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ATIC Board Meeting

Agenda for July 8, 2020

1. Administrative

- 1.1. Self-Introductions
- 1.2. Modifications to and Acceptance of Agenda Draft
- 1.3. Acceptance of Minutes from June 10, 2020, Board Meeting
- 1.4. Treasurer's Report
- 1.5. ATIC Board Membership Considerations
- 1.6. Review of Outstanding Action Items as Documented in June 10 2020, Minutes

2. Informational Presentations

- 2.1. None Scheduled

3. Activity Reports

- 3.1. Arizona Broadband Strategic Plan & FirstNet (Jeff Sobotka, Karen Ziegler)
 - 3.1.1. Rural Community Outreach
 - 3.1.2. FirstNet Status & Outlook
 - 3.1.3. 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. Continuation of Steve Peter's Coordinators Agreement August thru December 2020
- 3.3. Greater Arizona Educational Leadership (Steve Peters, Nan Williams)
 - 3.3.1. Arizona Technology in Education Association (AzTEA)
 - 3.3.2. Labster Virtual Laboratory Simulations Consortium
 - 3.3.3. GAZEL Innovative Learning Collaborative Initiatives for 2020
- 3.4. Arizona State Library (Holly Henley, Mala Muralidharan)
- 3.5. Telehealth (Janet Major)
- 3.6. Government Affairs (Bob Jacobson, Mark Goldstein)

4. Information and Action Plans

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

5. Events Attended and Upcoming Meetings

6. Announcements

7. Adjourn



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ATIC Board Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2020

Attendees:

ATIC Board Members: Jerry Crow, Oris Friesen, Henry Goldberg, Mark Goldstein, Ron Schott, Holly Henley, Michael Cohen, Nan Williams, Andy Phelan, Janet Major, Bob Jacobson.

ATIC Associates & Guests: Steve Peters (Coordinator GAZEL & AZBSN), Mala Muralidharan (E-Rate Administrator - Arizona State Library), Kirk Busch (Big Data Southwest), Terence Ford (Services Consultant, Insight), Andy Tobin (Director, Arizona Dept. of Administration), Craig Ward (GAZEL), Brian Jung (Consulting Services Director, MSS), Daniel Derksen (Director of Center for Rural Health, University of Arizona), Michelle Simon (Pima County Public Library), Sarah Shepis (ViaSat).

Quorum Met with 11 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 Libraries for providing additional support.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9, 2020, and will be held fully virtually, as will all our meetings until further notice. The full schedule of ATIC Board Meetings for 2020 can be found towards the end of these minutes.



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1. Administrative

1.1. Self-Introductions

See the list of attendees above.

1.2. Modifications to and Acceptance of Agenda Draft

Replace the section number 3.2.2 with 3.1.2

MOTION: To accept the Agenda as amended.

MOVE: Oris Friesen
SECOND: Nan Williams
Passed Unanimously

1.3. Acceptance of Minutes from May 13, 2020, Board Meeting

Renumber the following two sections:

3.5 Telehealth (Janet Major)

3.6 Government Affairs (Bob Jacobson, Mark Goldstein)

MOTION: To accept the Minutes as amended.

MOVE: Oris Friesen
SECOND: Janet Major
Passed Unanimously

1.4. Treasurer's Report

Ron Schott, Treasurer reported that current funds on hand as of July 7, 2020 total approximately \$12,134.80 after recent expenses. Ron circulated the Desert Financial Credit Union report with account and transaction details for Board reference, which are included at the back of these Minutes.

Five payments of \$1,000 have been made to Steve Peters for support of the AZBSN prior to February 29, 2020 and an additional \$4,000 has been encumbered for payments of \$800 per month for March through July. ATIC has paid Steve four \$800 payments for March, April, May, and June, and one \$800 payment remains to be paid

Ron reported that the Directors & Officers (D&O) insurance for ATIC has expired. The

current provider is not interested in providing a new policy. Ron is exploring other options.

