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#### ATIC Board Agenda for Wednesday, March 9, 2022

#### 1. Administrative

- 1.1. Self-Introductions
- 1.2. Modifications to and Acceptance of Agenda Draft
- 1.3. Acceptance of Minutes from February 9, 2022, Board Meeting
- 1.4. Treasurer's Report (Ron Schott)
- 1.5. ATIC Board Membership Considerations
  - 1.5.1. Upcoming ATIC Officers Election at Next Board Meeting on April 13, 2022
  - 1.5.2. ATIC Broadband Providers Working Group Meeting on April 6, 2022
- 1.6. Review of Outstanding Action Items as Documented in February 9, 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





# ATIC Board Meeting Minutes March 9, 2022

#### Attendees:

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

Jerry Crow, Oris Friesen, Henry Goldberg, Mark Goldstein, Kirk Busch, Nan Williams (part time), Ron Schott, Andy Phelan, Holly Henley, Ian Hathcock, Andrew Bevington and Heather Floyd.

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

Steve Peters (AZBSN Coordinator), Brian Daly (AT&T), James Christian (AT&T) and Mala Muralidharan (Arizona State Library E-rate).

# Quorum Met with 12 ATIC Board Members Present (Quorum = 8)

Many thanks to Nan Williams and the Arizona Technology in Education Association (AzTEA, <a href="http://aztea.org/">http://aztea.org/</a>) 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 13, 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** 

MOVE: Oris Friesen SECOND: Heather Floyd Passed Unanimously

#### 1.3. Acceptance of Minutes from February 9, 2022, Board Meeting

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

MOVE: Mark Goldstein 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 \$11,803.39 with no major recent expenses. The only charge was the CenturyLink bill. Mark commented that ATIC expenses are low except for the Directors & Officers Insurance which comes later in the year.

The current balance in the AZBSN Task Force account is approximately \$25,000. Steve has launched a sponsorship drive. As reported last month he 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-four Board members. We can have up to thirty-five according to

our bylaws.

Mark noted that Robert Gallegos is the IT/Security Director for the Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG) and wants to be more involved with the Arizona Broadband initiatives. Joy Whiting, Apache County Schools Superintendent who participates in the AZBSN task force, is a potential person Mark could contact to join the ATIC Board.

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. Upcoming ATIC Officers Election at Next Board Meeting on April 13, 2022

Mark noted that we need to do our annual election of officers at the April meeting. Five positions are up for election. They are:

Chair: Mark Goldstein (incumbent)
Vice Chair: Henry Goldberg (incumbent)

Secretary: Oris Friesen (incumbent) prefers not to run

Treasurer: Ron Schott (Incumbent)

Lobbyist: Mike Keeling (Acting) prefers not to run

#### 1.5.2. ATIC Broadband Providers Working Group Meeting on April 6, 2022

As noted at the January Board Meeting. One of the outcomes of that discussion was to create an ATIC broadband service provider working group whose function would be similar to a trade association since there is no telecom service provider trade association in Arizona. The goal of this working group would be to focus on addressing common issues and opportunities for the broadband service providers in Arizona.

It was decided to have a special breakout session at the upcoming BigData Southwest DataCenter & SmartCity IoT Infrastructure Summit (<a href="https://www.bigdatasw.org/">https://www.bigdatasw.org/</a>) on April 6, 2022 to launch such an ATIC working group. It will be a hybrid event held at the Desert Willow Conference Center in Phoenix. Kirk said that ATIC is using the venue informally as a breakout session that will not be on the agenda. The breakout session will immediately follow the Broadband & Digital Equity panel on the agenda. The summit will be free to attend for ATIC Board and AZBSN task force participants.

