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ARIZONA TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION COUNCIL

ATIC Board Meeting Minutes (Draft) – March 11, 2009

On-Site Attendees:

1. Ron Schott (*)	2. Oris Friesen (*)	3. Gary Emmett
4. Michael Stull (*)	5. Michael Cohen (*)	6. Jerry Crow (*)
7. Tom Thomas proxy for Susan Stoll (*)	8. Patt Patterson	9. Susan Blixt Proxy for GladysAnn Wells (*)
10. Zeke Cohen		

Attendees via Audio:

1. Steve Peters (*)	2. Mike Keeling (*)	3. Allan Meiusi (*)
4. Ralph Gierish (*)	5. Al Sterman (*)	6. Nicky Muradoglu
7. Deborah Dupée (*)	8. Jeremy Rowe (*)	9. Sherri Siko
10. Bruce Lehman	11. Mike Bernstein	12. Galen Updike proxy for Max Ivey (*)
13. Roz Boxer		

(*) - 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

Modifications to and Acceptance of Agenda Draft

MOTION: To accept the agenda as shown below.

MOVE: Ralph Gierish

SECOND: Al Sterman

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. Treasurer's Report
5. ATIC Board Membership Considerations
6. Review of Outstanding Action Items as Documented in February 2009 Minutes.
 - 6.1. (1) Website Strategy Page; (2) Vendor Advisory Committee
7. Upcoming Conferences
8. Committee Reports
 - 8.1. Strategy Committee (Ron Schott and Steve Peters)
 - 8.1.1. Status Report
 - 8.2. GITA Activities (Galen Updike)
 - 8.2.1. Federal Stimulus Package on Broadband
 - 8.3. Cyber Security Committee Report (Jerry Crow)
 - 8.4. Telecom Directory - ATD (Mark Goldstein)
 - 8.5. Federal (USDA, FCC, NTIA) Activities (Al Sterman)
 - 8.6. ACC Activities (Mike Hallam)
 - 8.7. GAZEL Report (Steve Peters)
 - 8.8. eSATS and AZ eLearning Task Force Report (Ted Kraver)
 - 8.9. Vendor Advisory Committee (Jay "Flash" Miringoff, Ron Schott)
 - 8.9.1. ROW Subcommittee Report
9. ATIC "Public Information" Meetings (Mark Goldstein)
 - 9.1. April 16, 2009
10. Announcements
11. Informational Presentation

None
12. Adjourn

Self-Introductions

The attendees introduced themselves (see attendance list above).

Acceptance of Minutes from Last Meeting

The minutes for the February 11th Board meeting were submitted for approval with 2 corrections from Ron Schott.

MOTION: To accept the minutes for the February 11, 2009, Board Meeting.

MOVE: Ron Schott

SECOND: Oris Friesen
Passed Unanimously

Treasurer's Report

Michael Cohen reported that ATIC has

- \$6743 in the checking account
 - \$11225 in the savings account
 - \$5751 in CD-1
 - \$5669 in CD-2
- Total: \$29390

Membership Considerations

Deb reported that Deswood Tome apparently has replaced Ernest Franklin as Executive Director of Navajo Nation Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (NNTRC).

Susan Blixt of Library & Archives reported that GladysAnn Wells plans to continue as an ATIC Board Member in spite of recent budget cut impacts.

Review of Outstanding Action Items as Documented in the February 2009 Minutes.

- 2 items were listed as being carried over from the last meeting
 - The Strategy page on the ATIC website needs to be updated by Mark.
➔ **ACTION ITEM:** No action yet – Mark will address this as time permits.
 - A Vendor Advisory Committee will be established by Ron Scott.
Ron has engaged several vendors and volunteers.
➔ **ACTION ITEM:** Ron has prepared an invitation to be sent to all the ATIC Associates and will upload it to the Strategy Committee Files folder for Oris to distribute to the Board and Associates.

Upcoming and Recent Conferences

- There will be a Business & IT Expo in Tucson on April 14 sponsored by the Arizona Tech Council (AZTC). It will feature the selection of a CIO of the year.
- The ATIC Board Members have been invited to attend a presentation by Ray Kurzweil at the University of Advancing Technology (UAT) on May 1.
- The Government Technology Arizona Digital Government Summit will be held in Phoenix at the Hyatt Regency on May 27 – 28, 2009. For more information see <http://www.govtech.com/events/arizonadgs2009>.
- The annual Governor's Rural Development Conference will be hosted by the City of Litchfield Park. The Wigwam Resort will be the site for conference sessions, August 26-28, 2009.

Recent Conferences:

- The Western States Health-e Connection Summit & Trade Show, March 2nd and 3rd, 2009. Ron Schott and Ralph Gierish attended and helped man an exhibit booth.

