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## **ATIC Board Agenda for Wednesday, February 9, 2022**

### **1. Administrative**

- 1.1. Self-Introductions
- 1.2. Modifications to and Acceptance of Agenda Draft
- 1.3. Acceptance of Minutes from January 12, 2022 Board Meeting
- 1.4. Treasurer's Report (Ron Schott)
- 1.5. ATIC Board Membership Considerations
  - 1.5.1. ATIC Strategic Assessment and Forward Pathways
- 1.6. Review of Outstanding Action Items as Documented in January 12, 2022 Minutes

### **2. Informational Presentations**

- 2.1. None Scheduled

### **3. Activity Reports**

- 3.1. Arizona Broadband Strategic Plan (Jeff Sobotka)
  - 3.1.1. Rural Community Outreach
  - 3.1.2. ACA Broadband Strategy & ATIC Role/Support
- 3.2. Arizona Broadband Stakeholder Network (Steve Peters)
  - 3.2.1. AZBSN COVID-19 Digital Access Task Force Updates
  - 3.2.2. New Initiatives to Carry Out the Report's Recommendations
  - 3.2.3. Return to Outreach Activities with Newsletters & Webinars
- 3.3. Greater Arizona Educational Leadership (Steve Peters, Nan Williams)
  - 3.3.1. Arizona Technology in Education Association (AzTEA)
  - 3.3.2. GAZEL Innovative Learning Collaborative Initiatives
- 3.4. Arizona State Library (Holly Henley, Mala Muralidharan)
- 3.5. Telehealth (Janet Major)
- 3.6. Government Affairs (Mike Keeling, Mark Goldstein)

### **4. Information and Action Plans**

- 4.1. ATIC Website & Teleconferencing (All)
  - 4.1.1. AZBSN Communications & Newsletter
- 4.2. ATIC Mailing List & CRM (All)
- 4.3. New Business and Motion Considerations (All)

### **5. Events Attended and Upcoming Meetings**

### **6. Announcements**

### **7. Adjourn**



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## **ATIC Board Meeting Minutes**

**February 9, 2022**

### **Attendees:**

#### **ATIC Board Members:**

Jerry Crow, Oris Friesen, Henry Goldberg, Mark Goldstein, Kirk Busch, Nan Williams, Ron Schott, Andy Phelan, Holly Henley, Ian Hathcock, Jeff Sobotka, Andrew Bevington and Laura Etter (Sun Corridor Network) proxy for Derek Masseth. Mike Keeling signed on just as we were adjourning.

#### **ATIC Associates & Guests:**

Heather Floyd (Valley TeleCom, Elected to ATIC Board during Meeting), Lawrie Prickett (Smith Bagley, Inc. Cellular One) and Mala Muralidharan (Arizona State Library E-rate).

**Quorum Met with 13 ATIC Board Members Present (Quorum = 8)**

Many thanks to Nan Williams and the Arizona Technology in Education Association (AzTEA, <http://aztea.org/>) for the use of their Zoom Video account for video conferencing and dial-in capabilities and to the Arizona State Library for providing additional support.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9, 2022, and will be held fully virtually, as will all our meetings until further notice. The schedule of remaining ATIC Board Meetings for 2022 can be found towards the end of these minutes.

## **1. Administrative**

### **1.1. Self-Introductions**

See the list of attendees above.

### **1.2. Modifications to and Acceptance of Agenda Draft**

**MOTION: To accept the Agenda as modified**

**MOVE: Oris Friesen**

**SECOND: Henry Goldberg**

**Passed Unanimously**

### **1.3. Acceptance of Minutes from January 12, 2022, Board Meeting**

**MOTION: To accept the Minutes as submitted**

**MOVE: Henry Goldberg**

**SECOND: Ian Hathcock**

**Passed Unanimously**

### **1.4. Treasurer's Report**

Ron Schott, Treasurer, circulated via email the Desert Financial Credit Union statement with account and transaction details for Board reference, which are included at the back of these Minutes. Ron reported that current funds on hand total \$11,828.58 with no major recent expenses. He has transferred \$500 from the savings to the checking account and is waiting for the February CenturyLink bill. Mark reported at the last meeting that he has closed the Tempe Post Office Box and has all ATIC mail re-directed to himself or Ron.

