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## **ATIC Board Agenda for Wednesday, July 13, 2022**

### **1. Administrative**

- 1.1. Self-Introductions
- 1.2. Modifications to and Acceptance of Agenda Draft
- 1.3. Acceptance of Minutes from June 8, 2022, Board Meeting
- 1.4. Treasurer's Report (Ron Schott)
- 1.5. ATIC Board Membership Considerations
  - 1.5.1. ATIC Broadband Providers Working Group Meeting & Next Steps
- 1.6. Review of Outstanding Action Items as Documented in June 8, 2022, Minutes

### **2. Informational Presentations**

- 2.1. None Scheduled

### **3. Activity Reports**

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

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

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

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

### **6. Announcements**

### **7. Adjourn**



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## **ATIC Board Meeting Minutes**

**July 13, 2022**

### **Attendees:**

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

Jerry Crow, Oris Friesen, Henry Goldberg, Mark Goldstein, Kirk Busch, Ron Schott, Holly Henley, Michael Cohen, Laura Etter proxy for Derek Masseth, Andy Phelan, Heather Floyd, and Corey Christians.

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

Mala Muralidharan (E-rate Administrator for Arizona State Libraries), Orlando Moreno (Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation), Manny Villa (Sahuarita Unified School District), Tracy Rexroat (Arizona Department of Education), Jim Soudriette (private Individual – formerly Galaxy Group), Brian Daly (AT&T Network Chief Technology Office) and John Champagne (Commnet Broadband).

### **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, September 14, 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. Acceptance of Agenda Draft**

**MOTION: To accept the Agenda**

**MOVE: Oris Friesen**

**SECOND: Jerry Crow**

**Passed Unanimously**

### **1.3. Acceptance of Minutes from June 8, 2022, Board Meeting**

**MOTION: To accept the Minutes**

**MOVE: Heather Floyd**

**SECOND: Corey Christians**

**Passed Unanimously**

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

Ron Schott, Treasurer, circulated via email the Desert Financial Credit Union statement with account and transaction details for Board reference, which are included at the back of these Minutes. Ron reported that current funds on hand total \$10,754.24. The Directors & Officers Insurance was renewed for a fee of \$924. Ron noted that the Arizona Technology Council (AZTC) membership renewal is due at a cost of \$400. Mark observed that the maximum amount of expenditures that can be approved by the Executive Committee before requiring a Board motion to approve is \$500. The general consensus among the attendees was to renew the AZTC membership. Ron will renew with the approval of the Executive Committee. Ron will abstain from voting.

In the absence of Steve Peters, Mark estimated that the current balance in the AZBSN Task Force account is somewhat below \$20,000. Steve reported at a previous meeting that the only major expense for the task force currently is his monthly salary payment, and he is being judicious in how he spends the task force funds in the account. Steve needs to provide an update on the AZBSN Task Force account balance at the next ATIC Board meeting. Steve has launched a sponsorship drive to raise further funding and needs to secure some sponsorship renewals and new sponsorships by the end of the year.

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. Mark has stated previously that in the past ATIC has been paid to host rural broadband workshops, and there may be federal digital equity funding that could be accessed for ATIC projects and/or AZBSN Task Force work.

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

Mark again noted that we have an ongoing interest in acquiring more representation from rural communities and tribal organizations. He noted that Corey Christians of Yavapai County was recently elected to the Board. Alluvion Communications, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Gila River Telecommunications, Inc., has expressed some interest in joining as have representatives from the Navajo Nation. Another possibility is the San Carlos Apache Telecommunications, Inc. (SCATUI).

Mark has previously spoken with Lanita Collette, the Deputy CIO and CISO at the University of Arizona, who expressed interest in joining the ATIC Board. He also noted that Robert Gallegos, the IT/Security Director for the Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG), wants to be more involved with the Arizona Broadband initiatives. Joy Whiting, Apache County Schools Superintendent who participates in the AZBSN task force, is another potential candidate Mark could contact to join the ATIC Board.

Mark will confer with Jeff Sobotka and Mala about potential tribal representation on the ATIC Board.

Mark remains committed to talk to Gene Carl of Cox about becoming an ATIC Board member and sponsoring ATIC or AZBSN.

We have twenty-four Board members. It should be noted that the minutes for the previous month said we had twenty-five Board members. That was an error. We can have up to thirty-five members according to our bylaws.

**MOTION: To nominate Brian Daly, AT&T, to be a Board Member of ATIC.**

**MOVE: Mark Goldstein**

**SECOND: Michael Cohen**

**Passed Unanimously**

**MOTION: To nominate Manny Villa, Sahuarita Unified School District IT Director, to be a Board Member of ATIC.**

**MOVE: Mark Goldstein**

**SECOND: Kirk Busch**

**Passed Unanimously**

### **1.5.1. ATIC Broadband Providers Working Group Meeting and Next Steps**

As reported previously, an outcome of the January ATIC Board meeting 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 is to focus on addressing common issues and opportunities for the broadband service providers in Arizona. So far, broadband providers have expressed interest in exchange of information and possible formation of partnerships. The group was launched on April 6.

The participants advocated for a semi-private forum to exchange information and expressed a preference for asynchronous communication. Slack was suggested as a possible communication medium for this.

Mark has started a Slack channel, and he has invited a half-dozen people to join. It has not been actively populated. He plans to invite 150 from his spreadsheet and another twenty to help seed the conversation, and he will act as moderator.

