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ATIC Board Agenda for Wednesday, April 14, 2021

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- 4.3. New Business and Motion Considerations (All)

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ATIC Board Meeting Minutes April 14, 2021

Attendees:

ATIC Board Members:

Jerry Crow, Oris Friesen, Henry Goldberg, Mark Goldstein, Kirk Busch, Derek Masseth, Ian Hathcock, Ron Schott, Holly Henley, Michael Cohen, Nan Williams and Andy Phelan.

ATIC Associates & Guests:

Steve Peters (AZBSN & GAZEL), Mala Muralidharan (Arizona State Library), Jim Logan (SimplyBits), Cody Pedersen (Smith Bagley-Cellular One) and Lawrie Prickett (Smith Bagley-Cellular One).

Quorum Met with 12 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, May 12, 2021, and will be held fully virtually, as will all our meetings until further notice. The full schedule of ATIC Board Meetings for 2021 can be found towards the end of these minutes.

ATIC Board Minutes for Wednesday, March 10, 2021

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 submitted

MOVE: Henry Goldberg
SECOND: Derek Masseth
Passed Unanimously

1.3. Acceptance of Minutes from March 10, 2020, Board Meeting

MOTION: To accept the Minutes as submitted

MOVE: Kirk Busch
SECOND: Andy Phelan
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 \$8400.09. This balance includes a \$3000 reimbursement from Steve Peters for his management of the AZBSN COVID-19 Digital Access Task Force from sponsorship donations to AZBSN, leaving \$5000 remaining to be reimbursed, which will be paid after GAZEL receives the large AZBSN sponsorship check from Care1st Health Plan Arizona.

Mark recounted what Steve Peters has accomplished as a coordinator for AZBSN dating back to the first successful event at Rio Salado Community College and two subsequent webinars. After the pandemic arrived, ATIC approved paying Steve \$800 per month to manage the AZBSN COVID-19 Digital Access Task Force with the stipulation that this funding be reimbursed to ATIC as its first priority when AZBSN receives sponsorship or grant funding. Steve's funding of \$800 per month extended through December 2020.

Five payments of \$1,000 had been made to Steve Peters for support of the AZBSN prior to February 29, 2020, which were not to be repaid to ATIC, and an additional \$8,000 (\$800 per month) has been paid to Steve for his work on the AZBSN COVID-19 Digital Access Task Force for March through December 2020. It was agreed that this \$8,000 would be immediately repaid to ATIC from sponsorships or grants which the AZBSN receives as Steve solicits funding.

Steve reported that AZBSN has recently received sponsorship commitments from Care1st Health Plan Arizona for \$50,000, from Valley of the Sun United Way for \$5000, from Satellite Broadcasting & Communications Association for \$2000 and from Kajeet for \$2000 for a total

amount of \$59,000.

Because the donation from Care1st HealthPlan Arizona will take about one month to process, Steve would like to access some portion of the \$2000 from the Satellite Broadcasting & Communications Association that is available now to subscribe to Zoom and some other services. Although the \$8000 due ATIC was to be repaid before making other expenditures, since additional funds that will more than cover the amount due have been committed, ATIC will forego that requirement and expects to receive repayment of the full \$8000 loan to GAZEL for Steve's AZBSN co-ordination when the sponsorship commitments have been received.

Steve is continuing to send out an AZBSN COVID-19 Digital Access Task Force sponsorship package and will be contacting other potential funders.

Mark had noted at a previous Board meeting that we must remember that AZBSN is separate from ATIC. At that time Mark stated there are three potential sources of future ATIC funding: AZBSN sponsorships, ATIC sponsorships, and ATIC grant opportunities. ATIC still needs to work out an agreement with GAZEL about how future AZBSN sponsorship funding will be shared between ATIC and GAZEL.

Mark said 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. There may be some pandemic-related special grants available. Mark has spoken to Kirk Busch about ATIC funding.

Steve noted in a previous meeting that the AZBSN COVID-19 Digital Access Task Force needs to identify what tasks from the Task Force report recommendations that it will undertake to implement, which would need funding support.

1.5. ATIC Board Membership Considerations

Oris Friesen noted that the election of Executive Committee officers for ATIC is generally done in April of each year. The ATIC election of officers will be scheduled for the next meeting on May 12, 2021.

