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ATIC Board Agenda for Wednesday, March 8, 2023

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- 4.3. New Business and Motion Considerations (All)

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ATIC Board Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2023

Attendees:

ATIC Board Members:

Mark Goldstein, Henry Goldberg, Oris Friesen, Ron Schott, Kirk Busch, Michael Cohen, Jerry Crow, Heather Floyd, Mala Muralidharan, Andy Phelan, Manny Villa and Nan Williams.

ATIC Associates & Guests:

Erin Lorandos (Digital Inclusion Librarian, Arizona State Library), John Champagne (VP Business Development, Commnet Broadband), Catalina Trujillo (Business Account Manager, Triad Wireless), PJ Way (Yuma County Broadband Project Manager). and Nicole Umayam (Federal Program Officer for Arizona Broadband & Digital Equity, NTIA).

Quorum Met with 12 ATIC Board Members Present (Quorum = 9)

A replay of the meeting is available at <https://youtu.be/R9AI32XtvmA>

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, April 12, 2023, virtually. The schedule of ATIC Board Meetings for the rest of 2023 can be found towards the end of these minutes.

1. Administrative

1.1. Self-Introductions

See the list of attendees above.

1.2. Acceptance of Agenda Draft

MOTION: To accept the Agenda

MOVE: Jerry Crow
SECOND: Manny Villa
Passed Unanimously

1.3. Acceptance of Minutes from February 8, 2023, Board Meeting

Oris Friesen writes the draft minutes, after which they are reviewed carefully by Henry Goldberg, and Mark Goldstein takes a final look at the draft minutes before issuing them to the Board for approval.

MOTION: To accept the Minutes

MOVE: Nan Williams
SECOND: Manny Villa
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 \$10,158.86.

Steve Peters was absent and will report on the balance in the GAZEL AZBSN Task Force account at the next ATIC Board Meeting. Gazel is used to manage the finances for AZBSN. Steve has launched a sponsorship drive to raise further funding (<https://www.arizonatele.org/funding-request-2020.html>) and needs to become more active in securing some sponsorship renewals and new sponsorships.

Mark has commented 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. Mark noted that in the past ATIC has been paid to host rural broadband workshops, and has pursued various projects when it had more funds.

1.5. ATIC Board Membership Considerations

Mark previously asked Sandip Bhowmick, State Broadband Director at the Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA), and Nicole Umayam, Federal Program Officer for Arizona Broadband & Digital Equity at NTIA, to consider becoming ATIC Board Members. He reported that Sandip has asked for some clarification of commitments involved, Mark sent him a copy of ATIC duties and procedures, the conflict-of-interest policy and other background information. Mark is hopeful that Sandip will join the Board after Brian Sherman of ACA approves this. Nicole has sent the request to the NTIA ethics committee for review and potential approval.

ATIC is interested in getting more tribal, rural and vendor representatives on our Board. Mark asked PJ Way about any interest in becoming a member of the ATIC Board. He replied he was definitely interested, and Mark nominated him to become a Board Member. PJ has worked for Northland Pioneer College and Coconino County in the past. Currently he is the Broadband Project Manager for Yuma County.

MOTION: To accept PJ Way as a Member of the ATIC Board.

MOVE: Mark Goldstein

SECOND: Manny Villa

Passed Unanimously

1.5.1. ATIC Broadband Provider Working Group Meeting and Next Steps

As reported previously, an outcome of the January 2022 ATIC Board meeting was to create an ATIC Broadband Provider Working Group whose function would be to provide a platform for providers to share information, meet & network, and engage on policy issues since there is no telecom service provider trade association in Arizona. The goal of this working group is to focus on addressing common issues and opportunities for the broadband service providers in Arizona. The group was launched on April 6, 2022, with a hybrid gathering hosted at Big Data Southwest's DataCenter & SmartCity IoT Infrastructure Summit

Mark has started a Slack channel populated with a list of about 160 provider representatives across about 80 companies from his spreadsheet. Mark will circulate this spreadsheet to Sandip Bhowmick and Nicole Umayam for additions/changes.

