

**PACIFIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS - REGULAR MEETING**

**Wednesday, May 16, 2007**

**2:30 - 3:30 PM Hawaiian Standard Time (GMT-10)**

Pacific Telecommunications Council  
**Board of Governors**  
16 May 2007  
Conference Call Meeting  
**MINUTES**

**Participants**

**Board of Governors:**

David Lassner, President and Chair  
Bruce Drake, Past President  
William (Bill) Barney, Treasurer (Lorain Wong for Bill, Bill joined in progress)  
Robert Walp, Executive Secretary (joined in progress)  
John Hibbard  
Yoshikazu Kobayashi  
Kenji Saga  
Richard Nickelson  
Richard (Dick) Pang  
Richard Taylor

**Guests:**

Gene Spinelli for Ed Simnett, Advisory Council Chair  
Mark Hukill, Senior Advisor  
Linda Ristow, Fiscal Manager  
Morris Bodnar (recording secretary)

**Regrets:**

Sharon Nakama, Executive Director  
Ken Zita, Vice President for Conference  
Ed Simnett, Advisory Council Chair  
Gregg Daffner  
William Lin

The meeting commenced at 2:32 PM Honolulu time.

**1. Review of Agenda**

**APPROVED:** 16 May 2007 agenda approved as distributed.

**2. Approval of Past Minutes**

**APPROVED:** 21 March 2007 & 1 May 2007 PTC Board of Governors meeting minutes.

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**3. Financial Status and Indicators**

David Lassner spoke to the most recent monthly report and key indicators distributed by email. There are no noteworthy variances relative to past reports for this same period. The PTC is ahead of projections financially. Revenue is under budget, however, expenses are under budget even further. Current projections suggest a financially positive fiscal year-end position.

**4. New Fiscal Year Budget Process and Timing**

David suggested a deviation from the proposed budget process and timing so the new ED can have greater influence and involvement. David proposed the ED and PTC staff are provided approximately one month to develop a budget proposal for presentation to the BG and/or Financial Subcommittee by mid June. Then allow the BG/Subcommittee another month to review and then discuss the proposal during the 20 June BG call. Next , an iterative process involving BG members, Treasurer, and the Financial Subcommittee will follow with a goal to put the new year budget to a vote during the 18 July BG call.

Richard Nickelson spoke in favor of the amend timeline provided the BG and other principals adhere to the timeline with no slippage.

David added the Secretariat can continue to settle “steady state” expenses post July 1<sup>st</sup> until a new year budget is approved.

**5. Mid-Year Seminar Update**

Mark Hukill provided an update on behalf of Sharon Nakama. Dates have now been finalized, (Sept. 12 to 14) and the venue is the Inter-Continental Hotel Tahiti. A tour of local telecom facilities is being arranged for early arrivals on the morning of the 12<sup>th</sup>. The formal program will commence the morning of September 13<sup>th</sup> and conclude mid-day on the 14<sup>th</sup>, with additional optional tours available in the afternoon. The Mid-Year theme is “Broadband Access: Overcoming Barriers” and will include topics on intelligent communities, undersea and satellite facilities, Pacific case studies, adapting wireless technologies, affordability, and viable solutions for Pacific islands. A healthy list of potential speakers are being considered in addition to proposals received from PTC members. The Pacific Island Telecommunications Association will bring in speakers. As well, participation is being sought from the development arm of the International Telecommunications Union. Officials from both the World Bank and the International Investment Bank (Sydney, Australia) are also invited.

Note: At this point David Lassner had to exit the BG call due to another pressing engagement. Bruce Drake chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Kenji Saga asked if the Secretariat is inviting the Asia Pacific Tele-community to make a presentation on their planned activities in the Pacific Islands. Mark advised this group is invited, however their availability is unknown.

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Bill Barney asked if the Secretariat is funding the Mid-Year. Bruce Drake clarified the PTC does not increase its potential financial exposures through its involvement. The very small upfront expense is easily recouped from registration revenues.

Kenji Saga pointed out that he had submitted a session proposal for the Mid-year seminar in Tahiti with partial support for travel from PTC-J. The Mid-year steering committee is considering the proposal including the request for additional travel funding.

#### **6. Bylaw Considerations**

Mark Hukill reminded all the "Potential Revisions" white paper contained ideas and considerations for changes to PTC bylaws. Included is a proposal to increment the number of BG appointments on the AC, and make allowances for a few appointed seats to the BG. While the BG can make modifications to the bylaws (except in the case where membership/regional distribution is affected which require a membership vote) a consultative process with AC involvement was recommended.

Bruce Drake commented Mark's paper summarizes the present challenges very well and contains recommendations which will increase the flexibility of the AC.

Mark's recommendation is to form a task force to consider the potential bylaw changes and make recommendations.

**DECISION:** A task force will be formed including legal council, interested BG members and representation from the AC, to review the proposed bylaw changes and bring back recommendations to the BG, potentially for final consideration during the 2008 conference. Gene Spinelli will invite the AC to identify a few participants.

#### **7. PTC'08 Conference Update**

This item was deferred to the next BG call. Mark briefly commented preparation for PTC '08 are on track.

#### **8. Other Business**

Nil.

**Next Meeting:** Date/Time: Wednesday, 20 June 2007, 14:30-15:30 HST

**Meeting Closed:** 3:06 PM Honolulu Standard Time.