Mark said he is working on compiling an up-to-date list of broadband service providers in Arizona (including all last-mile technologies and middle-mile providers) with their contact information and hopes to have a critical mass of providers attending the conference. Mark intends to place the completed list

of broadband service providers on the ATIC and AZBSN web pages. Mala has a provider list from state contracts and Milan Eaton also has a good list of service providers that are state-approved. Kirk says there are about fifteen on that list. Steve said he would like to discuss with Mark the idea of including a discussion of digital inclusion goals with the broadband service providers. Some issues that the service providers may be interested in addressing are: rights-of-way, vertical asset placement, FCC broadband benefit programs, FCC broadband mapping and digital inclusion. An FCC commissioner may be invited to speak.

# 1.6. Review of Outstanding Action Items as Documented in February 9, 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) was not present and Mark provided a summary update of activities.

Mark reported that Jeff is evaluating over eighty responses to the ACA Arizona Broadband Development Grant Program (ABDG) solicitation of \$100 million in funding (\$75 million for rural counties and \$25 million for urban counties). Heather said June 30 is the deadline for announcing ABDG award winners. Mark observed that this should set the stage for another round or two of grant cycle funding from the US Treasury Capital Projects Fund and the federal IIJA program coming later this year or next year.

Mark also reported that the State Middle-Mile Strategic Plan has been released and Governor Ducey has announced funding for middle-mile fiber deployment along the west I-40 segment from Flagstaff to the California state line. ADOT and ACA are establishing a middle-mile public private partnership where the state will lease some of its middle-mile fiber deployed to broadband service providers.

Jeff hopes to hire an assistant broadband director and several other staff members as well as consultants for a new state broadband office funded by the \$5 million from NTIA, which is dependent on state legislature approval of establishing the state broadband office, which is now moving through the legislature. The state broadband office could begin operating July 1<sup>st</sup> or possibly earlier.

Steve noted that the broadband office is becoming very important because of the large amount of funds coming in from the federal government. There will be considerable federal funding for states to develop digital equity plans, and this will also be managed by the state broadband office.

It was noted that the definition for underserved broadband homes has been changing. Underserved used to be defined as homes having speeds above 10/1 Mbps but slower than 25/3 Mbps. Now the requirement is for 100/20 Mbps with preference for 100/100 Mbps in the ABDG grants program. Mala noted that the ACA is also working on a state broadband map to supplement the FCC broadband mapping in applying for grants.

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

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

Steve reported on the activities of the AZBSN COVID-19 Digital Access Task Force meetings.

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. These meetings provide information on what is going on in the state in the digital access area as well as great opportunities for collaboration.

Steve is highlighting new announcements of activities on the website and is working to improve the transcription quality of the weekly meetings. Zoom transcripts are currently being used (as Henry is no longer writing the comprehensive summary reports of the meetings) but they have many errors in them. He also noted that the informal kibitzing with colleagues sessions, held immediately following each meeting, have been quite successful. He is also thinking about hosting an online networking event

The AZBSN task force is starting to develop a relationship with Consumer Reports, which is informing the general public about broadband. Mark said Consumer Reports is looking at comparing broadband speed tests with the

advertised speeds given by the providers and collecting information on broadband pricing. Federal regulations will require broadband service providers to provide transparent information to consumers on pricing and speeds.

Steve said some task-oriented working teams are being formed to focus on specific topics, such as a digital inclusion network team chaired by Cindy Hogan and Nicole Umayam that will be meeting on March 10. The goal is to assist the ACA state broadband office in creating a state digital equity plan needed to apply for federal funding in this area.

#### 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 (<a href="https://www.finalmileproject.com/">https://www.finalmileproject.com/</a>).

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

Information on the "AzTEA CI & IT Symposium 2022: Renewal, Innovation, and Change" can be accessed at <a href="https://conta.cc/3fpl9k9">https://conta.cc/3fpl9k9</a>. The event will be held on May 6, 8:30-3:00, at a location to be determined and will be an inperson 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, E-rate Administrator for Public Libraries at the Arizona State Library, reported on her and Arizona State Library recent activities. She noted that the

E-rate application filing window for next fiscal year funding will close on Tuesday, March 22, 2022.

She said the Navajo Nation is submitting some chapter house applications. They have applied for an E-rate extension and it has been approved due to the effects of the pandemic (e.g., supply chain, rights-of-way and pole issues).