Mark convened a second meeting of the ATIC Broadband Provider Working Group, as a part of the Big Data Southwest's DataCenter & SmartCity IoT Infrastructure Summit (#USDC23, <https://www.bigdatasw.org/>) on January 26, 2023, at the Desert Willow Conference Center in Phoenix. He has

activated the Slack channel and about fifteen people have joined it, but it is not very active yet.

At a previous ATIC board meeting Mark suggested we might create parallel Slack channels for two working groups: The Broadband Providers Working Group (mentioned above) will focus on concerns of the communications providers, as initially planned. The second group would deal with topics and issues of economic development that include localized concerns as well as those that transcend county boundaries.

1.5.2. ATIC Board Elections scheduled for April 12, 2023

Mark noted that ATIC will hold its annual election of officers at the April 12 meeting. Michael Keeling is leaving the post of Lobbyist, so members are encouraged to run for that position or any other officer position in which they may be interested. Please contact any Executive Committee member with questions or potential nominations.

1.6. Review of Outstanding Action Items as Documented in July 13, 2022, Minutes

ACTION ITEM - Mark had an Action Item to contact Robert Gallegos, the IT/Security Director for the Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG) and Joy Whiting, Apache County Schools Superintendent who participates in the AZBSN task force to sound them out about joining the board. This Action Item remains open.

2. Informational Presentations

2.1. None were scheduled.

3. Activity Reports

3.1. Arizona Broadband Office Report (Sandip Bhowmick)

3.1.1. Broadband Grants, Rural Community Outreach & Projects

No report.

3.1.2. ACA Broadband Strategy & ATIC Role/Support

Sandip Bhowmick, the State Broadband Director for Arizona, was unable to attend. Nicole Umayam, the NTIA Federal Program Officer for Arizona Broadband & Digital Equity, filled in for him.

Nicole relayed some information on recent activities at the Arizona

Broadband Office within the Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA). The office recently hired Krystal Saverse as the Broadband Data and GIS Analyst. The office is also looking to hire a broadband grants and compliance officer and a digital equity program manager.

The Broadband Office in conjunction with the State Land Department has been facilitating calls around mapping issues in Arizona. The ACA is finalizing the selection of contractors to lead the development of the State BEAD Plan and State Digital Equity Plan. The contractor for the State Digital Equity Plan will be selected first.

3.2. Arizona Broadband Stakeholder Network (Steve Peters)

3.2.1. ASBSN Digital Access Task Force Updates

Steve Peters, AZBSN Coordinator, was unable to attend. Mala Muralidharan gave a brief report below.

3.2.1.1. Updates to AZBSN Task Force Report (11/20)

Mala reported that the update of the existing AZBSN Comprehensive Statewide 2020 Digital Access Strategy Report has begun but the subgroups have not yet been formed and there is no definite action plan yet. The plan is to form a subgroup on cybersecurity and Mala stressed that this cybersecurity subgroup should be formed soon with anyone interested in joining to contact Steve Peters. The February 13 deadline has already passed for comments to the FCC on changes to the E-rate program. Cybersecurity is one of the main topics of those comments. Many organizations, including Funds for Learning, E-rate Coordinators Alliance, SHLB, COSN, and ALA, have advocated for including cybersecurity as an E-rate eligible service. There were comments calling for advanced firewalls to be included in the Category 2 E-rate eligible services, where there is funding not being utilized since schools/libraries don't update their local area networks often.

The FCC approved the labelling of broadband services. The labeling would clearly describe pricing and features of the service and is similar to nutrition labels including what is in the bundle, such as cybersecurity, for example.