Mark will have a Zoom call on April 15th with Dominic Pagliuca, Senior Manager of IT & Strategic Fiber at Arizona Public Service (APS) to discuss Dominic potentially becoming an ATIC Board member. Derek said the APS network requires a minor build to connect with their fiber network, and they are different than a telecommunications service provider. Mark will ask Dominic to present at an ATIC Board meeting on their dark fiber portfolio.

Mark has not yet engaged with Alan Pruitt of the Western Arizona Economic Development District about becoming an ATIC Board member, but noted an action item for him to do this. Mark mentioned the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) as another potential source for Board membership. Mark will discuss with Jeff Sobotka his ideas for new ATIC Board members.

1.6. Review of Outstanding Action Items as Documented in March 10, 2021, Minutes

ACTION ITEM: Mark took an action to contact Alan Pruitt Executive Director of the Western Arizona Economic Development District in Yuma as a potential Board Member.

This item remains open for next month.

ACTION ITEM: Jeff Sobotka is to provide Mark with an introduction to Dominic Pagliuca, Senior Manager of IT & Strategic Fiber at Arizona Public Service (APS) whom Mark will contact regarding Board membership.

This item has been completed and is closed

ACTION ITEM: Mark took on a new action item to work with Jeff Sobotka to identify some rural representatives as potential Board Members.

2. Informational Presentations

2.1. None were scheduled.

3. Activity Reports

3.1. Arizona Broadband Strategic Plan & FirstNet (Jeff Sobotka)

3.1.1. Rural Community Outreach

No report.

3.1.2. FirstNet Status & Outlook

No report.

3.1.3. ACA Broadband Strategy & ATIC Role/Support

Jeff Sobotka, State Broadband Director at the Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA), was unable to attend. In our previous meeting he reported that the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) has received \$1.6 billion in the federal stimulus to allocate nationally for broadband activities. NTIA assists in setting the ground rules for government grants in the broadband arena and is creating a position within NTIA to coordinate the various federal broadband funding programs. Our Congressman Tom O'Halleran is a good contact point for information on this. The rules are in the process of being written and NTIA seems to be flexible. Jeff has asked them to do away with the matching funds requirement for communities because that often prohibits potential candidates from applying.

Mark spoke briefly about the ACA Arizona Broadband Workshop Webinars being hosted by NTIA that provide guidance on federal grant writing, which started last month. The 1st Arizona Broadband Workshop was held on March 3rd with about 190 registrants, there was a follow-up Regional Technical Assistance Session, and the 2nd Arizona Broadband Workshop was held on April 7th. Arizona is the only state NTIA is working with to conduct such workshops in 2021.

Mark mentioned the \$10 million in funding for the state Rural Broadband Development Grants program administered by the ACA (up from \$3 million in a previous budget) was included in the Governor's budget which was announced early this year. This is moving towards approval by the Legislature and is expected to be available by July 1. The ACA is considering the grant rules for this RBDG program including the maximum grant size. The

legislature has been considering that the RBDG program amount may be increased to \$100 million but the Governor opposes using federal stimulus funding under his purview this way so the RBDG program may remain at \$10 million. Derek noted that the legislature wants to make sure this money gets to rural areas and follows up on the ACA RFP for middle-mile fiber development to rural areas.

The Governor's Office has various broadband proposals for fiscal year 2021-22, and it is important that there be bipartisan cooperation from state legislators to take advantage of federal and state grants for broadband infrastructure. ADOT deployment of state-owned fiber is progressing along I-17 from Sunset Point to Flagstaff, ADOT deployment of fiber along I-19 from Tucson to Nogales will occur soon thereafter, and funding has been provided for deploying fiber along I-40 from Flagstaff to the California border.

Mark said some of the \$1.9 trillion in the federal American Rescue Plan Act funding will fall into the broadband, education, and telehealth categories. Arizona will likely receive around \$7 billion in discretionary funding and the Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA) will be a key player in managing \$1.2 billion of this which in part could go to broadband initiatives, fiber along I-40 from Flagstaff to New Mexico, education or telehealth. Mala reported that she attended the ACA broadband monthly meeting which focused on federal funding in the stimulus package. It includes \$285 million for connecting minority communities, \$250 million for telehealth, \$3.2 billion for Emergency Broadband Benefits (EBB) to low income households, \$1 billion for tribal broadband, \$300 million for the NTIA broadband grants, \$65 million for better broadband maps and provisions for a Broadband Interagency Coordination Act. Cindy Zwick of Wildfire spoke about outreach for the EBB program. The ADOT projects along I-17 and I-19 were also discussed and an RFP has been released for fiber deployment along I-17. Steve and Mark intend to talk to Jeff about the criteria for the ACA broadband planning grants.