The new FCC bidding portal proposal for E-rate and the delays it will introduce has led to considerable criticism and prolonged discussions. The issues with this proposal have been discussed at AZBSN task force meetings.

She reported that a recent national study by "Funds for Learning" analyzed the effectiveness of E-rate over the last 5 years. The report found, among other things, that the median price per Mbps has dropped from \$4.80 to \$1.89 for E-rate applicants.

Relative to the Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF), Mala reported that the FCC has extended the service deadline to June 30, 2023. Arizona has received \$135 million in ECF funding for school and libraries in the ten waves of funding so far. For funding details, see Mala's report below.

Arizona has been successful in enrolling low-income households in the FCC Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) program, which has been transitioned to the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). Nearly 75% of eligible Arizona households in the Navajo Nation and Apache County have signed up for ACP. The ACP outreach kit is being finalized.

In the area of digital inclusion, Cindy Nolan and Nicole Umayam are getting all the principal players together to put together input for the state plan as soon as it is initiated.

The telehealth in libraries pilot project at Pima County Ajo and Arivaca libraries is ongoing in partnership with the UofA and NAU, and will include supplying backpack medical kits and nurse practitioners/student nurses on site. Holly Henley is investigating setting up telehealth kiosks in libraries as in Delaware.

NDIA has a \$10 million grant from Google for the creation of a National Digital Navigaor Corps. They want to fund eighteen partner organizations. The Arizona State Library has a digital navigators program funded by LSTA and will consider applying for this NDIA program.

Steve congratulated the Arizona State Library on all their valuable work for the state in the digital access area.

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

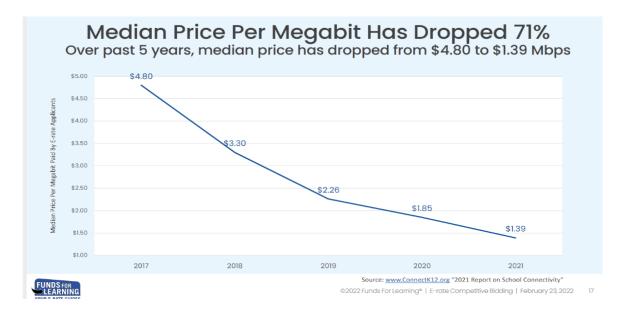
#### ATIC March 9, 2022, State Library Report

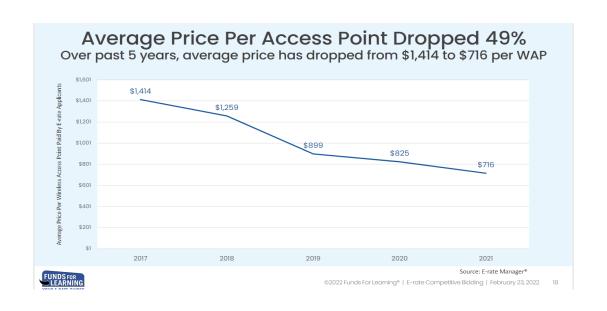
#### ATIC 3-9-22 - Mala's notes

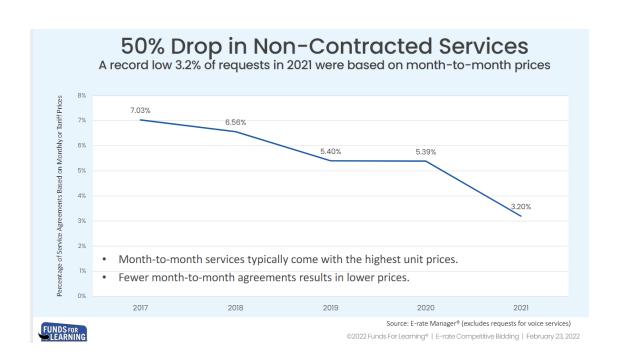
- **1.E-rate**: Goal is Improve Infrastructure Connectivity and Bandwidth Internet available and affordable
  - Application deadline for 22-23 is March 22
  - Working with the public libraries in getting their Applications submitted
  - Navajo Nation Chapter Houses fiber build out is going in full swing. On going supply chain issues,
     Right of way and environment clearances, Pole replacement, older buildings.