Mala also mentioned the \$3 million grant to Bryan Carter at the University of Arizona, which was discussed at the March 6 AZBSN task force meeting. It is to serve twelve underserved UofA-affiliated campuses, including Thatcher, Douglas, the Pascua Yaqui tribe and others. The intent is to expand broadband service to them and create student equipment bundles to be checked out and used at home to

access the Internet. Maybe libraries can help in this effort and Mala will meet with Carter next week to explore possibilities. The intent is also to use virtual reality technologies to assist education.

3.2.2. AZBSN Leadership Group & New Initiatives

Steve said at the previous meeting he will report on these topics after the updated plan has been issued.

3.2.3. Return to Outreach Activities with Newsletters & Webinars

3.3. Technology in Education/eLearning

3.3.1. Arizona Technology in Education Association (AzTEA)) (Nan Williams)

Nan Williams serves as Executive Director of AzTEA (<https://aztea.org/>) and sits 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/>).

Nan reported that the CI & IT Symposium will be held on April 28 at which Ryan Murray, Deputy Director of the State of Arizona Department of Homeland Security, will speak about cybersecurity. The flyer can be viewed at <https://bit.ly/ciit23flyer>.

3.3.2. GAZEL Innovative Learning Collaborative Initiatives (Steve Peters)

The GAZEL Board hasn't met since early 2022 and needs reactivation and refreshing to further operationalize GAZEL. The Board still needs to acquire Directors & Officers (D&O) insurance for good governance and proper protections. Steve was not present to discuss his plans to re-activate the GAZEL Board.

Work to produce a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between GAZEL and ATIC on the AZBSN has been on hold and a determination should be made about whether this is still necessary and if so, how to accomplish.

3.3.3. Sun Corridor Network (SCN) (Laura Etter)

Laura Etter, Deputy Director of the Sun Corridor Network, was absent.

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

Mala Muralidharan, E-rate Administrator for Public Libraries at the Arizona State Library, reported on E-rate and Arizona State Library activities.

Mala reported that the Arizona schools and libraries had applied for about \$120 million in E-rate funding for the 2022-23 fiscal year. To date about \$73 million has been approved. The current filing window for E-rate applications is from January 18 to March 28, 2023, for the next E-rate year beginning July 1, 2023. State Master Contracts have been extended to be valid until June 30, 2025.

She also reported that Gigi Sohn has withdrawn her nomination for the fifth FCC Commissioner. So that leaves the FCC without a tiebreaker and consequently issues such as Wi-Fi on school busses, cybersecurity and the E-rate bidding portal will remain unresolved.

Mala observed that the ACP program has been quite successful and is being handed over to Erin Lorandos. As of February 27th, about 370,000 Arizona households have enrolled in the ACP, and hopefully Congress will extend the ACP after the current funding is exhausted. It is being widely promoted locally and nationally by the FCC with flyers and training programs. Erin will work with Lyle Ishida of the FCC on various materials to be used for ACP outreach in 17 languages. Lyle will host a train the trainers session in Arizona soon, and the library navigators will share information with the trainers. Lyle will be in Arizona in April or May for a one-month period for these ACP outreach activities. Erin is also continuing to work with state libraries on ACP outreach.

Mala reported that the second Telehealth in Libraries event held in Ajo on January 28 will be followed up by extending it to the Tohono O'odham and Navajo tribes. It will be housed in Tuba City for the Navajo tribe and will provide attendees with liver scans to detect for cancer. The hope is to do this sometime this summer.

For more details, see the State Library Report below, submitted by Mala

ATIC Board March 8, 2023, Mala's State Library Report

1. E-RATE

- For 2022 -AZ Schools and Libraries applied for \$120 M – and so far in the first 42 waves about \$72.8 Million has been committed
- Funding Year (FY) 2023 FCC Form 471 application filing window will open on Wednesday, **on Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. ET.**
- **State Master Contracts** for E-rate telecom has been extended till June 30, 2025.