Steve could not attend but the current balance in the AZBSN Task Force account is approximately \$27,500. Steve has launched a sponsorship drive and has acquired one additional sponsor, Triad Wireless, who contributed \$2000.

Mark has said previously that ATIC needs to pursue its own funding, which would include sponsorships. ATIC needs to initiate a financial campaign for sponsors and other sources of funding to support and undertake new projects.

### **1.5. ATIC Board Membership Considerations**

Mark again noted that we have an ongoing interest in acquiring more representation from rural communities and other groups. However there is nothing new to report on this front.

We have twenty-three Board members. We can have up to thirty-five according to our bylaws.

Mark recognized that Heather Floyd of Valley TeleCom Group has been active with the AZBSN Task Force and has attended several ATIC Board meetings. He nominated her to become a Board member and she accepted.

**MOTION: To accept Heather Floyd as a member of the ATIC Board**

**MOVE: Mark Goldstein**

**SECOND: Kirk Busch**

**Passed Unanimously**

Oris will follow up with Heather to request a brief biography and photo for the web site.

Mark remains committed to talk to Toni Broberg of AT&T and Gene Carl of Cox about becoming ATIC Board members and sponsoring ATIC or AZBSN.

#### **1.5.1. ATIC Strategic Assessment and Forward Pathways**

At the January Board Meeting Mark called for a discussion on the future of ATIC. He noted that ATIC is a 501(c)(6) and as such has greater latitude in the activities in which it chooses to engage than, for example, GAZEL, which is a 501(c)(3) that gives it more flexibility in soliciting funding. This means that ATIC is allowed to lobby at the state legislature, executive branch agencies, and the ACC.

He briefly reviewed the history of ATIC highlighting its involvement in education and telemedicine in Arizona. He noted that ATIC was very active when the Governor had his Digital Arizona Council, and, after it's demise in 2014 ATIC aided Karen Ziegler with the ADOA Broadband Strategic Plan published in 2018. ATIC has seeded in partnership with GAZEL the creation and success of the Arizona Broadband Stakeholder Network (AZBSN).

Mark suggested creating a provider working group or committee whose function would be similar to a trade association since there is no telecom service provider trade association in Arizona (confirmed by Jeff Sobotka). For example, this ATIC working group could advocate for finding solutions to thorny issues such as Rights of Way (ROW) management, access to vertical assets, co-location and pole attachments for service providers. Mark has spoken with Steve Peters and Kirk Busch about creating a cover letter and invitation to service providers to participate in a special breakout session at the upcoming BigData Southwest DataCenter & SmartCity IoT Infrastructure Summit (<https://www.bigdatasw.org/>) on April 6, 2022 to discuss the formation of such an ATIC working group. Mark said Jeff Sobotka and he

could moderate/lead this session.

Kirk Busch had suggested at the January Board Meeting that perhaps he could help to create a breakout session to discuss this sort of provider association activity in conjunction with the Annual National DataCenter & SmartCity IoT Infrastructure Summit (<https://www.bigdatasw.org/>) on April 6th, 2022. It will be held at the Desert Willow Conference Center in Phoenix. Kirk said there is a broadband and digital equity panel as well as a data inclusion track at this summit. Numerous breakout sessions are also scheduled and this could be one of them – to involve the service providers. ATIC could listen at this session to learn how it might assist the service provider community. Players such as Jeff Sobotka and others may want to promote the use of broadband with multiple industries.

Mark said this could serve as the introductory session for a broadband provider group. Kirk suggested that we could do an informal roundtable, as the conference has done in the past. Jeff said the different carriers all have their own agendas but ROW issues and pole attachments are of concern to all the carriers, It is a common and shared issue in all of the western states. Ian agreed that ROW processes are lengthy and he likes this idea to bring the providers together. A broadband service providers group could help drive policies on how service providers could work together to create a statewide education or telemedicine network. Jeff noted that Senator Kelly and Senator Daines of Montana have introduced legislation to speed up ROW processes on federal lands, and Congressman Tom O'Halleran (who spoke to our AZBSN Task Force) could also be involved. Kirk suggested the FCC could also be asked to participate to add some national publicity to the session, but Jeff said that the FCC may not want to participate if NTIA is also there. Mala added that the service provider working group may also want to consider cyber security issues, and Mark replied that he would discuss that with Steve.