#### FCC BIDDING PORTAL FOR E-RATE BIDDING

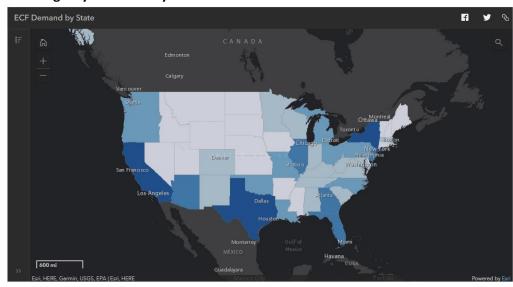
- Notice of Rule Making is out Comments are due on or before March 28, 2022, and reply comments are due on or before April 27, 2022. ALA, SHLB, and several organizations are filing their comments. (see earlier minutes for summary of all comments received so far). State E-rate Coordinators' Alliance (SECA) is preparing a request for a 30 day extension of the due date for filing initial comments in the Competitive Bidding NPRM. Our members are consumed right now with assisting applicants with their competitive bidding processes and filing Form 471 applications to meet the March 22 deadline. A one week interval after the 471 deadline does not provide adequate time to write meaningful and substantive comments.
- Funds for Learning Analyzed the last 5 years E-rate data and below are the highlights.







#### 2. Emergency Connectivity Fund: 7.1 B



The FCC published that, the latest funding commitments supported over 240,000 students and provided funding for over 350 schools, 29 libraries and 8 consortia, which are approved to receive over 239,000 connected devices and over

96,000 broadband connections. Approval of applications are ongoing. 10 waves have been approved so far. Total Commitment Approved for Arizona to date is approx. \$135Million

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FCC has granted the Request to Extend Emergency Connectivity Fund a week ago. The new service delivery deadline is June 30, 2023.

#### 3. EBB Emergency Broadband Benefits Program Now ACP Affordable Connectivity Program

The Affordable Connectivity Program is an FCC benefit program that helps ensure that households can afford the broadband they need for work, school, healthcare and more.

#### 10 M households have signed up nationally so far.

Arizona – especially Navajo Nation and Apache County have had nearly 75% of all eligible households sign up. See ArcGIS EBB Enrollment by Eligibility - Map:



https://www.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?webmap=cac3e230a7df4e58a6c013dbdd6788e4 &extent=-121.187,24.5643,-56.2798,52.1046

**4. Digital Equity**: We are finalizing our ACP outreach media kit tomorrow with the Digital Inclusion lunch team, and all info and materials will be on the Connect Arizona ACP page. They have been informally convening focused lunch hours, bring in digital inclusion-oriented members of AZBSN, and start compiling input to eventually inform the Plan. There's no designated state entity in charge of drafting the plan yet so this is just trying to get things started.

**Who**: This group is comprised of digital inclusion advocates, broadband stakeholders, community organizations, public libraries, government agencies, educators, small businesses, and Internet Service Providers involved in digital inclusion projects.

**What:** This space fosters and engages partnerships and community efforts that align with digital inclusion goals. Our aims are to:

- Co-create a vision of a connected Arizona to inform the development of the State Digital Equity Plan (see NTIA Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program)
- Convene and build relationships among practitioners working in the areas of household and free public internet access, device ownership, digital literacy skills, and technology support
- Identify barriers and develop solutions to address adoption gaps for the under-connected in Arizona, specifically those with low incomes, aging adults, people with disabilities, refugees, communities of color, individuals experiencing homelessness, and tribal communities

The Digital Inclusion Directory We're also still looking to add organizations to the Directory: https://connect-arizona.com/directory. The Arizona Digital Inclusion Directory is a searchable inventory of tech training classes, public computing centers, tech support, and digital inclusion practitioners. This resource is designed to connect individuals with free help for getting online and to facilitate collaborations between organizations to better serve all Arizonans

Cindy and Nicole are working on scheduling for the first Digital Inclusion Network meeting, where the plan is to start engaging partners around goals and priorities for the State Digital Equity Plan.