- **Gigi Sohn**, withdrew her nomination, as the fifth FCC Commissioner. It looks pretty bleak that anyone nominated now by Pres. Biden will be confirmed and hence the tie on several FCC issues — including, from an E-rate perspective, the approval of a Declaratory Ruling on the eligibility of **WiFi on school buses / Cybersecurity/ bidding portal** etc.will be resolved anytime soon.
- **Cyber attacks** Firewall and Network Security Comments Sought by FCC On December 14, 2022, the Federal Communications Commission issued a Public Notice seeking comments on the use of E-rate funding to support next-generation firewalls and other network security services. Comments were due to the **FCC by February 13, 2023**. Funds for learning, SECA, CoSN (Consortium of Schools network), SHLB, ALA and a host of other organizations filed comments. 5 companies, including Microsoft and Cisco, urged the FCC **to add advanced firewalls to its E-rate program**. In a survey done of E-rate applicants by Funds for Learning an overwhelming 98% said they want network security included in the FCC E-rate program. The Commission “received several petitions and requests...asking that they permit the use of E-Rate program funds” to support advanced security in **Category 2**.
- Suggestions so far include **a cap of \$60 M**, (For the FY2021-FY2025 cycle). So far Category 2 funds are under subscribed. Each applicant has a cap calculated using the following factors:
 - The school multiplier is \$167.00 per student.
 - The library multiplier is \$4.50 per square foot for all libraries.
 - The funding minimum is \$25,000.00.

Reply comments due March 30, 2023

2. **Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)** is an FCC benefit program that provides a discount of up to **\$30 per month** toward internet service for eligible households and up to **\$75 per month discount for households** on qualifying Tribal lands. **Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount** of up to **\$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet** from participating providers if they contribute more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price. ACP is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household. Eligible households must both apply for the program and contact a participating provider to select a service plan.

As of Feb 27th 370,889 households enrolled in the program.

Erin Lorandes, from the State Library will be taking it forward and working with Lyle Ishita on the outreach program for AZ. The updated ACP Enrollment and Claims Tracker is located at <https://www.usac.org/about/affordable-connectivity-program/acp-enrollment-and-claims-tracker/>

ACP Media and Resource Tool Kit : Connect-Arizona.com <https://connect-arizona.com/acp> . CommonSense media has also created a training kit.

- ACP and ECF extension discussions are afoot in Congress - next year it runs out.

The FCC released its ACP Outreach Toolkit in 17 languages. Outreach includes infographics, fact sheets, flyers, consumer handouts, audio PSA's, overview videos,

newsletter blurbs, press releases & social media posts to help spread the word. Access at <https://www.fcc.gov/acp-consumer-outreach-toolkit> & see the program overview & becoming an outreach partner at <https://www.fcc.gov/acp> FYI.

Telehealth: Working on a project Extending Telehealth to Tribal Entities -starting with the Navajos and Tohono Odham tribes partnering with UA and NAU. Studies show they have a propensity for Liver cancer and early detection can prevent death. Coconino County with the help of an LSTA grant will work with the State Library. 1st site for this program is Tuba City. More updates soon.

End of 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).

Janet was absent and there was no report from her, but Mala reported on the Telehealth in Libraries program as part of her report above.

3.6. Government Affairs

3.6.1. Arizona Broadband Policy Update (Mike Keeling, Mark Goldstein)

Mark noted that Governor Hobbs' budget included the following three broadband elements:

1. \$5 million in E-rate matching funds as an E-rate enabler for financially struggling schools.
2. \$50 million one-time allocation to establish a matching fund for federal BEAD grants projects, called the Rural Broadband Accelerated Match Fund. There is a 25% match requirement for BEAD broadband infrastructure grants, and some rural communities/broadband providers will be able to use this for matching funds.
3. \$16 million one-time allocation to enhance broadband capabilities at state facilities in rural Arizona.

Heather Floyd mentioned the HB 2357 bill to place broadband under the control of the Arizona Corporation Commission has not moved with any legislature committees and is unlikely to be passed.