Ron also said the annual dues for next year for the Arizona Technology Council (AZTC) membership by ATIC is due and amounts to \$400. Membership allows each ATIC member to attend AZTC events at the membership rate. The Executive Committee indicated its approval to continue the membership for another year.

Without any current monetary sponsors, sustainability remains a concern. One of Steve Peters' primary tasks for ATIC in coordinating the AZBSN is to determinedly seek sponsors, grants, and other sources of revenue going forward. Mark stated he wants to confer with the ATIC Executive Committee on AZBSN funding and other possible ATIC sponsorship funding.

1.5. ATIC Board Membership Considerations

There has been limited activity and nothing new in the last month. The Board currently has 22 members. ATIC continues to need to expand participation with direct State of Arizona representation, as well as a focus on rural and native stakeholder representation, especially from the economic development community, as well as representatives from municipal, county, and higher education CIOs, plus of course stronger broadband industry participation going forward. Mark is engaging several prospects in that regard.

Mark mentioned the following potential prospects:

Lynda Santoro and Sheri Bakker of CenturyLink;
Andy Tobin, ADOA Director and J.R. Sloan, State CIO of ADOA;
Toni (Morales) Broberg of AT&T;
Rachel Aja of Cox;
Derek Masseth of Sun Corridor Network (although he declined earlier he may have changed his mind);
Ken Dewitt, IT Director for Navajo County.

1.6. Review of Outstanding Action Items as Documented in June 10, 2020, Minutes

Mark was to retrieve the mail from the ATIC Tempe Post Office.
This has been done.

2. Informational Presentations

2.1. None Scheduled

3. Activity Reports

3.1. Arizona Broadband Strategic Plan (Jeff Sobotka)

In Jeff Sobotka's absence, Mark noted that Jeff provides regular updates on his State Broadband Director activities at the weekly AZBSN COVID-19 Digital Access Task Force meetings.

Mark summarized the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund from which was allocated \$40 million to install fiber optic cable along two highway segments from Sunset Point to Flagstaff (I-17) and from Tucson to Nogales (I-19). There is hope for some more funding to install fiber along I-40. The Governor's proposal for an additional \$10 million in rural broadband development grant funding, managed by ACA, was not included in the "skinny budget" approved by the State legislature, but there may be a special session of the legislation that considers this or other pandemic relief funds that could be allocated for this purpose in the future.

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

No report

3.2. Arizona Broadband Stakeholder Network (Steve Peters)

3.2.1. AZBSN COVID-19 Digital Access Task Force Updates

Steve Peters reported on the AZBSN COVID-19 Digital Access Task Force. He explained that "digital" includes not only broadband Internet access, but also devices, digital content, professional development, and technical support. The Task Force meets every week and is attended by 35-40 representatives from broadband service providers, various state government agencies, the Arizona Commerce Authority, educational organizations, telehealth organizations, economic development officials, broadband service providers, technology companies, non-profit organizations and consultants. He briefly summarized the meetings that have been held as well as the summary reports produced and distributed following each meeting. Weekly briefings on activities are given by Jeff Sobotka (the State Broadband Director), Mala Muralidharan (Arizona State Library), Sophia Mayberry (Arizona Dept. of Education), Lea Marquez Peterson (Arizona Corporation Commission), and Karen Ziegler (Public Safety Program, ADOA).

If you are Interested in joining the AZBSN COVID Digital Access Task Force, please contact Steve at aticarizona@gmail.com or 520-321-1309.

Four subcommittees to make recommendations have been created: (1) the Education and Library subcommittee is led by Nan Williams, Executive Director, Arizona Technology In Education Association, and Mala Muralidharan, E-rate Administrator for Public Libraries, Arizona State Library; (2) the Funding and Resources subcommittee is led by Lea Marquez Peterson, Commissioner of the Arizona Corporation Commission; (3) the Technology subcommittee is led by Tom Mehlert, Executive Director of AZ StRUT, and Steve Hill, President of the Satellite

Broadcasting & Communications Association; and (4) the Communities subcommittee, is being led by Alan Pruitt and John Lucas.