- **5. Telehealth Project:** Pima County Ajo and Arivaca libraries. Great location for pilot. They are not close to a hospital, past the border security check points and sparse internet at their homes.
  - Partnering with NAU, UofA Southwest Telehealth Outreach; County Public Health department.
  - Ordering and Assembling Backpack Kits (BP Cuffs, Thermometer, weigh scale, Glucometer, Ipad
    etc) that will be used in taking vitals and if needed connecting to the patron's health
    care.\Ensuring that patrons who do not have connectivity can still be monitored by their Health
    Care provider.
  - Scheduling nurse practitioners from the County Health Department and Student Nurses from NAU and U of A.

COSLA had a webinar showcasing the Delaware Telehealth Project where they had Kiosks set up in libraries. Our state Librarian Holly has some staff researching those options as well.

6. National Digital Navigator Corps, NDIA received a \$10 million grant from Google.org to help advance



digital inclusion in rural and Tribal communities. Over the next four years, this grant and the National Digital Navigator Corps it supports will have a wide impact on the thousands of people who will benefit from the work on the ground and a long-lasting impact on digital inclusion: supported with a \$10M grant from Google.org.

More Details the program and sign up to get National Digital Navigator Corps updates

at https://www.digitalinclusion.org/digital-navigator-

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- 7. Infrastructure, Investment and Jobs Act Grants This grant program dwarfs all previous grant programs combined, so there is going to be a lot of money coming to every State. What is still to be determined is how States will administer these grants and there will be differences. But the legislation provides enough detail for communities and ISPs to start looking at how to be positioned for these grants. Congress has asked NTIA to establish the rules. NTIA has requested input from stakeholders. Infrastructure, Investment and Jobs Act (the IIJA) law appropriates \$42.4 billion to the new Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (or "BEAD") Program. Legislation outlines the following
  - States will get at least \$100 million each, with the rest distributed based upon the number
    of unserved households in each state. This is a good time to remind those who think that
    the lousy FCC maps don't matter that the States with the worst FCC maps are going to lose
    funding.
  - The states must follow several crucial steps before funding is provided.
  - As expected, grants must adhere to two key definitions of broadband. Unserved are places with broadband speeds under 25/3 Mbps. Underserved are areas with speeds between 25/3 and 100/20 Mbps. Grants must first go to unserved areas before being used for underserved areas. Funding for anchor institutions is only to be considered after serving underserved areas.
  - Grant projects must provide speeds of at least 100/20 Mbps, but faster broadband speeds
    must be given priority. States must give priority to grants that are deployed in counties with
    persistent poverty. Projects that are shovel-ready will be given priority. Projects that
    pledge to pay Davis-Bacon wages will get priority.
  - States will likely not award all of the grants immediately, and the Act asks states to provide a 5-year plan for the use of the funds.
  - Grants don't have to all go for broadband to unserved and underserved areas. States can use
    the money for data collection, broadband mapping, and planning. Funding can be used to
    bring low-cost broadband or WiFi to qualifying multi-family apartments.
  - Unlike the recent NTIA grant program, BEAD doesn't give priority to any class of grant recipients. The grants can't exclude cooperatives, nonprofit organizations, public-private partnerships, private companies, public or private utilities, public utility districts, or local governments from eligibility but none get a preference.
  - There is a challenge process where incumbent ISPs can challenge the validity of a grant area. Interestingly, the NTIA can override States in these challenges.

- Grant applications must provide at least a 25% matching for the cost of the project.
   Matching funds can include CAREs funding and ARPA funding so hang on to those funds for a while! Matching can also come from state grants.
- Deployed technology must only meet two 9's reliability, meaning that a network can be out for two days per year and still be considered adequate that's a low standard for the industry.
- Grants must cover every home in a grant coverage area within four years of receiving the grant.
- Grant recipients must provide at least one low-cost broadband option for eligible households. The NTIA is expressly forbidden to regulate rates in any manner.
- Interestingly, any fiber built along highways must include access points at regular and short intervals. This money is not for middle-mile fiber.
- Grant recipients must carry out public awareness programs in grant areas extolling the benefits of better broadband.
- There is plenty of paperwork. Grant recipients must file semiannual reports tracking the effectiveness of the grant funding.

