the March Meeting.

MOVE: Ralph Gierish

SECOND: Jay Flash Miringoff

Passed Unanimously

Membership Considerations

Mark reported that Christopher Smith of Cox is being redeployed. His replacement for the ATIC Board membership is Michael Stull.

MOTION: ATIC expresses special thanks Christopher Smith for his participation and extensive contributions to ATIC.

MOVE: Ralph Gierish

SECOND: Oris Friesen

Passed Unanimously

Review of Outstanding Action Items as Documented in the October 2007 Minutes.

- Galen will draft a summary of the RFI responses leading to the ABC Initiative.
→ **DONE.** The document will be distributed with these minutes.
- We need to send a reminder to the IRS about our non-profit status.
→ **ACTION ITEM:** Michael Cohen Contacted IRS directly. They are working on requests received last October, which includes our request.
- The roles of ATIC with respect to ATIC needs clarification
→ **ACTION ITEM:** The role of the Arizona Economic Resource Organization (AERO) is still being defined. Galen is waiting on that to arrange a meeting with Chris Cumiskey and the ATIC executive board to define a clear role for CIAC with respect to ATIC.

Upcoming Conferences

- The annual **Governor's Regional Rural Development Conference** is scheduled to be held at Carefree, Arizona, from September 24-27, 2008. ATIC should plan to participate.
David Drennan of DOC is the contact person.
→ Bill Bolin will contact Drennan concerning the ATIC role at this conference.
- The annual **Arizona Digital Government Summit** is coming up and will be at the Hyatt Regency on May 28-29, 2008. ATIC will man a booth as usual.

- The FCC is planning to hold one of four **Rural Broadband workshops** in Arizona on November 20, 2008. Al Sterman has reserved 6 slots for ATIC and named Mark Goldstein as the ATIC contact person. Mark plans to contact Robert Somers of the FCC shortly to discuss.

Committee Reports

- **Strategy Committee** (Mike Keeling and Steve Peters)
 - **Status Report** (Ron Schott)

Ron Schott reported that the Strategy Committee now meets regularly. There will be monthly meetings through December on the first Tuesday of each month at 10-11 a.m. All meetings will be virtual via teleconference.

Planned and on-going activities include:

 - A follow up on the recent Cox presentation and meeting that discussed Arizona rural communities for broadband accessibility.
 - Ron met with the ADOT ROW contact person is Sabra Mousavi.
 - There is a new ROW person at State Trust Lands named Robin Ojeida. Ron plans to schedule meeting with Robin.
Galen Updike and Ralph Gierish would like to attend that meeting.
 - Steve Peters wants to do some “demonstration” projects in rural communities.
 - **ABC – The Arizona Broadband Connection Initiative** (Galen Updike)

Galen reported that the ABC Initiative funds are in some jeopardy. We are pursuing, among other sources, an Economic Development Administration (EDA) Grant via the Department of Commerce to do the off-ramps.

Work has begun on a feasibility study and roadmap for the Arizona GITA Broadband Assessment activity.
- **Citizens Clean Elections Commission (CCEC) Debates for Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) Candidates.**

ATIC has a history of web-hosting statewide debates dating back to 2002. In 2004 and 2006 ATIC hosted similar debates for ACC candidates under the auspices of the Citizens Clean Elections Commission (CCEC). CCEC has requested responses from interested parties for the 2008 debates.

Steve noted that we have had several meetings and have submitted a proposal to the CCEC for conducting the ACC candidate debates. We will be doing 2 Primary Debates and 1 General debate (there are at least 8 Republican candidates and 4 Democratic candidates). We will be partnering with the Arizona Investment Council, the Arizona Consumers Council, the Arizona Technology Council and possibly some other entities.

You can download the latest details from the grovesite website at <http://www.accdebates.grovesite.com/>.

- **GAZEL Report** (Steve Peters)

There is a big fundraising Dinner and Golf Tournament on May 2 to enable the purchase of 100 XO laptops for Arizona and the San Carlos Reservation

- **Telecom Directory - ATD (Mark Goldstein)**
Mark reported that under the direction of Patt Patterson and Gene Walker we are restructuring the ATD with additional communities, new service categories and updated profile data (being done by Deborah), This should be completed within the next 2 months.