Heather also said that perhaps ATIC should reach out to the chairs of the legislative committees who are working on the broadband bills and see if

ATIC can support the governor's budget items, especially the BEAD matching provision. Mark agreed to take this suggestion to John Kelly and Mike Keeling for consideration.

Mark noted that there is also a Broadband Right-of-Way bill in front of the state legislature regarding railroad crossings.

3.6.2. Federal Broadband Policy Update (Nicole Umayam/NTIA, Mark Goldstein)

Nicole Umayam is the Arizona Broadband Liaison Federal Program Officer (FPO), for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). As such she serves as the interface for the state of Arizona to the NTIA at the national level, supporting the State Broadband Office on the BEAD and Digital Equity Programs. Nicole has shared with NTIA key activities in Arizona such as those of the Arizona State Library and the ADE Final Mile Project.

The FCC broadband map fabric challenges are due to be submitted by March 15 for Version 2 of the fabric. The Arizona Broadband Office submitted 270,000 missing Arizona locations that have been identified. In Navajo County there are 20,000 missing locations.

To qualify for BEAD funding all locations that Arizona intends to serve must be on the map. The NOFO is based on the June data but the BEAD state funding allocations are based on Version 2.

PJ Way asked about the availability of a map overlay that would show the locations of all data that have been submitted to the FCC. Nicole said that data is available from the FCC and will also be made available by the State Broadband Office in conjunction with the State Land Department

Nicole provided the following list of BEAD milestones and deadlines and reviewed some of the main points. The March 90-day report has just been released.

BEAD Program Milestones and Reporting Dates		
<i>Milestone / Report</i>	<i>Due Date</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Project Start Date	December 1, 2022	Award Date Nov 30, 2022
Project End Date	November 30, 2027	
CD-450 Due	December 30, 2022	Due 30 days within receipt of CD-450.
HSR Due	March 31, 2023	Due 45 days after the start of the Period of Performance. Original deadline Jan 15, 2023. SBO requested extension for HSR letter.
Initial Report & SF-425 Due	March 1, 2023	Due 90 days after the start of the Period of Performance
Budget Change Request		Update change in Project Scope and Budget Narrative.
Notice of Available Amounts	June 30, 2023	NTIA approximate date. States may submit Mapping Challenge Process plans to NTIA as soon as NOFA is released.
Five Year Action Plan Due	August 28, 2023	Due within 270 days of receipt of Initial Planning Funds (November 11
Semi-Annual Report & SF-425	July 30, 2023	Semi-Annual Reports will be due every July 30th and every January 30th until the project end date. These reports will cover the 6-month period immediately preceding the report date (i.e., January 1--June 30 and July 1--December 31)
Initial Proposal Due	December 27, 2023	Due 180 days from receipt of the Notice of Available Amounts
Initial Proposal Approval	TBD	
Semi-Annual Report & SF-425	January 30, 2024	Semi-Annual Reports will be due every July 30th and every January 30th until the project end date.
Semi-Annual Report & SF-425	July 30, 2024	
Semi-Annual Report & SF-425	January 30, 2025	
Semi-Annual Report & SF-425	July 30, 2025	
Semi-Annual Report & SF-425	January 30, 2026	
Semi-Annual Report & SF-425	July 30, 2026	
Semi-Annual Report & SF-425	January 30, 2027	
Semi-Annual Report & SF-425	July 30, 2027	
Final Proposal		Due no later than 365 days after the approval of the Initial Proposal by the NTIA Assistant Secretary
Final Semi-Annual Report & SF-425		Closeout- Due 120 days after end of project period

Mala asked if the State BEAD Plan has to describe how the unserved/underserved locations will be served. Nicole replied that the initial five-year action plan will require a high-level vision of how to serve these locations and the proposal due by December 27, 2023, will need to have detailed descriptions of how these locations will be served. Mala also asked how the plans would handle locations served using FCC Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) funding since this program will likely run out of funding next year. Nicole replied that the Arizona Governor’s Office and Broadband Office are advocating for continuing the ACP program funding.