The Navajo Nation and the Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) are engaged in efforts to tap into the \$1 billion grant funding allocated for tribes.

The Sun Corridor Network (SCN) has been involved in the ADOT middle-mile fiber deployment effort. Jeff is in discussions with the SCN and the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) about how to use this ADOT fiber. Derek Masseth said there is significant action taking place here on the policy front regarding highway conduit. HB 2596, the ADOT Telecommunication Facilities Installation bill would authorize the installation of fiber conduit within the right-of-way of state highways by ADOT for lease at an established fee by service providers. It allows ADOT to make available excess fiber capacity for service providers to be able to provide middle-mile fiber to reach and serve rural communities. It also allows ADOT to partner with a private entity to manage the fiber. It allows the easements to be used for broadband delivery and provides for compensation to landowners, a consideration that is derived from the rural electric co-op bill of last year. It also allows for establishing a fund if there is a surplus. This bill is a follow-on to the ADOT RFI from last year. Funding for the I-40 segment has \$33 million in the budget to deploy fiber from Flagstaff to the California border and maybe the state can share costs with private entities for deploying fiber along the eastern part of I-40. ATIC and AZBSN task force participants were invited to show their support to the legislature for HB 2596.

In a previous meeting Steve said Lea Márquez Peterson of the Arizona Corporation Commission is looking at repurposing the Arizona Universal Service Funds (AUSF) towards broadband for high-cost rural communities. The ACC has a new docket open for AUSF modification. ATIC or the AZBSN task force can still make recommendations on

how to best use AUSF funding to support broadband in rural areas. Jeff was going to speak to Lea about potential new broadband uses for the AUSF.

ACA had issued an RFP for a consulting firm to update the 2018 state broadband strategic plan to focus on middle-mile fiber strategy as well as communities planning for federal grants. Responses to this RFP are due by April 15th, and a selection of the winner will be made in early May. The selected consulting firm will be required to deliver the results of its work 13 weeks after the contract is awarded. This will be an addendum to the 2018 state broadband strategic plan document incorporating some substantial new thinking.

3.2. Arizona Broadband Stakeholder Network (Steve Peters)

3.2.1. ASBSN COVID-19 Digital Access Task Force Updates

Steve Peters reported on the AZBSN COVID-19 Digital Access Task Force and noted “digital” includes not only broadband Internet access, but also devices, digital content, professional development, digital literacy and technical support. The Task Force meets every Monday morning and is attended by about 30-50 representatives from broadband service providers, technology companies, state and local government agencies, educational organizations, non-profit organizations and consultants. Steve has noted previously that updates are provided at the weekly task force meetings from the State Broadband Director at the Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA), the Arizona Department of Education (ADE), the Arizona State Library, the Sun Corridor Network (SCN) and the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) and there are typically presentations made at the meetings on relevant digital access resources of significance to the task force.

The AZBSN COVID-19 Digital Access Task Force Report and Recommendations was published in November 2020 and is available to be forwarded to appropriate parties. There is a landing page for the Report and one for the Task Force, both of which have been updated. People can download the Report from the landing page.

Steve has been working with Karen Ziegler, Andrew Bevington and others to generate a sponsorship funding request package for the AZBSN COVID-19 Digital Access Task Force. This funding request has been sent to potential AZBSN sponsors. Steve is very pleased about the funding that has come in to date and more is expected. The sponsors have been pleased with the task force activities and accomplishments.

The task force has established a device collaboration subcommittee to enable collaboration among organizations providing devices such as computers and hotspots to students and families Tracey Beal and Shereka Jackson are leading this cooperative effort to create synergies in purchasing power, minimize duplication and better serve communities.

Steve also credited Mauricio Orozco of Care1st Health Plan of Arizona for noting that the health care sector also requires technical and technology assistance.

Steve noted the task force is moving into its next phase. An overall planning committee is being established to initiate the implementation of some of the recommendations from the task force report. Steve has summarized the task force report recommendations for the planning committee to consider. The next step is to identify what tasks need to be pursued and prioritized. The planning team consists of fifteen people, and Steve has

created a webpage to support this activity.