- **Cyber Security Committee Report (Jerry Crow)**
Jerry reported that we will hold a joint meeting with InfraGard on September 18, 2008, as part of the ATIC Public Information meeting. The tentative InfraGard agenda topics are::
 - Water-Wastewater infrastructure
 - ACTC – Arizona Counter Terrorism Council
 - Security in the transportation sector.
 It was suggested that we add to that an item on broadband infrastructure and security.

- **GCIT CIAC Progress Report (Galen Updike)**
Galen noted that we need to define a clear role for CIAC with respect to ATIC. The broadband authority topic is dormant and needs to be resuscitated with talks to Legislative leaders.
 - Five states are creating authorities in their legislatures. Ten others already have some form of Authority
 - Ron noted that the Singapore City State funded thir initial wireless deployment and the private sector [three companies] installed it and run it at no direct charge to the citizens. There is no service level agreement to guarantee any level of service to users. The private sector also offers additional application and SLA's and charges for same. The next deployment will be Wi-Max and the RFP is out to six private sector firms.
 - Galen recounted that Utah has intensive ads touting their broadband capabilities for businesses.
 - ATIC needs to be proactive in “educating” the Arizona legislators and other leaders on the importance of broadband promotion and development. Perhaps we could enlist John Kelly in the “education” effort.

- **FCC Activities (Al Sterman)**
Al Sterman reported that there are 3 proposals out on restructuring the Universal Service Fund (USF) nationally. They are:
 - ⊖ A new broadband fund for infrastructure
 - ⊖ A capability fund for build out and
 - ⊖ A provider of last resort
 The deadline for public comments to the FCC was April 3. The comment period has closed and ATIC did not respond.

- **ACC Activities (Tom Campbell)**
Nothing to report.

- **eSATS Report (Ted Kraver)**
Ted reported that the eLearning policy legislation is still moving forward.

- **Vendor Advisory Committee** (Jay “Flash” Miringoff)
Nothing to report. Jay Flash and Ron plan to meet to decide on next steps.

ATIC "Public Information" Meetings (Mark Goldstein)

- Deborah Dupée reported that Derek White of Gila River Telecommunications and President of the National Tribal Telecommunications Association might speak at the June 19 meeting. Mark reported that Dan Gilmore of San Jose has joined ASU at their entrepreneurial organization and may also speak at the June 19 meeting
- The September 18th meeting will focus on cyber-security.
- The November 20th meeting will be held in conjunction with the FCC workshop in Arizona.

Announcements

- Galen reported that the Navajo Nation is in a serious situation, as the OnSat satellite service has been discontinued. The vendor OnSAT shut down the system due to a payment dispute.
 - Ron declared that ATIC is ready to help in any way it can if Ernest Franklin or anyone else should ask for assistance.
- Oris announced that two innovative on-line Software Quality Assurance classes start next week at Mesa Community College.
There is more information at <http://aitsti.bii.maricopa.edu/homepage/>.
- Ron asked for support for the bill that The Arizona Technology Council is sponsoring, which is HB2653 (R&D Tax Credits). You can voice your support online at <http://www.azleg.state.az.us/>.
- Ron announced there will be a Wine & Wii event for Junior Achievement on June 5 at Scottsdale Hilton. For details, see <http://www.aztechcouncil.org/>.

Informational Presentation

None

Adjourn

Adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

The next ATIC Board Meeting will be on May 14, 2008, 12:00-2:00 p.m. at Lewis and Roca in downtown Phoenix.

Remaining ATIC Board & Public Meeting Dates for 2008

ATIC Board Meeting on Wednesdays from 12:00-2:00 PM

May 14, 2008
June 11, 2008
July 9, 2008
September 10, 2008
October 8, 2008
November 12, 2008

ATIC Public Meeting on Thursdays 2:00-4:00 PM

June 19, 2008
September 18, 2008
November 20, 2008