Mark also suggested that ATIC could hold a summit or webinar or workshop as we have done in the past. For example, ATIC did four rural broadband workshops in the past and we have had special sessions on telemedicine and education, at the Shriners Auditorium in Phoenix and at the Phoenix campus of the UofA with hundreds of attendees and vendor booths. ATIC could host rural workshops as a way of assisting Jeff Sobotka and the Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA) since ACA will be managing hundreds of millions of dollars in broadband/digital equity grant funding. Janet Major of the UofA Arizona Telemedicine Program endorsed having joint telehealth workshops and grant-writing webinars with ATIC, AZBSN, the Arizona Telemedicine Program and Southwest Telehealth Resource Center.

Jeff said he briefs elected officials on areas such as federal funding for broadband, and a number of these officials ask him to define broadband. He

suggested that ATIC should produce a broadband legislative briefing book for government officials and politicians. This would focus on developing a layman's description of what broadband is, including pros and cons of different broadband technologies with real-life examples in Arizona, such as the ALLO Communications Fiber-to-the Premise Project in Lake Havasu City. Andrew Bevington agreed that such a document is sorely needed and would be a great benefit in Pima County. Mark noted that some of this material could be extracted from the November 2020 AZBSN COVID-19 Digital Access Task Force digital access strategy report, and ATIC could aim to develop a brief document for this purpose. Jeff said that NTIA's first Arizona Broadband Workshop would also be useful for this legislative briefing book, and he will send this slide presentation to Mark.

#### **1.6. Review of Outstanding Action Items as Documented in January 12, 2022 Minutes**

Nothing to report.

### **2. Informational Presentations**

2.1. None were scheduled.

### **3. Activity Reports**

#### **3.1. Arizona Broadband Strategic Plan (Jeff Sobotka)**

##### **3.1.1. Rural Community Outreach**

No report.

##### **3.1.2. ACA Broadband Strategy & ATIC Role/Support**

Jeff Sobotka, State Broadband Director at the Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA) provided a summary update of activities.

In previous meetings Mark reviewed the historical process that led up to KPMG being selected by the ACA to update the 2018 state broadband strategic plan to focus on middle-mile fiber strategies as well as to identify rural communities' needs for broadband which can be addressed by upcoming federal and state broadband grant funding. Jeff reported that the KPMG strategic plan report has been released and has received a positive response. Jeff said this new middle-mile plan is an addendum to the 2018 plan. Jeff presented a summary of the Arizona middle-mile strategic plan to the AZBSN task force on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Jeff observed that the marketplace has not solved the ongoing unserved

and underserved broadband issues and shortcomings, so the state needs to step in and provide some assistance. The KPMG report found that 80% of unserved and underserved Arizona households are within 5 miles of interstate highways or select state routes. The state wants to build and lease middle-mile infrastructure to help ISPs provide broadband service to underserved/unserved areas, but the state has no intention to become an ISP. Satellite capabilities have improved dramatically over the years and will also be used when appropriate. Jeff stressed that this is a plan of action – not simply a recommendation. He urged everyone to read the complete document, and there is a press release on the ACA website.

Mark reported at our previous meeting that the new ACA Arizona Broadband Development Grant Program (ABDG), funded with federal ARPA money, will provide \$100 million to expand high-speed broadband infrastructure to underserved areas of the state. This is one of the single largest broadband investments in state history. Of that amount \$75 million is to be designated for rural counties and \$25 million for urban counties (i.e., Maricopa and Pima counties). The ABDG program was greatly oversubscribed, with about 2.5 times as many applications as expected. Jeff wants to move forward as soon as possible but because of the high volume of applications the turnaround to announce the grant winners will likely take place sometime in the middle of 2022. Some of the proposals are authentic game-changers and ACA will be focused on supporting the best long-term infrastructure projects. IIJA program funding will be coming as well to substantially supplement broadband funding beyond the ABDG program. The Navajo Nation has \$208 million to be applied toward the expansion of their broadband capabilities, which is very impressive.

