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Participants: George Thoma, David Lassner, Alan Whitney, Parvati Dev, Cliff Lynch, Vijay Kumar, Mike McGill, Jill Arnold, Cheryl Munn-Fremon, Russ Hobby, Ann Doyle, Terri Saarinen - scribe,

Unable to Participate: Egon Verharen or Jacqueline Brown, Alan Blatecky, Steve Corbato)

Review of Agenda -

The work of the two Groups A & B, chartered by NLR and Internet2 to look at future networking and organizational needs is building to a crescendo. Group B report is out and David is interested in talking about what we think the non-building the network part the new enterprise should look like. His personal observation is the people dedicated to the restructuring committee are not interested in applications and users.

Getting started: Group B recommends the merger of NLR and Internet2. Proposed Board will consist of 40 people, five committees of the board were outlined, as were four councils like the current council model. Applications Strategy Council and Science Research Council as balance to the Network Research Council - the big science folks. ASC is small science, teaching and learning (or big science not related to grids). What do we think?

A long discussion occurred about the reasons for the Group B recommendation and next steps. There are still many decisions to be made, but agreement from both boards to proceed with the merger is needed, then additional details will come out.

The ASC should provide a vision for the communities they represent to say what they would like from a combined organization. What would we like the ASC to be, what does this community want to have? What do the communities you represent need from a converged organization? David said it's unclear how much of an applications effort there will be. Back to the basics of building the network seems to be the focus. He is concerned that most people on most campuses haven't used what has been provided already. He is concerned about the amount of attention paid to a small portion of constituency. Alan Whitney agrees totally. There is a big barrier for a lot of people who don't have technical expertise to use the internet. Without support, there is still a barrier for many to make good use of Internet2. Ecosystem view is that responsibility can take place at different levels.

The ASC is in a position to provide input now at the beginning of the decision to move forward with the merger or not. We need to think about the users and what they need and the implications for the types of membership, financial structures and services that a combined organization might provide. Many of the activities that have sprung from the ASC are critical to the community: CETF and RTC are two examples. A vision of Teaching and Learning needs to be included in the vision for a new organization.

The Internet2 board meets to talk about this June 30 and to pass a resolution to go ahead with the merger planning. David would like to share something from the ASC prior to that meeting about concerns for applications/users.

To Do: A resolution supporting going ahead with merger planning and describing the ASC concerns will be drafted and forwarded to the Internet2 board prior to June 30.

Activity Updates

RTC: Tyler Johnson is moving this group forward. Members include:

Dennis Baron, MIT

Markus Buchhorn, ANU

Ben Chinowsky (scribe), Internet2

Tammy Closs, Georgetown

Phillip Galvez, CalTech

Jill Gemmill, University of Alabama Birmingham

Gwen Jacobs, Montana State University

Tyler Johnson (chair), UNC

Ivan Judson, Argonne National Laboratory

Deke Kassabian, University of Pennsylvania

Steve Kingham, AARNet

Walt Magnussen, Texas A&M

Steve Smith, University of Alaska

Ben Teitelbaum, Internet2

Mary Trauner, Georgia Tech

Jonathan Tyman (flywheel), Internet2

Egon Verharen, SurfNet

Garret Yoshimi, Univesity of Hawaii

RTC bi-weekly meetings have been scheduled thru FMM 05. Using Sakai from University of Michigan, RTC workspace and webspace is active and is holding docs and discussion groups.

Teaching & Learning - Ann said the next meeting is set up for July. A Face to face meeting is planned for FMM05.

July 27 ASC Monthly call will be postponed until August 3.

Call ended 1:55 PM

Next Future Meetings

July 27, 2005

August 24, 2005

September 19, 2005 Tentative Face to Face at Fall Member Meeting

September 28, 2005

October 26, 2005

December 7, 2005