Steve is writing/assembling a document that will incorporate the preliminary recommendations from the Education and Libraries, Funding and Resources and Technology subcommittees that is intended to be distributed to policy makers by the end of July.

Nan and Mala reported that the Education and Libraries subcommittee has three major goals: (1) The collection of reliable and useful data for decision-making, such as the availability and location of public Wi-Fi access points. (2) The providing of technical support, including a "Library Tech Helpline Service" which is hiring library staff to provide phone-based tech help support, digital literacy training, and information regarding low-cost home Internet service offers. (3) How to optimize and share resources among agencies and organizations such as the Arizona Department of Education (ADE), the numerous state libraries, the Arizona State Land Department (ASLD) and others.

Nan and Mala said they are planning for a deliverable in the form of a set of recommendations for the overall task force preliminary recommendations document. Mark commented on the recommendation dealing with the Sun Corridor Network, noting that its charter applies to the entire state of Arizona. It should not be confused with the economic entity called the Sun Corridor that focuses on the Flagstaff-Phoenix-Tucson corridor. A working draft of the Education and Libraries recommendations can be viewed at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1eNrXcmdMgCVlyYm9N2DkjgUOzPztfy2gs5PbHgdbkjU/edit#>.

Nan praised the high level of collaboration that has been present among numerous private and public entities. This has been quite productive in developing the recommendations. Mala agreed that the partnerships and collaboration has been very valuable and led to the discovery of projects that were previously unknown by other groups, such as the Arizona Blockchain Initiative. Steve suggested adding an agenda item to better identify our assets, their accomplishments and how to collaborate among all of them.

The Education and Libraries subcommittee meets via teleconference every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. and all are welcome to attend.

The Technology subcommittee has begun to meet regularly to identify what technologies are available and how they can support the needs for education, libraries, and communities. Steve said the subcommittee intends to look at case studies of mesh networks, satellite broadband and other solution options.

The initial meeting focused on AzSTRUT with a presentation given by Tom Mehlert, its Director. Mark Goldstein gave an excellent presentation on the nature of and outlook for the next generation of wireless broadband technology. Insight gave presentations on the student home LTE router bundle and gateway LTE router that can be mounted on school buses for community access. Other scheduled presentations include satellite broadband solutions by Viasat, mesh networks and other emerging technologies.

The Technology subcommittee meets via teleconference every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. and all are welcome to attend.

Lea Marquez Peterson leads the Funding and Resources subcommittee which is considering various funding and donation sources and how to help in the grant writing process.

Toward that end Mark Goldstein has put together a valuable extensive list of broadband planning and grant-writing consultants that is posted on the COVID-19 Digital Access Task Force website. The subcommittee also wants to look at the possibility of setting up a fund for organizations and communities to hire consultants to write grant applications,

Mark noted that one of the subcommittee's recommendations is to use eCivis, a grants management system for the state government for grants offered by the federal government, state government and some foundations. Because eCivis is complex to use Mark recommended that someone needs to be empowered to monitor broadband grants of general interest in eCivis and send reports on these to stakeholders as well as execute specific broadband-related grant searches of eCivis on request.

Steve and some task force members met with the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) policy point person for Arizona to understand the potential for CRA funding to support digital equity projects in Arizona.) The CRA will not directly fund schools but will provide funding to 501(c)(3) organizations, which can work with schools to pay for broadband infrastructure and other significant projects,

Lea, in her role as ACC commissioner, is part of a National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) task force that is investigating the possibility of transitioning Universal Service Fund (USF) money from supporting POTs in high-cost rural areas to support broadband development in these areas.

Although Jeff Sobotka, Mala and others are focused on federal and state government funding, it is important to remember that other funding sources are also available. Specifically the subcommittee needs to identify private sector funding sources.

Jeff Sobotka, Mala and Milan Eaton need more people to assist them with grant application work.

The Funding and Resources subcommittee meets via teleconference every Friday at 10:00 a.m. and all are welcome to attend.