Mark repeated from an earlier meeting that grant funding for states and tribes totaling \$10 billion is available from the U.S. Treasury Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund. The Arizona allocation is approximately \$191 million. Jeff is still in the process of determining what this funding will be used for but wants the funding to be released soon.

Mark reported at the January meeting that the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) includes \$65 billion in funding for broadband and digital equity. This includes \$42.5 billion for state broadband block grants under the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program, which is significant. Mark expects that Arizona's share of this BEAD program will be between \$300 - \$800 million. The FCC broadband map and State Land Department Broadband Map will have to be used to determine underserved areas for grant applications. Mala and Mark noted that the NTIA, which administers the BEAD program, will also need to first prepare the rules for this grant program before state block grants are ready to roll out. The BEAD program funding will not likely be available until 2023 after the NTIA rules for the program and the new FCC broadband maps are

completed. Jeff hopes the state broadband maps will be available by June 30, 2022. Jeff said he is more optimistic than Mark about when IJJA BEAD program funding will be available. Mala commented there needs to be more clarity on what overbuilding is, and that service providers don't necessarily have all data on speeds to homes. Jeff stated that the NTIA 100/20 Mbps requirement is a realistic goal. He mentioned that Education Super Highway takes data from where kids live and asks the carriers if they serve that specific address and with what speeds. We need that level of specificity.

Laura Etter said the Sun Corridor Network (SCN) is looking forward to the middle-mile fiber deployment along I-17 and I-19 to see how much broadband they can bring to the surrounding areas. SCN is partnering with ADOT and ACA on this effort. Laura commented on an ADOT video which is very good. It is the ADOT Fiber Installation Project video Jeff mentioned and can be viewed at <https://vimeo.com/662711801>.

### **3.2. Arizona Broadband Stakeholder Network (Steve Peters)**

#### **3.2.1. ASBSN COVID-19 Digital Access Task Force Updates**

Mark gave a brief report on the activities of the AZBSN COVID-19 Digital Access Task Force meetings since Steve could not attend.

The Task Force meets every Monday morning and attendance hit a new high of sixty representatives at the last meeting with representation from broadband service providers, technology companies, state and local government agencies, educational organizations, non-profits and consultants.

The leadership team had a successful meeting in January in discussions concerning future directions for the Task Force. There will likely be establishment of some task-oriented working teams to focus on specific topics, such as a digital inclusion team and Mark is waiting for Steve to define the tasks and associated subcommittees. Steve is working on recruiting more sponsors to fund that sort of additional work. It may be necessary to hire some support people or look to the Arizona Recovery Center for help who, among other tasks, would be charged with increasing the use of social media to gain wider visibility for the Task Team's successes.

As reported in January, GAZEL is being rejuvenated with actions that include David Stong being elected to serve as the new chair and seven board members being re-elected. Mark congratulated Steve again on AZBSN task force accomplishments. Mark thanked Henry for the writing the AZBSN task force reports in 2020 & 2021 on a pro-bono basis. With Henry no longer writing these reports, Steve has posted the meeting recording,

meeting transcript, meeting chat, meeting attendance list, and Mala's written report separately, but this is fragmented and not as useable as Henry's reports so there needs to be a better approach found to deal with this going forward.

### **3.2.2. New Initiatives to Carry Out the Report's Recommendations**

### **3.2.3. Return to Outreach Activities with Newsletters & Webinars**

## **3.3. Greater Arizona Educational Leadership (Steve Peters, Nan Williams)**

### **3.3.1. Arizona Technology in Education Association (AzTEA)**

Nan Williams serves on the EDTech Committee for the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) which is rewriting the Educational Technology standards this year. She is also participating in the ADE Technology Task Force on the Digital Learning Subcommittee and she is part of the ISTE policy group on digital equity access. She has also been working with the Arizona Rural Schools Association and their Final Mile Project (<https://www.finalmileproject.com/>).

The Digital Teaching and Learning Guide can be seen at <https://www.azed.gov/technology/digital-teaching-learning>

Nan submitted a notice of the following upcoming event:

"AzTEA CI & IT Symposium 2022: Renewal, Innovation, and Change," information for which can be accessed at <https://conta.cc/3fpl9k9>. The event will be held on May 6, 8:30-3:00, at a location to be determined. It will be an in-person event.