Steve said he needs support from Jeff, Mala and others to assist in writing grants. Local First Arizona is doing some of this. There are three potential roles the task force could play: lead new initiatives, support and communications and advocacy. The highest priority project right now for the task force is organizing outreach for the new FCC Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) program. Another upcoming area of importance is taking advantage of the new FCC E-rate Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) supporting off-campus connectivity for schools and libraries.

He reported that the Task Force has received \$59,000 in funding. It has its own Zoom account and the agenda for the Zoom meetings has changed. One hour is not long enough with the increasing number of participants attending, so the length has been increased by fifteen minutes. To reduce the time spent on self-introductions at the beginning, that segment has been replaced by a requirement to register for the meetings with position and contact information and the registration list is then made available to all attendees in the meeting reports and on the website. Steve is issuing a weekly task force newsletter, and has constructed an Updates & Events webpage on the task force website for important updates relevant to the task force activities. In lieu of the introduction segment at task force meetings Steve is planning monthly ninety-minute informal networking Zoom events, the first of which is scheduled for April 22 at 5:00 pm.

Steve organized a task force discussion on April 8th with Lea Márquez Peterson to discuss ideas for reforming the ACC Arizona Universal Service Fund (AUSF) to support broadband in rural areas, prior to Lea making a presentation to the ACC on this topic at their April 13-14 meeting. Steve also noted there is a broadband connectivity demonstration project for Tucson Section 8 Housing.

Mala spoke about the FCC Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) program. The FCC deadline was moved to yesterday, April 13, instead of the original date of April 22 so we need to plan outreach activities immediately. Subsequent Note: the FCC later announced that EBB enrollment by eligible low-income households will begin May 12th. The USAC website lists participating Arizona EBB service providers. She met with the AZBSN task force participants working on EBB outreach to get organized and produced a one-page flyer for applicants and a FAQ for the navigators. Flyers in English and Spanish will be printed and distributed at various places such as schools, libraries, and churches. Andy Sinclair of the Department of Economic Security (DES) and Wildfire will help contact aging and adult services groups. Milan Eaton of ADE would like to establish one school in each county where low-income households could sign up for the EBB program;

Steve overviewed the EBB funding program of \$3.2 billion nationally that provide subsidies for eligible low-income households: up to \$50 per month for broadband Internet service and up to \$75 per month for those on tribal lands, and a one-time discount of up to \$100 towards the purchase of a laptop/desktop/tablet from participating service providers. The FCC's other discount program for low-income households is Lifeline, which is ongoing and has been under-utilized. Steve wants our AZBSN task force to organize outreach to Arizona low-income households to get as many eligible households signed up before the program and associated funding run out since enrollment is on a first-come first-serve basis. Mala noted that Lifeline is limited to telephone and VOIP rather than full broadband. Ian Hathcock stated Smith Bagley Cellular One is a participating EBB and Lifeline service provider, and households can hop back and forth between service providers, and Lifeline customers can be moved over to EBB. Steve said there is a lot of

new information coming out about EBB, and we need to move quickly on effective outreach to low-income households with clear information on the program. A marketing company may be needed to assist with outreach. Mala added there is an FCC webpage (fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit) explaining the program.

Steve noted that there is still a need to schedule meetings with key policy makers such as the Governor's Office and Superintendent of Public Instruction at ADE to review the recommendations and to develop a strategy to continue collaborating with current and new participants. Some tasks will require the State to take the lead while others can be led by the task force members. The task force may establish project teams to implement recommendations.

3.2.2. Marketing the AZBSN COVID-19 Digital Access Task Force Report

Another ongoing need is to develop a publicity and marketing campaign for distributing the report to all the relevant organizations. A marketing committee needs to be created to plan and execute such a campaign, and the existing database of Arizona economic development leaders and decision-makers needs to be cleaned up and expanded.

3.2.3. Return to Outreach Activities with Newsletters & Webinars

Mark mentioned at previous meetings that he would like to return to public events and engage a broader community. Steve is updating the ATIC Excel mailing list after which we may want to use a commercial e-mail list management service for e-mail distributions.

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 Rural Schools Association and their Final Mile Project (<https://www.finalmileproject.com/>).

Nan reported that on April 30 AzTEA will host a half-day event called "C&I and IT Leadership Symposium 2021-No Looking Back: Looking Forward" that will bring together educational leaders from across the state of Arizona to explore the challenges and share the successes that exist between Teaching, Learning, & IT. For more information see https://docs.google.com/document/d/1itUCWxq_t17c1wj4DYct7mX-SZral-U907Rr-hszhH0/edit?usp=sharing.