Alan Pruitt, Executive Director and Grants Manager for the Western Arizona Economic Development District (WAEDD) in Yuma, and John Lucas lead the Communities subcommittee which will address small businesses, senior citizens and other community needs.

Alan was instrumental in identifying and setting up a meeting with the CRA policy point person for Arizona.

3.2.2. Continuation of Steve Peters' Coordinators Agreement August thru December 2020

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/grant funding. Mark moved to extend this agreement from August to December 2020 at \$800 per month since AZBSN has not yet received any funding.

MOTION: To pay Steve Peters a monthly fee of \$800 for his role as AZBSN Coordinator for August 1 to December 31,2020. The total \$8000 ATIC funding of Steve Peters for managing the AZBSN from March to December 2020) is to be reimbursed to ATIC as first priority when AZBSN receives funding support.

**MOVE Mark Goldstein
SECOND: Bob Jacobson
Passed Unanimously**

Ron asked what is being done about fund raising for ATIC. Mark replied that there are three avenues that need to be explored.

One is related to the pandemic response, such as the Arizona Together grants, the AZ CARES Grant and others to be investigated by Bob Jacobson, Bob stated he would like to pursue state policy funding for ATIC rather than intermittent funding

The second avenue is the more traditional seeking of sponsorships and donations.

The third is the initiation of an AZBSN funding drive by Steve Peters.

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

3.3.1. Arizona Technology in Education Association (AzTEA)

No report.

3.3.2. Labster Virtual Laboratory Simulations Consortium

No report.

3.3.3. Other Innovative Learning Collaborative Initiatives for 2020

No report.

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

Mala and Holly reported they are involved in assisting the Navajo Nation to qualify the 49 chapter houses as branch libraries of the Navajo main library in Window Rock for E-rate funding, so they are trying to help them to get people trained. The tribe already has the computers and are waiting for the connectivity. Previous BTOP funding to the Navajo Nation enabled fiber to POPs, and E-rate grants would be used for the last mile to the chapter houses. Mark noted that several Satellite Cell on Light Trucks (SatCOLTs) have been set up by AT&T on the Navajo Nation as part of the FirstNet deployment.

Nicole Umayam is doing a pilot help desk project to prioritize the hiring of personnel who have been laid off. Holly Henley noted the CARES Express and Expanded Grants programs have been completed, and they opened up application for the CARES Supplemental grants (e.g. for virtual tours of museums). The Governor issued on July 1st an executive order to continue operation of the Arizona State Library until March 2021.

For the complete report, please see the following pages.

The State Library Report for the July 8th ATIC Meeting

Holly Henley, State Librarian:

1. State Library Continuation

- a. On July 1, Governor Ducey issued an Executive Order that continues the State Library until March 31, 2021 or until action is taken by the legislature for continuation or termination. Due to COVID-19, the Arizona legislature had adjourned in May before the final vote on the bill to continue the State Library under the Sunset Review process.
- b. Specifically mentioned in the Executive Order is the fact that the State Library has CARES Act funding to distribute to libraries. Letters from Secretary Hobbs, legislators, and community stakeholders are also called out. We are very grateful for the opportunity to continue fulfilling our mission of "Preserving Arizona, Providing Access."

2. CARES Act Supplemental

- a. The State Library received \$657,394 in CARES Act funding from IMLS to help "prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, including to expand digital network access, purchase internet accessible devices, and provide technical support services." State Library staff developed three funding opportunities to support Arizona residents through their libraries: CARES Express, CARES Expanded and CARES Supplemental. Visit <https://azlibrary.gov/libdev/funding> to learn more about the first two phases, which have had funding allocations made already.
- b. CARES Supplemental, the third phrase, focuses on library partnerships with museums and workforce development organizations. Libraries of all types are invited to apply for grants of up to \$10,000 to respond to the coronavirus pandemic. Successful CARES Supplemental projects will address problems of digital access created or exacerbated by the COVID-19 public health emergency.