### **3.3.2. GAZEL Innovative Learning Collaborative Initiatives**

The GAZEL Board needs to purchase D&O insurance.

Work is still going on to produce a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between GAZEL and ATIC on the AZBSN.

## **3.4. Arizona State Library (Holly Henley, Mala Muralidharan)**

Mala Muralidharan reported that the E-rate application filing window for next fiscal year funding will close on Tuesday, March 22, 2022. It is important to note that the gift rule was temporarily waived because of the pandemic.

She noted that the new FCC bidding portal proposal and the delays it will introduce has led to considerable opposition and prolonged discussions. Delays

are inevitable because USAC does not have the background knowledge and expertise that current participants have. For the Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF), SHLB and the ALA are asking for extending the gift rule waiver, relaxing the record-keeping requirement and waiving the cost allocation rules, as was done during the pandemic. Mala also reported that we are trying to extend the Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) service deadline of June 30 to the end of the year. There have been seven waves of funding with \$217 million asked for and \$140 million committed so far.

Arizona has been successful in enrolling low-income households in the FCC Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) program. The new Infrastructure and Investment Jobs Act transitioned it to a long-term program renaming it the Affordable Connectivity Program with a budget of \$14.2 billion. The \$50 monthly subsidy has been reduced to \$30 dollars per household after March 1. It remains at \$75 per month for tribal households. More clarification is needed with respect to the definition of eligible devices. Mala and her team are working with households to submit their applications.

Mala said the tribal libraries no longer need an extra layer of support from the state to be declared an anchor institution for E-rate purposes. Forty percent of the sites are ready for implementation but the others are being held up due to rights-of-way (ROW) related permitting delays.

Mala noted that the Connect Arizona website has undergone a major upgrade. They are working with the Sun Corridor Network (SCN) to add an Eduroam mapping layer to the site in addition to the current public Wi-Fi map. Eduroam supports portable credentials for users. Laura Etter, whose focus is Eduroam, said SCN can provide it to libraries and schools. Utah and Nebraska are the only other states that do that. The Connect Arizona Navigators are handling an average of 86 calls per month that average 45-60 minutes each, which are devoted mostly to tech tutoring.

Mala reported that the Arizona State Library is using funding from the Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) to establish pilot “telehealth in libraries” projects in two libraries in Pima County (Ajo and Arivaca libraries near the Mexican border). She and Janet Major attended a two-day virtual telehealth conference last week, using Airmeet.com for the meeting software. Mala was quite impressed with the meeting functions, which included a virtual lounge room to chat with vendors and the capability to view short streaming videos available for playback.

See the detailed State Library Report, submitted by Mala after the meeting, on the following pages.

## ATIC Feb 9, 2022 State Library Report

### ECF extension

Schools, Health & Libraries Broadband (SHLB) Coalition, the Consortium for School Networking (CoSN), the State Educational Technology Directors Association (SETDA) and the American Library Association (ALA) submitted to FCC that requesting that it take the following actions:

- (1) extend the June 30, 2022, service delivery deadline;
- (2) open a third funding window in the spring of 2022 to distribute the program's remaining funds;
- (3) extend the gift rule to coincide with the extended service delivery deadline;
- (4) reconsider the record-keeping requirements with respect to library applicants; and
- (5) waive the cost allocation rule in the E-rate program, at least for the duration of the public health emergency.

### EBB- ACP Transition

- EBB recipients fully enrolled as of December 31, 2021 will automatically continue to receive their current monthly benefit of \$50 until March 1, 2022.
- Most Emergency Broadband Benefit households will not have to take any action to continue receiving the new \$30 monthly benefit after March 1, 2022.
- If your out-of-pocket costs will increase as a result of the reduced monthly benefit amount, your service provider will contact you to let you know if you need to take any additional steps in order to continue to receive an Affordable Connectivity Program benefit.
- Households located on qualifying Tribal lands will continue to receive a \$75 monthly benefit and will not need to take any action to continue receiving the Affordable Connectivity Program benefit.
- After the transition period ends on March 1, 2022, the monthly discount for all legacy EBB participants not located on qualifying Tribal lands will be reduced to \$30.
- *Contact your provider If you are concerned about a possible increase in your monthly service bill or are interested in changing to a different service plan.*

For more information on the transition, you may contact [ACPinfo@fcc.gov](mailto:ACPinfo@fcc.gov).