Nan said they had done a survey which showed that 1/3 of school districts will continue using online teaching next year. That means broadband remains a critical requirement.

Steve asked Nan if AzTEA had discussed the EBB program, and Nan replied that they had not yet but will do this.

3.3.2. Labster Virtual Laboratory Simulations Consortium

As noted in recent reports, the AZBSN Task Force report is recommending that a virtual laboratories consortium for the state be explored, but not necessarily be limited to Labster

technology.

Mala noted at our previous meeting that the lab-science component of virtual education has been brought up frequently, so we need to re-ignite the Labster-like initiatives that were being discussed earlier.

3.3.3. GAZEL Innovative Learning Collaborative Initiatives

Steve said that GAZEL needs to be reinvigorated. The GAZEL Board needs to reconstitute itself and purchase D&O insurance.

Steve intends to call a GAZEL Board meeting to discuss future plans shortly. The AZBSN task force has been the main focus of GAZEL in the past year. GAZEL is a 501(c)(3) and so can more easily attract funding from sponsors.

Work is going on to produce a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) involving GAZEL, ATIC and AZBSN.

Arizona State Library (Holly Henley, Mala Muralidharan)

Holly Henley reported that the Arizona State Library received \$3.6 million from IMLS under the federal American Rescue Plan Act stimulus funding to help communities respond to the pandemic and support digital equity. This \$3.6 million must be spent by September 2022, and the Arizona State Library will be putting plans together on how to spend this funding

The American Rescue Plan has provided \$3.2 billion for a new FCC Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) program to provide discounts for low-income households to purchase Internet services as well as discounts on purchases of computers. This EBB program is in addition to the existing FCC Lifeline program for low-income households, for which 75% of the households eligible have not applied. Mala is working with Milan to get the requisite information to school districts and to provide correct support data to the navigators.

Mala reported that the E-rate applications deadline has passed. Applications from Arizona came to \$144 million, the highest number ever.

She also noted that the FCC Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) to support off-campus connectivity is due to ramp up soon as the comment period ends April 23. It is a new, \$7.1 billion initiative included in the American Rescue Plan. The program will provide funding directly to schools and libraries to connect students, staff and library patrons while they are not on school/library campus. It is a new application process for applying for E-rate to the Home and other off-campus funding. Funds for Learning analyzed the ECF funding, concluding the demand for the funding may exceed the needs because it only provides \$117 per student or \$23,000 per library branch.

Nicole Umayam and Mala are working on updating the content for the www.connect-arizona.com website, in English and in Spanish, expanding on the existing LibTAP program for technical support. Five Digital Navigators who are working across the State have been recruited and trained to provide tech support as a part of the digital inclusion process (e.g., home connectivity, devices, and digital skills) through one-on-one support and repeated interactions as needed. Two of the Navigators are Spanish speakers.

Mala noted in a previous meeting that \$53 million is being provided to the Navajo Nation under the E-rate program, to install 600 miles of fiber optic lines to sixty chapter houses and fifty-three Head Start facilities. Mala added that the Navajo Nation should also be considering how students can access the Internet from Home under the new E-rate funding program.

For more details, see the following submitted report.

ATIC April 14th Board Meeting State Library Report

The State Library is receiving \$3.6 in American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funding. This funding is to be used by September 30, 2022, for libraries to help communities respond directly to the pandemic. The State Library is working on finalizing a plan to distribute the funding to benefit libraries as quickly as possible.

Connect-Arizona Website: Working on updating the content for www.connect-arizona.com website.

It started off as a website for Free WiFi and a listing of Discount Offers, by Nicole Umayam, my colleague at the State Library and then evolved into the AZLibTAP program (AZ libraries Technical Assistance Program). This ran as a pilot program from June to Sept 30th supported by funds from LSTA from IMLS and from 1st Oct became the Connect Arizona Digital Navigators Program.