**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 (<a href="https://telemedicine.arizona.edu/">https://telemedicine.arizona.edu/</a>), 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 at a national seminar and 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 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. Jeff Sobotka, Mark Goldstein and Kimber Lanning will be on a panel for one of the webinars on April 12 or the May session,

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

Mark called attention to a legislative bill (HB 2702) promoted by the Communications Workers of America (CWA) and Fernando Roman, CWA Executive Vice President, to give the Arizona Corporation Commission more control of broadband in Arizona.

The other bill of interest to ATIC is HB2678 which would establish a state Broadband Office. It has passed the House and is being heard in the Senate. Mark said it is well understood that a state broadband office is needed to apply for and manage the large federal broadband funding coming, and Steve said that the funding is already available to fund this state broadband office in the near term which should make it easier to approve by the legislature. Heather put a list in the chat of how House representatives voted on this bill. Mark added that the state broadband office will be situated under the ACA, as Jeff Sobotka currently reports to Sandra Watson there.

#### 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)

Nothing to report.

#### 5. Events Attended and Upcoming Meetings

Big Data Southwest's DataCenter & SmartCity Summit is on April 6 as a fully hybrid event and will include a broadband panel as well as an ATIC led breakout session for broadband providers. See details at https://www.bigdatasw.org/ and use code AZBSN for free registration.

#### 6. Announcements

Kirk Busch asked Brian Daly about the Next G Alliance for 6G in North America. Brian Daly responded that the purpose of the Next G Alliance is to provide a North American vision and roadmap for 6G wireless. It will promote research and ultimately lead to 6G standards. There are various interest groups in the alliance such as technology, societal impacts and security.

Mark commended Steve for his AZBSN success.

#### 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.

- 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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#### Important Information

#### 10 Ideas for Improving Your Finances in ...

In our world of 10-minute workouts and 10-minute meals, we want to help you earn some 10-minute money wins.

March 91, 2022

#### 4 Fast Workouts for Your Financial Fitne...

We've put together a workout program listing exercises and tips that can get you financially energized and fit.

July 01, 2021

#### Quick Links

Credit Card Login

Investments (Raymond James)

Mortgage Loans (MLOS)

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#### **Desert Financial Credit Union**

Arizona Telecommunications And Information ATIC 434041 04081-0400

Statement Period: All Dates

Date of Statement: 03/09/2022

#### Posted Transactions (100)

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BALAN	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	
\$747	-\$26.04	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	02/10/22
\$773	\$500.00	ONLINE BANKING TRANSFER FROM 0000	01/12/22
\$273	-\$25.81	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	01/11/22
\$298.	\$20.00	DEPOSIT CHECK	12/13/21
\$278.	-\$26.18	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	12/13/21
\$305.	-\$20.00	DRAFT #2220 TRACER 40989212	11/17/21
\$325.	-\$26.04	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	11/10/21
\$351.	-\$26.42	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	10/12/21
\$377.	-\$25.93	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	09/10/21
\$403.	-\$26.81	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	08/11/21
\$430.	-\$909.00	DRAFT #2219 TRACER 38891771	08/05/21
\$1,339.	\$1,000.00	ONLINE BANKING TRANSFER FROM 0000	07/23/21
\$339.	-\$400.00	DRAFT #2218 TRACER 38498478	07/16/21
\$739.	-\$26.81	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	07/13/21
\$766	-\$10.00	DRAFT #2217 TRACER 38271329	07/07/21
\$776.	-\$26.56	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	06/10/21
\$802.6	-\$25.56	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	05/11/21
\$628.2	-\$25.81	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	04/12/21
\$854.0	-\$27.66	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	03/15/21