

Resolution: New Internet2 Membership Model – Postponement of Implementation

Whereas: The new Internet2 Network AUP opens up opportunities for network use by a broader range of organizations in the US research and education community and therefore can stimulate growth and innovation in scientific, technical, research, educational, and commercial endeavors, and

Whereas: The current Internet2 membership structure is ten years old and is due for a review to ensure that Internet2 is well positioned for the future, and there are dependencies between Internet2 membership and Internet2 network participation, and

Whereas: The new Internet2 Network infrastructure enables new kinds and mixtures of services and capabilities, and

Whereas: NPPAC has worked actively on the development of a revised membership and network participation structure for Internet2 for 2008 and forward over the past four months, during which time advice and reaction have been sought from key stakeholders, such as state and regional networking organizations as well as current members, in the development and implementation plans, and

Whereas: State and regional networks, especially those serving as connectors to the Internet2 national backbone, are essential partners in the delivery of responsive, reliable and leading-edge infrastructure to Internet2 members, and feedback received from these organizations has indicated that there may be significant effects on current business models and plans that need to be taken into consideration in designing the new model, and

Whereas: The GNC is actively engaged in making recommendations to the Board regarding a new and more inclusive governance structure, and

Whereas: Internet2 has to announce membership and network participation fees for the 2008 year by early winter 2007,

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved that

- 1) The full implementation of a new membership model be postponed to no sooner than January 2009, and that the Internet2 Board should be responsible for convening the appropriate committee(s) to continue work on the membership model; and
- 2) The non-conflicted members of NPPAC consider a staff proposal for 2008 membership and network participation fees based on the current membership and network participation structure, and provide advice to the Internet2 Board regarding these fees for action at their January 2007 meeting.