The Digital Navigators – 5 of them working from across the State were recruited and trained to provide tech support as a part of the digital inclusion process — home connectivity, devices, and digital skills — through one-on-one support and repeated interactions if needed. 2 of the Navigators were Spanish speakers. COVID Vaccine registering, Free WiFi availability, Tutorials on typing for beginners, using zoom, help with downloading Overdrive, Kindle, creating storytime videos on Facebook Live, accessing the State Libraries and local libraries e-resources, using features on iPhone, Android, Ipad etc. (Images courtesy Nicole Umayam)

Now this houses the following:

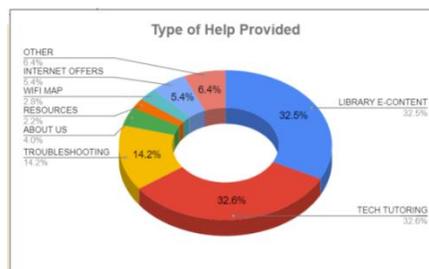
AZWiFi Map locations



Tech support



Types of questions



It also shows where one can get refurbished laptops eg through AZ

StRUT, Computers 2 Kids, ReFurbIT (Yuma); Title 1 Million Dollar Teacher Project, PC for refugees, Tech Soup and more – many of whom have presented here before.

There are short videos addressing some of Tech Help needs. Working on supporting Virtual Learning with resources for teachers and parents and students of course eg Tutor.com, Brain Fuse; Peer2 peer tutoring and more.

We are discussing with several groups on expanding the Navigator program eg NAU Rural Youth Community Health initiative

While this group of Navigators **reactively** support the community, for the EBB program we need to look at **proactively** reaching out to those who are eligible for EBB and promote it.

The State Library is also assisting with EBB and ECF.

Emergency Broadband Benefits Program - Helps households connect during the pandemic.

The Benefits include:

- Up to \$50/month discount for internet service from a participating provider (ISP);
- Up to \$75/month discount for internet service for households on Tribal lands; and
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet (no phones)
- Limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per eligible household.

Who is Eligible?

A household qualifies if they have one of the following:

- Free- / reduced-price school lunch / breakfast?
- Medicaid, SNAP, VA Pension, SSI, Tribal Assistance, etc.
- If someone in the household: Experienced a substantial loss of income since February 29, 2020?
- Received a Federal Pell Grant in the current award year?

Application Process

Option 1:

Apply with a Service Provider

- The consumer contacts a service provider
- The service provider helps the consumer apply **in person** using the National Verifier service provider portal
- OR
- The service provider helps the consumer apply using their FCC approved alternative verification process

Option 2:

Apply Online

- The consumer visits the National Verifier from any computer or mobile device to complete the electronic application
- After receiving their eligibility determination from the National Verifier, the consumer can then contact a service provider to enroll in the EBB Program

Option 3:

Apply by Mail

- The consumer fills out and signs the National Verifier EBB Application Form
- The consumer mails the application and supporting documentation to the Emergency Broadband Support Center
- Service providers may assist consumers with the paper application and mail it on the consumer's behalf

Lifeline consumers can contact an EBB Service Provider to request service – they do not need to complete a separate EBB Program application

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Working on a toolkit to promote as well as updating the Connect-Arizona website to include EBB information.

Details at: www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit

There are several Bills in the legislature that include Broadband including

The American Jobs plan : [FACT SHEET: The American Jobs Plan | The White House](#)

The American Jobs Plan is an investment in America that will create millions of good jobs, rebuild our country's infrastructure. The American Jobs Plan will invest in America in a way that has not done in 40 years. After decades of disinvestment, our roads, bridges, and water systems are crumbling. Our electric grid is vulnerable to catastrophic outages. Too many people lack access to affordable, high-speed Internet and to quality housing. The job losses due to the pandemic has threatened economic

security, has unmasked the fragility of our caregiving infrastructure. Broadband is key to strengthening our infrastructure to improve competitiveness.

End of State Library's Report

3.4. Telehealth (Janet Major)

Janet was unable to attend.

Nancy Rowe of the University of Arizona is retiring and Janet is taking over as the Telehealth Broadband Action Team (BAT) lead.

3.5. Government Affairs (Mike Keeling, Mark Goldstein)

HB 2596 will expand ADOT use of Rights-of-Way (ROW) by opening it up to leasing fiber for service provider uses. It has passed both houses with a Do-Pass-Amended (DPA) recommendation.

Mala noted that SHLB publishes a lot of information on ongoing federal legislation, and Steve commented that he would like to summarize all key federal programs on the task force website.

ATIC is still looking for a Lobbyist. Mike Keeling is acting as the Lobbyist and anyone interested in becoming the ATIC Lobbyist should contact him.