3. Online Summer Reading

- a. The State Library has been providing a summer reading program for many years. An online version was added six years ago as an option, but with the pandemic and library closures, is being much more widely used this summer.
- b. In 2014 Maricopa County Library District developed and piloted, with the support of an LSTA grant from the Arizona State Library, an online summer reading program. The Great Reading Adventure is a web-based, open-source software program designed to manage reading programs in schools and libraries. Maricopa County Library District has continued to provide the program to all public libraries within Maricopa County with new features added every year.
- c. For the 14 other Arizona counties, the Arizona State Library provides online software to support virtual participation by patrons of all ages in reading programs. READsquared allows libraries to custom tailor the patron experience with targeted features, functions, and content by age. Kids can earn badges, complete online activity missions, and play games. Young readers can also write book reviews, find lists of cool books, and make wish lists of books they want to read.

4. Library Tech Helpline Pilot project

The Library Tech Helpline is a temporary phone-based tech support service of Helpline Specialists providing basic tech support, sign-up information for home internet service, guidance on online learning resources, and device advice to Arizonans. The Helpline will be piloted by the Arizona State Library from approximately June 29 – September 30, 2020.

5. Diversit-E Digital Content for Public Libraries

- a. During the pandemic, Arizona library staff have continued to meet the needs of their communities with new service models, and the State Library has reallocated resources to support their work accordingly. One of those ways has been to enhance digital services. As it continues to be challenging to provide in-person services, the State Library is offering an opportunity for public libraries to provide additional ebooks and e-audiobooks for customers by directly paying libraries' current vendors for e-content. This project is called Diversit-E.
- b. Participating libraries will receive funding in their ebook accounts to select titles relating to equity, diversity, inclusion and social justice. Selections may be for any age group, and multiple copies of the same title may be purchased. Formats must be either ebook or e-audiobook.
- c. The State Library also provides free content on Reading Arizona on these timely topics. Arizona Voices is a collection of over 70 titles related to the racial equity and social justice struggles faced by various populations throughout Arizona's history.

By Mala Muralidharan – State E-rate Administrator for Public Libraries

6. E-rate update –

- a. The Navajo Nation on behalf of 49 Chapter Houses as Branches of the Window Rock Main Library Navajo Nation has applied for E-rate funding to connect the Chapter Houses (last mile) to the Fiber network that NTUA had laid as a part of the BTOP grant funding in 2009. The State Library is working with the Nation to help them understand the requirements for eligibility to receive the funding.
- b. The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) is adding **multifactor authentication** (MFA) to the systems to increase the security of Universal Service Fund (USF) IT applications. It will require the user to enter two or more separate pieces of information, such as a password known to the user and a code USAC generates and sends to the user in order to gain access. Starting July 27, EPC users and BEAR Form filers must first log in to One Portal (our MFA security system) to access these applications. On July 27, after MFA has been deployed and new user accounts created, we will send a second email with instructions on how to log in and how to set up their second verification factor.
- c. USAC, in coming weeks, the Schools and Libraries (E-rate) Program and Lifeline Program have scheduled Virtual E-rate Information Series for Tribal Applicants stakeholders.

Virtual E-rate Information Series for Tribal Applicants: No cost is associated with attendance at this virtual series or any USAC E-rate Training.

- Session 1: The E-rate Program Information Overview for Tribal Schools and Tribal Libraries
Wednesday, July 29, 2020 3:00 p.m. ET. [Register](#)
- Session 2: Best E-rate Practices Shared by Tribal Schools (A Community-Led Discussion)
Wednesday, August 5, 2020 3:00 p.m. ET [Register](#)
- Session 3: Best E-rate Practices Shared by Tribal Libraries (A Community-Led Discussion)
Thursday, August 6, 2020 3:00 p.m. ET [Register](#)
- Session 4: FAQ Session for Tribal Schools and Libraries with the USAC E-rate Team
Tuesday, August 11, 2020 4:00 p.m. ET [Register](#)

In advance of this session, please email suggested topics to tribaltraining@usac.org.