The Digital Equity Planning Grants are for one year. The draft State Digital Equity Plan is proposed to be available for public comments by August 1, 2023, and the revised State Digital Equity Plan is due by September 30, 2023. The deadlines are shown in the chart below.

Digital Equity Program Milestones and Reporting Dates		
Milestone / Report	Due Date	Notes
Project Start Date	October 1, 2022	Award date Sep 30, 2022.
Project End Date	September 30, 2023	
CD-450 Due	October 30, 2022	Due 30 days within receipt of CD-450
HSR Letter of Memorandum	November 15, 2022	Due 45 days after the start of the Period of Performance
State/Territory Semi-Annual Report & SF-425	April 30, 2023	Each award recipient will be required to submit an SF-425, Federal Financial Report on a semiannual basis for the periods ending March 31 and September 30 of each year. Reports will be due within thirty (30) days after the end of the reporting period.
State/Territory Semi-Annual Report & SF-425	October 30, 2023	
State Digital Equity Plan Public Draft Due	August 1, 2023	Approximate date to allow for min. of 30 days for public posting and comment and revisions.
State Digital Equity Plan Due	September 30, 2023	Due within 1 year of award unless an extension is requested not-later than 90 calendar days before the end of the award period (June 30, 2023). The awardee may request an extension of up to 180 days.
State/Territory Final Performance Progress Report & SF-425 Due		Due 120 days post period of performance
DE Capacity Grant Application Open	Approx. January 2024	Official date has not been announced yet. Application window will be 60 days.

There are three different grants under the Digital Equity grants umbrella: The State Digital Equity Plan Grant for which Arizona has received \$1.1 million, the Digital Equity Capacity Grant, which will be awarded after the State Digital Equity Plan is approved, and the Digital Equity Competitive Grant program, for which various organizations can apply after the State Digital Equity Capacity Grant is awarded.

Mark noted that NTIA has published a Request for Comment soliciting input on how NTIA should structure the \$1.44 billion State Digital Equity Capacity Grant program and the \$1.25 billion Digital Equity Competitive Grant program. The information can be found at:

<https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.regulations.gov%2Fdocument%2FNTIA-2023-0002-0001&data=05%7C01%7Cnumayam%40ntia.gov%7C8522b30a3fc040eb1bfd08db1c0d76a7%7Cd6cff1bd67dd4ce8945dd07dc775672f%7C0%7C0%7C638134616394073656%7CUnknown%7CTWFPbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Iik1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=RJTME5ziHSC%2FTqMtAA42Q1R0nLljnIZFCWeAfdUp%2Bzk%3D&reserved=0>

4. Information and Action Plans

4.1. ATIC Website & Teleconferencing (All)

The ATIC website was recently infected with a virus or some form of malware but has now been fixed.

As noted previously by Mark and Steve, the ATIC website is aging a bit. For example, the resources page is out of date and the overall organization has gotten cluttered and difficult to navigate. 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)

ATIC vs. AZBSN Roles and AZBSN Governance.

At a previous meeting Mark reminded everyone of the issue raised by Janet recently concerning AZBSN governance and oversight. Since Janet is not present today this will be moved to the October meeting agenda. Henry mentioned that Janet was concerned about the definition of roles for ATIC as opposed to AZBSN. For ease of reference, below is a copy (in blue text) of Janet's concerns as documented at the June 2022 meeting:

Janet would like to discuss the future role of ATIC. Janet feels AZBSN is subordinate to ATIC but that ATIC "has been 'lost' in the shuffle - and that all expertise is not 'owned' by AZBSN. Does ATIC still want to be an authority and resource for the general public? Does AZBSN want to be an affiliate of ATIC? Or continue the outreach work of ATIC as telecom experts under the name of AZBSN?" Cybersecurity is one of the five pillars of digital equity on which AZBSN is focusing. Should ATIC also deal with cybersecurity? Kirk suggested that maybe we need to define the roles more specifically but it is important to build on the established AZBSN brand to avoid confusion. Mark agreed with Janet and Kirk that we should consider better defining the ATIC roles, and ATIC is creating a new broadband provider working group. Mark noted that AZBSN is a partnership of ATIC and GAZEL, but GAZEL no longer has an active Board. Steve noted that digital equity, including cybersecurity, will be a key mission for AZBSN. Mark commented that ATIC may partner with ACA on rural outreach and with the Arizona Telemedicine Program on telehealth events in the future.

Also at a previous meeting Mark added that we did start to develop a

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in 2020 and the Executive Committee held several meetings on this topic. One of the decisions that was made was to let the finances of AZBSN operate under the management of GAZEL. However, the GAZEL Board has not met for some time and is not effectively acting in an operational capacity. Kirk Busch asked about the state of the draft MOU and Mark said he would send him a copy.

5. Events Attended and Upcoming Meetings

Heather suggested that perhaps ATIC should be more vocal about the broadband bills that have passed and are out there on the verge of being deployed. For example, Cox is holding a public meeting in Huachuca City. We should let our members know about such meetings as they come up. Mark noted that this is the sort of thing that Jeff Sobotka would regularly report on and suggested that Sandip Bhowmick provide periodic updates on this.

Heather added that she is traveling to Patagonia to update them on their ABDG grant.

6. Announcements

7. Adjourn

Upcoming ATIC Board Meetings

Upcoming ATIC Board Meetings for 2023 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.

- **May 10, 2023 from 12:00-2:00 pm**
- **June 14, 2023 from 12:00-2:00 pm**
- **July 12, 2023 from 12:00-2:00 pm**
- **No Board Meeting in August (Summer Break)**
- **September 13, 2023 from 12:00-2:00 pm**
- **October 11, 2023 from 12:00-2:00 pm**
- **November 8, 2023 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 afternoon (except holidays) at 3:00 p.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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Checking	\$592.35
ATIC 434041	\$592.35
04081-0490	\$592.35
Savings	\$9,586.51
ATIC 073206	\$9,586.51
04081-0200	\$9,591.51

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Important Information

How to Save for Big Purchases

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Quick Links

- Credit Card Login
- Investments (Raymond James)
- Mortgage Loans (MLOS)
- Identity Secure
- Mobile App 101

Link External Accounts



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Desert Financial Credit UnionArizona Telecommunications And Information
ATIC 434041 04081-0400*Transaction History*Statement Period: **All Dates**Date of Statement: **03/08/2023****Posted Transactions (61)**

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	BALANCE
02/10/23	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$25.61	\$592.35
01/10/23	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$25.25	\$617.96
12/13/22	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$25.75	\$643.21
11/10/22	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$26.13	\$668.96
10/11/22	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$26.61	\$695.09
09/12/22	ONLINE BANKING TRANSFER FROM 0000	\$500.00	\$721.70
09/12/22	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$25.51	\$221.70
08/10/22	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$25.40	\$247.21
07/22/22	DRAFT #2223 TRACER 46098424	-\$400.00	\$272.61
07/14/22	DRAFT #2222 TRACER 45948991	-\$21.60	\$672.61
07/12/22	DRAFT #2221 TRACER 45886391	-\$924.00	\$694.21
07/12/22	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$25.63	\$1,618.21
06/30/22	ONLINE BANKING TRANSFER FROM 0000	\$1,000.00	\$1,643.84
06/10/22	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$26.15	\$643.84
05/11/22	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$25.40	\$669.99
04/12/22	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$25.63	\$695.39
03/15/22	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$26.04	\$721.02
02/10/22	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$26.04	\$747.06