### ACP RESOURCES:

- FCC Consumer Information page ([Link](#))
- Request a speaker for your local event ([Link](#))
- Apply at the Universal Service Administrative Company's website ([Link](#))
- Check on the Status of your application or any other application questions ([Link](#))

## **FCC BIDDING PORTAL**

Notice of Rule Making is out Comments are due on or before March 28, 2022, and reply comments are due on or before April 27, 2022. ALA, SHLB, and several organizations are filing their comments. Thanks to those who reached out and sent me your comments.

- Taking management of the bidding process away from local procurement officials...who are qualified experts.
- USAC's role would expand significantly to include management of the procurement of more than 44,500 contracts, causing significant delays. E-rate Reviewers do not have Procurement/Contracts expertise
- Forcing a national timeline for a local process which in many cases is dependent on local board and council meetings. Our State Master Contracts begin their process nearly a year before the expiration of the current
- Forcing applicants to consider non-responsive bids/robot responses
- Opening up the selection and evaluation of bids – often a confidential process / Eliminating public bid openings
- Requiring a national, one-size-fits-all format for price proposals.
- Making applicants submit cost justifications for single-bid purchases.
- Stopping applicants from using their current bidding platforms, especially for State Master Procurements and Contracts.
- The above are anticipated problems for larger procurement systems but it is anticipated that the smaller applicants- one person Libraries/ tribal entities will have enormous burden trying to learn and battle with one more portal. It puts an enormous burden on the State Coordinators to help applicants through this process.

### **Tribal Libraries**

Do not need approval from the State Library - Need approval from their Tribal Government.

### **Navajo Nation**

Work is underway we weekly status update meetings. NTUAW and Scared Winds working on it. Computer installation for the Chapter Houses will be completed as soon as they can get one of the existing staff approved to do it.

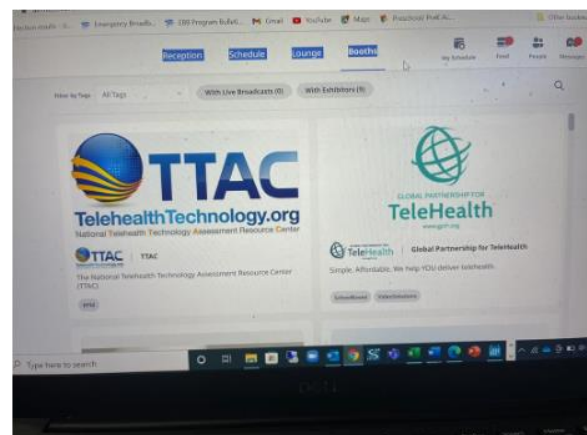
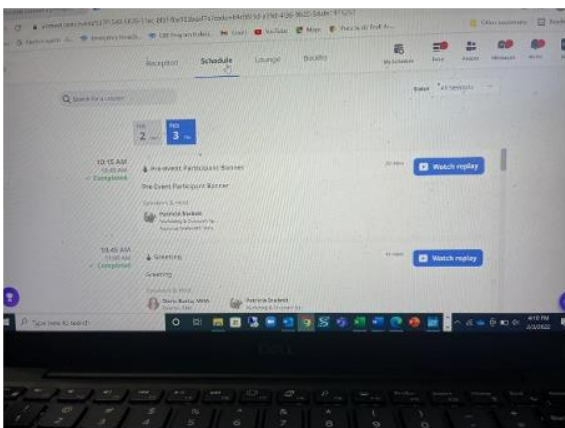
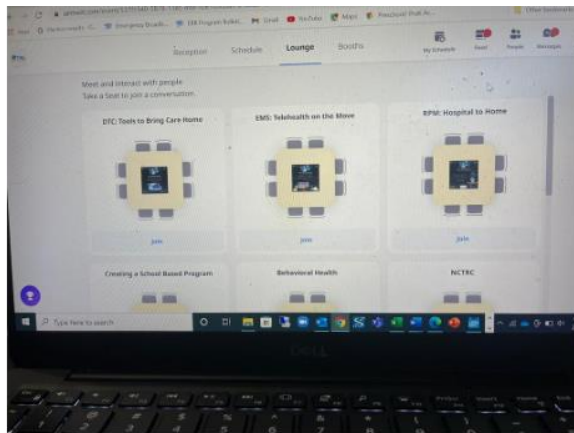
– the IT Brent's office is short staffed – fire-fighting mode. Looking at other options. Pearl – contract modification for Vernon so he can work on install.