Lifeline Tribal Training

The Lifeline Program is one of the four federal benefit programs administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). Lifeline helps households obtain affordable connectivity services by providing a discount to low-income consumers. Lifeline subscribers may receive up to \$9.25 off their monthly phone or internet bill and Lifeline subscribers that live on federally recognized Tribal lands may receive up to \$34.25 off their monthly bill. Consumers qualify for Lifeline through participation in government programs (such as SNAP or Tribal TANF) or if their income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines. Join the Lifeline Program for the Tribal training to learn more about the Lifeline Program and the application process.

Wednesday, August 19, 2020 3:00 p.m. ET [Register](#)

7. AZBSN Library and Education recommendations - Steve Peters' report.

8. SHLB - AnchorNets Online Workshop Schedule
Conference some paid sessions for non members

Friday Aug. 28	Workshop	Spectrum
Friday Sept. 18	Workshop	E-rate
Wed. Sept. 23	VIP Discussion	Policymaker
Friday, Oct. 2	Workshop	Rural Health Care
Friday, Oct. 16	Workshop	Spectrum
Wed. Oct. 21	VIP Discussion	Policymaker
Friday, Oct. 30	Workshop	E-rate
Friday, Nov. 16	Workshop	Rural Health Care
Wed. Nov. 21	VIP Discussion	Policymaker

Friday, Sept. 18 E-rate Workshop – 1

“How Does E-rate Handle Remote Learning?”

The COVID-19 Crisis has created a new challenge for school and library broadband networks. Schools and libraries need to handle traffic from within the school and from remote locations, such as students' homes. The FCC and USAC have already made some adjustments to the E-rate program and may make more changes in preparation for the 2021 Funding year. This discussion will focus on how the E-rate program provides support to ensure that school and library networks are equipped to handle a mix of traffic from a variety of locations and devices.

Friday, Oct. 30 E-rate Workshop – 2

“Successful Strategies for Obtaining Category 2 Support”

The FCC made several changes to the Category 2 support that take effect in the 2021 funding year. For instance, for the first time, schools and libraries will be able to apply for Cat 2 funding on a district-wide basis. This Workshop will focus on how to develop a successful Category 2 strategy and how to calculate your Category 2 budget for 2021 and beyond.

FCC Changes to Category 2

Summary <https://www.usac.org/e-rate/applicant-process/applying-for-discounts/category-two-budget/>

9. SHLB Webinar - Back to School? Broadband Solutions for Online Learning July 16, 1:30 p.m. ET:

[Register here](#)

"Back to school" will not mean "back to normal" this fall. Almost every school system is making plans for a hybrid teaching model that includes significant online learning from home. Unfortunately, in some school districts, 20 to 30 percent of students do not have broadband at home, which poses a significant barrier to educational opportunity. Many school systems are struggling to address this broadband learning gap - some are providing hot spots and devices, others are upgrading their school broadband networks, while still others are exploring innovative options to provide their own wireless broadband services. SHLB's upcoming webinar explores how K-12 schools can prepare to meet the broadband challenges and needs of back-to-school during COVID-19.

Meet the Experts

- Moderator: John Windhausen Jr., executive director, SHLB Coalition
- Jenna Boggan, technology coordinator, Mountain View School District (Idaho)
- Michael Flood, vice president, strategy, Kajeet
- Michael McKerley, vice president, chief technology officer, ENA
- Joe Rodriguez, director of technology, Mountain View School District (Idaho)

Additional speakers TBA.

10. Legislative update

- a. [Remote Learning During COVID-19 Act](#)
- b. Accessible, Affordable Internet For All Act ([Senate](#) | [House](#))
- c. [Emergency Broadband Connections Act](#)
- d. [Moving Forward Act](#)

End of State Library Report

3.5 Telehealth (Janet Major)

Janet Major gave a brief report on the recent Arizona Telehealth Broadband Action Team (BAT) monthly meeting held on June 7. At that meeting Jeff Sobotka reviewed several BATs that he has helped to set up in communities across Arizona. He noted that the Telehealth BAT is statewide and is focused on the needs of telehealth providers and patients. The goal of this BAT is to provide collaboration and potential ideas on how to improve broadband access for telehealth in the state. This was followed by a group discussion regarding Navajo Nation broadband infrastructure challenges, issues and funding.