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 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

6. Announcements

7. Adjourn

Upcoming ATIC Board & Public Meetings

Upcoming ATIC Board Meetings for 2021 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 12, 2021 (Zoom &/or Dial In)
- June 9, 2021 (Zoom &/or Dial In)
- July 14, 2021 (Zoom &/or Dial In)
- No Board Meeting in August (Summer Break)
- September 8, 2021 (Zoom &/or Dial In)
- October 13, 2021 (Zoom &/or Dial In)
- November 10, 2021 (Zoom &/or Dial In)
- 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>.

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Checking	\$854.03
ATIC 434041	\$854.03
04081-0400	\$854.03
Savings	\$7,546.06
ATIC 073206	\$7,546.06
04081-0000	\$7,571.06

⊙ Pending Transaction ▲ Available Balance

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ATIC 434041 04081-0400

Transaction History

Statement Period: **All Dates** | Date of Statement: **04/11/2021**

Pending Transactions (1)

Pending transactions may not be the final amount that posts to account.

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
04/12/21	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$25.81

Posted Transactions (100)

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	BALANCE
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
01/22/21	DRAFT #2216 TRACER 34848688	-\$445.79	\$908.86
01/12/21	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$27.17	\$1,354.65
12/23/20	DRAFT #2215 TRACER 34216767	-\$800.00	\$1,381.82
12/11/20	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$26.91	\$2,181.82
11/27/20	DRAFT #2214 TRACER 33656699	-\$800.00	\$2,208.73
11/25/20	ONLINE BANKING TRANSFER FROM 0000	\$2,000.00	\$3,008.73
11/10/20	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$28.40	\$1,008.73
10/13/20	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$26.91	\$1,037.13
10/05/20	DRAFT #2213 TRACER 32551935	-\$800.00	\$1,064.04
10/02/20	DRAFT #2212 TRACER 32526978	-\$800.00	\$1,864.04
09/10/20	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$28.52	\$2,664.04
09/08/20	ONLINE BANKING TRANSFER FROM 0000	\$2,000.00	\$2,692.56
08/26/20	DRAFT #2211 TRACER 31778969	-\$800.00	\$692.56

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ATIC 073206 04081-0000*Transaction History*Statement Period: **All Dates**Date of Statement: **04/11/2021****Posted Transactions (87)**

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	BALANCE
03/31/21	DEPOSIT DIVIDEND	\$0.44	\$7,571.06
03/26/21	DEPOSIT CHECK	\$3,000.00	\$7,570.62
02/28/21	DEPOSIT DIVIDEND	\$0.35	\$4,570.62
01/31/21	DEPOSIT DIVIDEND	\$0.39	\$4,570.27
12/31/20	DEPOSIT DIVIDEND	\$0.39	\$4,569.88
11/30/20	DEPOSIT DIVIDEND	\$0.22	\$4,569.49
11/25/20	ONLINE BANKING TRANSFER TO 0400	-\$2,000.00	\$4,569.27
11/18/20	DEPOSIT	\$6,254.35	\$6,569.27
10/31/20	DEPOSIT DIVIDEND	\$0.03	\$314.92
09/30/20	DEPOSIT DIVIDEND	\$0.06	\$314.89
09/08/20	ONLINE BANKING TRANSFER TO 0400	-\$2,000.00	\$314.83
08/31/20	DEPOSIT DIVIDEND	\$0.20	\$2,314.83
07/31/20	DEPOSIT DIVIDEND	\$0.30	\$2,314.63
07/20/20	ONLINE BANKING TRANSFER TO 0400	-\$2,000.00	\$2,314.33
07/10/20	CD PENALTY REFUND	\$33.27	\$4,314.33
06/30/20	DEPOSIT DIVIDEND	\$0.19	\$4,281.06
06/17/20	ONLINE BANKING TRANSFER TO 0400	-\$2,000.00	\$4,280.87
06/16/20	DEPOSIT	\$6,139.96	\$6,280.87
05/31/20	DEPOSIT DIVIDEND	\$0.04	\$140.91
05/29/20	ONLINE BANKING TRANSFER TO 0400	-\$400.00	\$140.87
04/30/20	DEPOSIT DIVIDEND	\$0.07	\$540.87
04/21/20	ONLINE BANKING TRANSFER TO 0400	-\$500.00	\$540.80
03/31/20	DEPOSIT DIVIDEND	\$0.11	\$1,040.80
03/09/20	ONLINE BANKING TRANSFER TO 0400	-\$1,000.00	\$1,040.69