Committee Reports

▪ **Strategy Committee** (Ron Schott and Steve Peters)

- The Strategy Committee is meeting on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays for a while to keep abreast of the economic stimulus package progress and statewide organizational changes.
- Ron gave a brief report on a recent Cisco sponsored Webinar dealing with the federal stimulus package. Which includes about \$2.5B for telecom broadband in rural communities.
- Galen reported from Washington, D.C., where he was attending meetings on the stimulus package and its relevance to broadband telecommunications sponsored by the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Utilities Service (RUS) and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). He also met with National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) representatives. The main message that Galen had to deliver was that the federal government is very serious about getting input from stakeholders across the United States.

Toward that end two meetings seeking comments and suggestions are planned for the following week:

- One will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada, on March 17. Arizona. Attendees from Arizona and/or ATIC are needed.
- The other will be held in Flagstaff, Arizona, on March 18, and is being organized by Harry Hutson of RUS.

Notices of Funds Availability (NOFA) are planned to be issued prior to June.

- With respect to the question of how to leverage the \$350M targeted for mapping and possibly apply it to our plans to develop a GIS Broadband Accessibility map for Arizona, Galen suggested that we reach out to all of the states we contacted during the production of the "Broadband Assessment GIS Study" (GBAS) and work with them.
- Jeremy Rowe of Arizona State University (ASU) indicated that ASU is interested in the smart electric grid as a potential funding source. He wondered if there is any linkage between the Department of Education and the 2.5 GHz spectrum activities.
- Galen indicated that he has not seen any information at the D.C. meetings about the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), which administers the e-rate program. He noted that someone from Massachusetts had reported that 80% of inner-city Boston students do not have Internet access. This is similar to the situation in

Washington, D.C. and Tucson, Arizona.

- Ron Schott reported on a recent economic development meeting he had attended that was hosted by Tom Doyle of the Arizona Department of Commerce. He was struck by the reluctance of the participants to share information that would make e-rate participation less arduous.
 - Nicky Muradoglu wondered why Arizona is so far behind the rest of the world in Internet and broadband capabilities.
 - Steve Peters reported that he has modified the recent Arizona Broadband Council fact sheet to focus on the implementation priorities, and he reviewed the document. This will be considered at the next Strategy Committee meeting.
- **GITA Activities** (Galen Updike)
 - Federal Stimulus Package on Broadband

Galen had nothing more to report here other than that he was encouraged by the level of interest that has been expressed by the Governor and her office.
- **Cyber Security Committee Report** (Jerry Crow)
 - Jerry confirmed the November 19th public information meeting date for a joint meeting with InfraGard.

Galen noted that Jim Ryan at GITA has replaced David VanderNaalt as Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) for Arizona.
- **Telecom Directory - ATD** (Mark Goldstein)
 - Oris had nothing new to report.
- **Federal (USDA, FCC & NTIA) Activities** (Al Sterman)
 - Al had nothing new to report.
- **ACC Activities** (Mike Hallam)
 - There is no telecom activity right now as the focus is on renewable energy issues.
- **GAZEL, eSATS and Arizona eLearning Task Force Report** (Ted Kraver)
 - Steve noted that on March 12 there will be a GAZEL meeting at SkySong.

- **Vendor Advisory Committee** (Jay “Flash” Miringoff, Ron Schott)
 - We plan to issue an invitation to join the Vendor Advisory Committee.
 - We have had several meetings with representatives from La Paz County.
 - Nothing to report on the ROW issues.

ATIC "Public Information" Meetings (Mark Goldstein)

- The February 19, 2009 - 6th Annual Arizona Technology & Telecom Policy Review was a real success. Details can be found at <http://www.arizonatele.com/atic/meetings.html>.
- April 16, 2009 - Program Pending.
 - ➔ Oris issued a call for suggestions for a theme and/or presenters. Please send suggestions to Mark Goldstein.
- June 18, 2009 - Program Pending
- September 17, 2009 Program Pending
- November 19, 2009 - Cyber Security joint meeting with InfraGard

Announcements

- Michael Cohen announced the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) will hold The NAB Show on April 18 - 23, 2009, in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- Patt Patterson announced the increasingly important role of Health Information Technology (HIT) – for upcoming events, see <http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/comingup.html>. Ralph Gierish spoke about the HIT program’s universal sharing of data.
- Ron Schott distributed copies of the latest issue of *TechConnect*, which focuses on optics in Arizona.

Informational Presentation

None

Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM

The next ATIC Board Meeting will be on April 8, 2009, 12:00-2:00 p.m. at Lewis and Roca in downtown Phoenix.

ATIC Board & Public Meeting Dates for 2009

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

April 8, 2009
May 13, 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

April 16, 2009
June 18, 2009
September 17, 2009
November 19, 2009 -- Thanksgiving on is on Nov 26th