Janet expressed her desire to see a Four Corners BAT established for the entire Navajo nation to increase the level of cooperation to consider education, library and telehealth uses of chapter houses which could open up more grant opportunities. More people who have a stake in the Navajo Nation need to be included. The Nevada broadband specialist, Jojo Meyers, has done a similar project to link up the chapter houses with the libraries and as a result has been successfully awarded USDA-DLT and other grants.

The BAT meeting also included a review by Jeff on available federal and state broadband grant opportunities, including the

FCC COVID-19 Telehealth Program (<https://www.fcc.gov/covid-19-telehealth-program>);

USDA DLT (<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/distance-learning-telemedicine-grants>) grants;

RUS grants (<https://www.usda.gov/reconnect>);

NIH (https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/search_results.htm?sort=rel&scope=parfa&year=active&text_curr=telemedicine);

Economic Development Administration (<https://eda.gov/coronavirus/>);

Potential Phase 4 Infrastructure Focused Stimulus Round (<https://www.roadsbridges.com/how-prepare-stimulus-funding>); and

Arizona Rural Broadband Development grants.

Although many application deadlines have passed; others are coming up soon.

Janet announced the next telemedicine training session would be on July 20 and includes specialists on HIV and telepsychology. (<https://telemedicine.arizona.edu/training/telemedicine-applications/webinar/2020-07-20>).

USDLA is also hosting their conference virtually July 21-24, 2020 - <https://usdla.org/2020-national-conference/>

3.6 Government Affairs (Bob Jacobson, Mark Goldstein)

Mark provided the following updates on federal legislative activity.

7/8/20 The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government approved its fiscal year 2021 funding bill by voice vote on July 8, 2020. For fiscal year 2021, the draft bill includes \$24.64 billion in discretionary funding, an increase of \$808 million over the 2020 enacted level. The bill includes \$376.1 million for the FCC, an increase of \$37.1 million above the FY 2020 enacted level that includes funding to implement new broadband mapping legislation. Additionally, the bill includes \$61 billion in emergency funding for the FCC to expand availability of broadband to unserved areas, as well as multiyear funding for broadband mapping and replacement of telecommunications equipment deemed to pose a national security threat to the United States. See <https://appropriations.house.gov/news/press-releases/appropriations-subcommittee-approves-fiscal-year-2021-financial-services-and>.

7/6/20 **Broadband Adoption and Opportunity Act** was introduced by AZ Rep O'Halleran: <https://ohalleran.house.gov/newsroom/press-releases/ohalleran-introduces-legislation-connect-students-and-families-computers>

7/3/20 House Democrats have now passed the **Accessible, Affordable Internet for All Act**, broadband legislation which is included in the Moving Forward Act and proposes \$100B for broadband initiatives. Senate Democrats introduced matching legislation. Also, there has been bipartisan Senate introduction of the **Rural Broadband Acceleration Act**(<https://www.portman.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/portman-brown-braun-bennet-jones-upton-clyburn-introduce-bipartisan>) with new broadband funding included. So, encouraging movement on new funding, but no telling where it will go short term. Believe it bodes well for new broadband infrastructure funding later this year or early next year.

7/3/20 ITIF released "Lessons From the Pandemic: Broadband Policy After COVID-19" available at <https://itif.org/publications/2020/07/13/lessons-pandemic-broadband-policy-after-covid-19>.

Mark reported that the Arizona Technology Council (AZTC) is entering the editing phase of the annual Public Policy Guide on which he is working.

4. Information and Action Plans

4.1. ATIC Website & Teleconferencing (All)

4.1.1. AZBSN Communications & Newsletter

No report

4.1.2. Teleconferencing Platform Replacement

Steve said the website needs some work and should be updated. He also announced that AZBSN may move back from using Microsoft Teams to using Zoom.

