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ARIZONA TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION COUNCIL

ATIC Board Meeting Minutes (Draft) – September 10, 2008

On-Site Attendees:

1. Ron Schott (*)	2. Oris Friesen (*)	3. Patt Patterson (*)
4. Galen Updike proxy for Chris Cummiskey (*)	5. Michael Cohen (*)	6. Jerry Crow (*)
7. Ralph Gierish (*)	8. Jon Adams (*)	9. John Stevens
10. Michael Stull (*)	11. Al Sterman (*)	12. Mike keeling (*)

Attendees via Audio:

1. Steve Peters (*)	2. Deborah Dupée (*)	3. Mark Goldstein (*)
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(*) - ATIC Board Members - present =14, 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 modified below.

MOVE: Ralph Gierish

SECOND: Jon Adams

Passed Unanimously

The agenda was accepted as modified below:

DRAFT Agenda

1. Modifications to and Acceptance of Agenda Draft
2. Self-Introductions
3. Acceptance of Minutes from Last Meeting
4. Treasurer's Report
5. ATIC Board Membership Considerations
6. Review of Outstanding Action Items as Documented in July 2008 Minutes.
7. Upcoming Conferences
 - 7.1. Governor's Rural Development Conference, Carefree, September 24-27, 2008.
 - 7.2. FCC Rural Broadband workshops in Arizona on November 20, 2008.
8. Committee Reports
 - 8.1. Cyber Security Committee Report (Jerry Crow)
 - 8.2. Strategy Committee (Ron Schott and Steve Peters)
 - 8.2.1. Status Report
 - 8.2.2. ABC Initiative (Galen Updike)
 - 8.3. CCEC Debates for ACC Candidates (Steve Peters)
 - 8.4. GCIT CIAC Progress Report (Galen Updike)
 - 8.4.1. GITA Broadband Assessment Study (Mark Goldstein)
 - 8.5. Telecom Directory - ATD (Mark Goldstein)
 - 8.6. GAZEL Report (Steve Peters)
 - 8.7. FCC Activities (Al Sterman)
 - 8.8. ACC Activities (Tom Campbell)
 - 8.9. eSATS and AZ eLearning Task Force Report (Ted Kraver)
 - 8.10. Vendor Advisory Committee (Jay "Flash" Miringoff)
9. ATIC "Public Information" Meetings (Mark Goldstein)
 - 9.1. September 18, 2008
 - 9.2. November 20, 2008
10. Announcements
11. Informational Presentation

John Stevens, Arizona Wireless Association
12. Adjourn

Self-Introductions

The attendees introduced themselves (see attendance list above).

Acceptance of Minutes from Last Meeting

The minutes for the July 9th Board meeting were presented for approval and accepted.

MOTION: To accept the minutes from the July Meeting.

MOVE: Patt Patterson

SECOND: Mike Keeling

Passed Unanimously

Treasurer's Report

Michael Cohen reported on the ATIC finances.

Currently ATIC

Has \$1700 in Savings

Has more than \$2500 in bills outstanding (waiting for CCEC reimbursement for Debates activity = about \$25K)

Has been receiving very little income

Ron Schott is engaging AT&T about funding and representation at the Board Meetings.

Membership Considerations

Mark reported there was nothing new on this front. We are still waiting to hear from ASU.

Review of Outstanding Action Items as Documented in the July 2008 Minutes.

- 3 items were carried over from the last meeting
 - What is happening to CIAC? Galen Updike is investigating the future role of CIAC, especially as it relates to ATIC.
➔ **ACTION ITEM:** No action yet – still pending. See discussion below.
 - The Strategy page on the ATIC website needs to be update by Mark.
➔ **ACTION ITEM:** No completion yet – pending.
 - A Vendor Advisory Committee will be established by Ron Scott.
Ron has engaged some people.
➔ **ACTION ITEM:** No completion yet -- pending

Upcoming Conferences

- The annual **Governor's Regional Rural Development Conference** is scheduled to be held at Carefree, Arizona, from September 24-27, 2008. More information is available on the Commerce website at <http://www.azcommerce.com/CommAsst/RuralDev/RDC.htm>.