- 60% sites in permitting, 2 building not in good condition
- 40% Sites almost complete
- 208 M of their own money
- Mapping – overbuild 1 gbps

## Some Connect Arizona updates for you.

- The website has undergone a major upgrade, with enhanced usability features, SEO, artwork, “Arizona County Internet Inequity profiles”, and a searchable directory of digital inclusion practitioners in Arizona. We are working to add all public libraries as resources for free public computer use, and are seeking more community organizations, education advocates, trainers, local governments in the space to get listed on the site. We plan to add a map layer of all eduroam hotspots to the free wifi map.
- Digital Navigators are averaging 86 tickets a month. The largest category of help provided is “Tech Tutoring.”
- We continue to update the ACP info page and outreach materials for individuals as well as organizations and are planning to create a public calendar of sign-up events. Navigators have been thorough in updating the Internet Offers page to reflect ACP eligible plans and are supporting partner organizations through research and resource sharing.

**TeleHealth Technologies – a virtual showcase Conference Feb 2 and 3** and got to experience the conference platform. Airmeet.com Below are some snapshots



**End of State Library Report**

### **3.5. Telehealth (Janet Major)**

Janet Major, Associate Director for Innovation and Digital Health, Arizona Telemedicine Program and Southwest Telehealth Resource Center (<https://telemedicine.arizona.edu/>), is the lead for the Arizona Telehealth Broadband Action Team (BAT).

The Telehealth BAT, chaired by Janet and Jeff Sobotka, meets monthly on the first Tuesday of the month. There are 75 invitees and roughly half participate regularly. The BAT is looking to identify counties that need assistance.

Janet was unable to attend but she has provided some information on upcoming webinars for which she is the facilitator called “Meet the Grant Writing Experts & Write a Successful Grant!” produced in partnership with the Arizona Telemedicine Program, Southwest Telehealth Resource Center and Learn, Design, Apply, Inc. This grant webinar series will be held monthly on the second Tuesday, from 10-11:30 a.m. The goals and objectives are to share resources and help the attendees write an award-winning telehealth grant! For more information go to <https://telemedicine.arizona.edu/>.

The first session was held on February 8. It was to kick off the series, introduce the experts and provide an overview of grants as well as share some tips.

The second session is scheduled for March 8. The title is “Rural Utilities Service Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grants (RUS-DLT).”

The third session will be on April 12 and will include a broadband grant update for federal opportunities plus a highlight for Arizona, Four Corners and the western region.

### **3.6. Government Affairs (Mike Keeling, Mark Goldstein)**

Mark called out for special attention a legislative bill on health care, real-time communication and grants. HB2384 is a \$36 million telehealth technology competitive grant bill spread out over three years. Tara Sklar, Director of the University of Arizona Health Law & Policy Program, will present the bill to the Arizona Technology Council in the hopes of securing their support.

Editor’s note: HB2384 has since been withdrawn and is no longer in play

In April, Mark and Jeff will participate in a broadband funding telehealth workshop

Mark reported that NTIA’s Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) comment window for \$42.5 billion dollars for state block grants received about

580 comments, far exceeding the number of comments normally expected for this type of program, illustrating the high level of interest in this activity.

#### **4. Information and Action Plans**

##### **4.1. ATIC Website & Teleconferencing (All)**

As noted previously by Mark and Steve, the ATIC website is aging a bit. For example, the resources page is out of date. The website needs to be leveraged to publicize the COVID-19 Digital Access Task Force Report recommendations as well as using it for communications and public engagement, such as newsletters.