4.2. ATIC Mailing List & CRM (All)

No report

4.3. New Business and Motion Considerations (All)

No report

5. Events Attended and Upcoming Meetings

None this month

6. Announcements

None this month

7. Adjourn

Upcoming ATIC Board & Public Meetings

Upcoming ATIC Board Meetings for 2020 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.

September 9, 2020

October 14, 2020

November 18, 2020

ATIC Special and Public Meetings:

AZBSN COVID-19 Digital Access Task Force continues to hold meetings every Monday morning at 7:30 a.m. and Sub-Committee meetings regularly as well. 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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Dashboard

Accounts

Checking	\$1,622.65
ATIC 434041	
04081-0400	A \$1,622.65
	\$1,622.65
Savings	\$4,256.06
ATIC 073206	
04081-0000	A \$4,256.06
	\$4,281.06
Share Certificate	\$6,256.09
Business Cert 12 Month ...	
04081-1101	A \$6,256.09
	\$6,256.09

A Available Balance

BudgetTracker

You have no budgets

Create a Budget

Important Information

Updates to Branch Services

Find out when, where and how you can access our in-person services.

March 27, 2020

We Found A Hero!

You helped make a match, but our friend Jason still needs a kidney.

October 04, 2019

Last 15 days

🔒 Logged in 1 time

Next 15 days

There is no activity scheduled for the next 15 days.

Quick Links

Credit Card Login

Investments (Raymond James)

Mortgage Loans (MLOS)

Identity Secure

LinkExternalAccount



Get Started

Desert Financial Credit UnionArizona Telecommunications And Information
ATIC 434041 04081-0400*Transaction History*

100 Transactions

Statement Period: All Dates

Date of Statement: 07/07/2020

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	BALANCE
06/29/20	DRAFT #2209 TRACER 30569018	-\$800.00	\$1,622.65
06/19/20	ARIZONA CORP COMM 9399 .CC.STATE.AZ. AZ 0001	-\$10.00	\$2,422.65
06/17/20	ONLINE BANKING TRANSFER FROM 0000	\$2,000.00	\$2,432.65
06/10/20	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$26.30	\$432.65
06/03/20	DRAFT #2208 TRACER 30058924	-\$800.00	\$458.95
05/29/20	ONLINE BANKING TRANSFER FROM 0000	\$400.00	\$1,258.95
05/12/20	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$26.67	\$858.95
04/27/20	DRAFT #2207 TRACER 29250809	-\$800.00	\$885.62
04/21/20	ONLINE BANKING TRANSFER FROM 0000	\$500.00	\$1,685.62
04/10/20	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$28.15	\$1,185.62
03/25/20	DRAFT #2206 TRACER 28647568	-\$800.00	\$1,213.77
03/19/20	DRAFT #2205 TRACER 28538317	-\$44.91	\$2,013.77
03/17/20	USPS KIOSK 03766 9402 SCOTTSDALE AZ 63955299	-\$11.00	\$2,058.68
03/12/20	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$27.17	\$2,069.68
03/11/20	SQ *BROOKLYN MIKES 5999 PHOENIX AZ 00000000	-\$130.00	\$2,096.85
03/10/20	DRAFT #2205 TRACER 27804369 DUPLICATE POSTING	\$1,000.00	\$2,226.85
03/09/20	ONLINE BANKING TRANSFER FROM 0000	\$1,000.00	\$1,226.85
02/19/20	DRAFT #2204 TRACER 27846753	-\$34.43	\$226.85
02/18/20	DRAFT #2205 TRACER 27804369	-\$1,000.00	\$261.28
02/18/20	DRAFT #2203 TRACER 27804368	-\$1,000.00	\$1,261.28
02/12/20	SQ *SUBS 5999 PHOENIX AZ 00000000	-\$130.00	\$2,261.28
02/11/20	ONLINE BANKING TRANSFER FROM 0000	\$1,000.00	\$2,391.28
02/11/20	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$26.81	\$1,391.28
01/16/20	DRAFT #2202 TRACER 27145182	-\$17.38	\$1,418.09
01/10/20	DRAFT #2201 TRACER 27011341	-\$256.00	\$1,435.47