There will be a session on rural broadband development, Rosalyn (Roz) Boxer and Dave Drennan are planning to organize a worldwide interactive panel that looks at communities and highlights some of the things that are occurring. They will be doing a dry run soon, and Galen is helping out on that. A problem is that Gene Fisher of La Paz County lost the election by one

vote. Galen is trying to get Superior involved. The Superior wireless project has been selected as one of the finalists for an award.

- The FCC continues to plan to hold one of four **Rural Broadband workshops** in Arizona on or near November 20, 2008. This is a joint workshop with the Department of Agriculture (USDA). Al Sterman was in Washington, D.C. with others who are finalizing the program. They are interested in working with us. The program is set. It is a standard program that they have conducted throughout the country. Austin is the next meeting just prior to the one in Phoenix. The focus is on communities rather than companies, although companies are welcome to participate.

The FCC is looking for a venue for the meeting. Possibilities are UAT, Rio Salado, ASU Downtown, etc. This will be finalized after the Austin mtg. in about 2 weeks from now.

➔ Al Sterman and Mark Goldstein have the action to follow up on this activity

Committee Reports

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

Jerry reported that 40-some people have RSVPed to attend a joint meeting with InfraGard on September 18, 2008, as part of the ATIC Public Information meeting.

The presenters will include Mary Beth Joubanc, the Chief Privacy Officer of Arizona who is employed by GITA; Mark Lee of the Arizona Counter Terrorism Information Center (ACTIC); and possibly Jeremy Rowe of the U of Arizona Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Center of Excellence.

Jerry raised two potential issues for which he asked for ATIC approval:

- Is it all right for InfraGard to have an informational table for InfraGard publicity?
The answer is: Yes.
- The FBI has a charitable organization that sells FBI memorabilia. Is it all right for them to sell such items at the meeting?
The answer is: Yes.

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

- **Status Report** (Ron Schott)

Ron Schott reported on the most recent Strategy Committee meeting held on September 2, 2008.

Ralph Gierish is to follow up on a meeting with Jeff Hatch-Miller and provide him with a copy of the 1995 telecom report, prepared by Al Crawford and Ted Kraver. The intent is to explore the possibility of Hatch-Miller leading the development of a similar report.

Ron briefed the committee on a meeting he had with John Stevens, the current President of the Arizona Wireless Association. John will be giving an Informational Presentation to the ATIC Board.

Ron briefly discussed the private sector proposal brought by John Egan, formerly of Cox, now CEO of FundEd, LLC to offer a private sector solution to help the state fix the E-Rate problem. Galen then gave an update on the public sector approach. Although both private and public approaches are focused to solve the same problem, the two approaches might be complementary and/or overlap and conflict in some areas. The issue of “Right of Way” should be a 2008-2009 focus. Ralph suggested the formation of a “Right of Way” subcommittee. Ralph will follow up.

Steve Peters continued discussion from the past meeting to get volunteers to sign up for the various focus areas now listed on the ATIC Grove site and which can be downloaded as: “ATIC Strategy Committee Plan June 08.pdf” (especially pages 5 and 7) at <http://www.aticstrategy.grovesite.com/page.asp?o=gazel&s=ATICStrategy&p=220775>

Galen briefed the group on the status of the Arizona Broadband Development Authority.

- **ABC – The Arizona Broadband Connection Initiative (Galen Updike)**
Galen still plans to summarize the CIAC activities for the last 18 months in a document.

Galen reported that The Arizona Broadband Development Authority is now considered to be a high priority item for GITA. The Arizona Broadband Connection Initiative (ABCI) depends on whether the Governor will accept the Broadband Development Authority proposal with these three components:

- ABCI
 - E-rate
 - Arizona state Telco survey.
- We may hear by the end of this week.

- **Citizens Clean Elections Commission (CCEC) Debates for Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) Candidates.**

Steve reported that we had a good turnout on July 15, and about 60 people attended in person. September 15 is the date for the General Election debate, which will be webcast and made available for Cox 30-minute TV broadcast.

Mark noted that instead of a sign language interpreter in the room, we will have a text caption entered live. The Spanish translation will be available later as a Secondary Audio Programming (SAP) option.