##### **4.1.1. AZBSN Communications & Newsletter**

Mark at a previous meeting suggested that we should think about how to leverage some of the information sessions from the Monday morning AZBSN-COVID Digital Access Task Force meetings.

There remains a continuing need for volunteers to work  
(1) on regular maintenance of the Weebly ATIC website and  
(2) on providing a regular newsletter about all that's going on in the broadband world.

##### **4.2. ATIC Mailing List & CRM (All)**

Steve is discussing with Mark and Kirk Busch subscribing to a CRM/E-mail management service to meet the needs of the AZBSN Task Force.

##### **4.3. New Business and Motion Considerations (All)**

Jerry asked when the ATIC Board meetings will be held in person again, and Mark replied that he will consider when that would be appropriate which could be around mid-year. Holly will check if there would be special pandemic considerations for meeting rooms like the Old Supreme Court room.

#### **5. Events Attended and Upcoming Meetings**

#### **6. Announcements**

#### **7. Adjourn**

## **Upcoming ATIC Board Meetings**

Upcoming ATIC Board Meetings for 2022 are scheduled for the second Wednesdays of the month (except August and December) from 12:00-2:00 p.m. and will be held fully virtually until further notice. Board Meetings are open for all to participate. Please plan to join us.

- March 9, 2022 from 12:00-2:00 pm
- April 13, 2022 from 12:00-2:00 pm
- May 11, 2022 from 12:00-2:00 pm
- June 8, 2022 from 12:00-2:00 pm
- July 13, 2022 from 12:00-2:00 pm
- No Board Meeting in August (Summer Break)
- September 14, 2022 from 12:00-2:00 pm
- October 12, 2022 from 12:00-2:00 pm
- November 9, 2022 from 12:00-2:00 pm
- No Board Meeting in December (Happy Holidays!)

## **ATIC Special and Public Meetings**

AZBSN COVID-19 Digital Access Task Force continues to hold meetings every Monday morning at 7:30 a.m. See the Planning page at <https://www.arizonatele.org/covid19-planning.html> for details.

Also see Task Force information and related resources at <https://www.arizonatele.org/covid19-about.html>.

Future AZBSN newsletter, webinars, and roundtables are under development.



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### Accounts

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ATIC 434041

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\$773.10

#### Savings

\$11,055.48

ATIC 073206

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### Important Information

#### Important updates to Online Banking

To enhance your Online Banking experience, two updates have been made to your account features  
January 18, 2022

#### How to Get Out of Holiday Debt Quickly

If you've spent more than your wallet can handle, get tips on how to get out of debt quickly after the holidays!  
December 20, 2021

### Quick Links

Credit Card Login

Investments (Raymond James)

Mortgage Loans (MLDS)

Identity Secure

Mobile App 101

### Link External Accounts



Get Started

Last 15 days



Logged in 1 time

**Desert Financial Credit Union**Arizona Telecommunications And Information  
ATIC 434041 04081-0400*Transaction History*Statement Period: **All Dates**Date of Statement: **02/08/2022****Posted Transactions (100)**

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	BALANCE
01/12/22	ONLINE BANKING TRANSFER FROM 0000	\$500.00	\$773.10
01/11/22	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$25.81	\$273.10
12/13/21	DEPOSIT CHECK	\$20.00	\$298.91
12/13/21	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$26.18	\$278.91
11/17/21	DRAFT #2220 TRACER 40989212	-\$20.00	\$305.09
11/10/21	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$26.04	\$325.09
10/12/21	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$26.42	\$351.13
09/10/21	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$25.93	\$377.55
08/11/21	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$26.81	\$403.48
08/05/21	DRAFT #2219 TRACER 38891771	-\$909.00	\$430.29
07/23/21	ONLINE BANKING TRANSFER FROM 0000	\$1,000.00	\$1,339.29
07/16/21	DRAFT #2218 TRACER 38498478	-\$400.00	\$339.29
07/13/21	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$26.81	\$739.29
07/07/21	DRAFT #2217 TRACER 38271329	-\$10.00	\$766.10
06/10/21	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$26.56	\$776.10
05/11/21	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$25.56	\$802.66
04/12/21	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$25.81	\$828.22
03/15/21	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$27.66	\$854.03
02/10/21	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$27.17	\$881.69