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

Galen observed that CIAC is somewhat independent of the Arizona Broadband Development Authority (ABDA) bill. ABDA would eventually subsume CIAC, but CIAC still needs to function in the interim, since the **Arizona** Economic Resource Organization (AERO) functions have not yet been defined.

Ralph Gierish volunteered to head up a Rights of Way (ROW) subcommittee for ATIC.

MOTION: To create a Rights of Way (ROW) subcommittee with Ralph Gierish as the Chair.

MOVE: Michael Cohn

SECOND: Al Sterman

Passed Unanimously

○ **GITA Broadband Assessment Study (GBAS)**

Mark reported that the GBAS report is near completion. It should be completed in the next 8-10 working days, and we should try to meet with Chris Cummiskey next week sometime.

• **Telecom Directory - ATD** (Mark Goldstein)

Mark reported that this is on hold until the GBAS project is completed.

• **GAZEL, eSATS and Arizona eLearning Task Force Report** (Ted Kraver)|

Steve reported that there will be a mixer and presentation on October 22, 2008, at the Air Force Lab on the ASU Polytechnic campus.

▪ **FCC Activities** (Al Sterman)

See above item on **Rural Broadband workshops** in the Upcoming Conferences Section.

▪ **ACC Activities** (Tom Campbell)

No report

▪ **Vendor Advisory Committee** (Jay "Flash" Miringoff, Ron Schott)

Nothing new to report.

Ron noted that there will be an executive planning committee with John Kelly on where we go into the future.

ATIC "Public Information" Meetings (Mark Goldstein)

- The September 18th meeting will focus on cyber-security.
- The November 20th meeting will be held in conjunction with the FCC workshop in Arizona, and the date may change depending on the logistics.

A full schedule of ATIC meetings for the rest of 2008 and all of 2009 is included at the end of these minutes.

Announcements

- Oris announced that Mesa Community College, as part of a partnership with IBM, is offering 2 On-Line 8-Week Classes (3 credits each) in Engineering Quality in Software Development (CIS248) and Software Test and Quality Assurance (CIS249) that will begin the week of 10/20/2008.

For more details and registration information, see the website at <http://aitsti.bii.maricopa.edu/homepage/> or contact Dr. Oris Friesen at oris.friesen@mcmail.maricopa.edu or 602-992-4504.

- **Galen made a plea to ATIC concerning the viability of the Telecommunications Open**

Partnerships for Arizona (TOPAZ) policy of aggregation and anchor tenants. He said that ATIC must begin taking positions on a number of policy items such as this.

- **Mark reported on the upcoming** Arizona Consumers Council 9/23 8:30 – 4 pm meeting at the Mountain Preserve in Sunnyslope on how to protect your info online. Information is on the website at <http://www.azconsumer.org/>.
- Ron Schott announced the Arizona Technology Council has a lot happening and encouraged people to go to their website at <http://www.aztechcouncil.org/>.

Informational Presentation

John Stevens, President of the Arizona Wireless Association (AWA) at <http://azwa.org/> led an informative discussion on the nature of his organization.

The AWA grew from the Personal Communications Industry Association (PCIA), which subsequently renamed themselves as the Wireless Infrastructure Association.

The AWA is about two and one-half years old with roughly 500 members representing 275 companies, including all types of vendors.

The AWA charter includes

- (1) Internal networking and education;
- (2) Community outreach (we have presented to Planning and Zoning Associations in Tucson, Gilbert, etc.), educational events with speakers; and
- (3) Charitable giving -- associated with all of our events.

The AWA is a volunteer association, and invites all of ATIC's members to attend our meetings

Adjourn

Adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

The next ATIC Board Meeting will be on October 8, 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

October 8, 2008

November 12, 2008

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

September 18, 2008

November 20, 2008

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ATIC Board & Public Meeting Dates for 2009

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

January 14, 2009

February 11, 2009

March 11, 2009

April 8, 2009

May 14, 2009

June 10, 2009

July 8, 2009

September 9, 2009

October 14, 2009

November 18, 2009 – Veterans Day is on Nov 11th

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

February 19, 2009

April 16, 2009

June 18, 2009

September 17, 2009

November 19, 2009 -- Thanksgiving on is on Nov 26th