**ACTION ITEM – Mark to engage and activate the Slack Channel by the September meeting of ATIC.**

### **1.6. Review of Outstanding Action Items as Documented in June 8, 2022, Minutes**

Mark had an action item to send an email to Jeff Sobotka about potential native American representation.

**This Action Item has been completed and is closed.**

## **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), could not attend so Mark reviewed recent activities

Mark reported that the Arizona Broadband Development Grant program (ABDG) awards totaling about \$100 million have been announced by the ACA. The list of recipients can be seen at <https://www.azcommerce.com/news-events/news/2022/7/arizona-commerce-authority-announces-100-million-in-broadband-grants/>. ACA received applications totaling \$440 million for the \$100 million available under the ABDG. This will be the first of a number of broadband programs resulting from new federal funding. Jeff will provide details on the ABDG awards at the July 18<sup>th</sup> AZBSN COVID-19 Digital Access Task Force meeting.

Heather Floyd confirmed that HB2678 (<https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview/77736>) which establishes a State Broadband Office, was one of 74 bills signed by Governor Ducey on July 6.

Jeff has been bringing on contractors to assist in overseeing the numerous projects. Mark noted that Jeff will be working with Erin Carr-Jordan of ASU who is managing director of the Digital Equity Institute (<https://digitalequityinstitute.org/>) to lead the Digital Equity Act planning work for national funding of \$2.75 billion, where the State Broadband Office will need to submit by July 12th an application for a planning grant. The purpose of this grant is to develop a State Digital Equity Plan that needs to be scalable and benefit all local communities and tribes.

Mark also reported that Jeff is looking for a consulting firm to assist in governance and reporting and another consultant to develop an RFP for a public private partnership to manage the ADOT ROW issues surrounding middle-mile expansion. This follows up on the middle-mile strategy consulting report written by KPMG and published in February 2022.

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

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

Steve Peters was also unable to attend. Mark reviewed recent activities of the AZBSN COVID-19 Digital Access Task Force (<https://www.arizonatele.org/covid19-about.html>) and its regular weekly meetings.

Mark reported that the AZBSN Digital Access Task Force continues to meet weekly. There are over 100 people who are actively engaged with AZBSN, and 40 - 50 people typically attending Monday morning task force meetings. One of the more active areas that are receiving attention is digital equity. Cindy Hogan and Nicole Umayam have been co-chairing a Digital Inclusion

Network team that meets bi-weekly. Another upcoming area is cybersecurity. Steve Peters is working on forming an informational cybersecurity work group focusing on educational and tech support services for the general public and small business end-users as opposed to enterprises. The Arizona Department of Homeland Security is involved in our task force and ADE is partnering with them on cybersecurity practices. This effort may evolve into a more formal entity.

Henry Goldberg added that a number of organizations (such as the Arizona Commerce Authority, Arizona Department of Education, the Digital Equity Institute, Sun Corridor Network, the Arizona Corporation Commission, the Arizona State Library and others) give regular updates on their activities. Also, at the last meeting Microsoft gave a presentation on the digital equity dashboard they have developed, which is a visualization tool providing various digital equity measures based on publicly-available data sources (e.g., American Community Survey and FCC) for each state at the county and census-tract levels.

Steve has also been trying to get a strategic leadership team off the ground to discuss future directions for the task force.

Mark added that Jeff Sobotka has indicated ATIC and AZBSN may have a public engagement and outreach role to play in the broadband and digital equity arena.

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

Nan was not present, but she reported at the last meeting that the next big AzTEA event will be in the fall.

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

The GAZEL Board hasn't met since late last year and needs reactivation and refreshing to further operationalize GAZEL. The Board still needs to acquire D&O insurance for good governance and proper protections.

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

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

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

Holly Henley announced that Nicole Umayam has relocated to Washington DC to join NTIA. Jaime Ball, administrator at the State Library, is filling in for her relative to the Connect-Arizona digital navigators, and Holly is picking up the duties related to digital inclusion with Cindy Hogan. The State Library is actively recruiting statewide and nationally for a replacement to continue the excellent programs Nicole started on digital equity: the Connect-Arizona website and digital navigators.

Mala reported that the E-rate commitments from USAC by the July 1 date has been the best ever. Arizona has seen \$46 million approved out of the \$120 million that was applied for. The RFP cycle for 2023-24 is open until March 2023. She urged school districts and libraries to apply.

The Navajo Nation tribal deployment of fiber to its chapter houses with E-rate funding and training is moving along at a good pace. The chapter houses are in various stages of completion. The network needs to be bifurcated in the case of multiple chapter house tenants so that only the library portion is allocated E-rate funding and this presents some challenges. Staff training is ongoing and there are some building and supply chain issues, but overall the work is moving forward.

The sign-up rate for the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is holding steady at 3000-4000 per week. ACP provides discounts of \$30/month for Internet service to eligible families and \$75/month for tribal households, and there is a one-time \$100 discount for devices if bought through the service provider. In Arizona there have been 281,852 households that have signed up as of July 5. Arizona is ranked about #12 nationally in terms of the number of households enrolled in the ACP. There is an ACP tool kit in Spanish and English that was started by Nicole and it continues to be updated on the Connect Arizona website. The navigators speak the Navajo language (Diné) and Spanish. The Buy America guidelines, which started on May 14, have proven to be challenging -- federal Buy America grant regulations require more than 55% of the cost of equipment components to be made in the USA and they must be



assembled in the USA.

The Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) program made about \$7.1 billion available. \$8.5 billion has applied for, which is well over the amount available. So there will need to be some prioritization applied to the fund allocation beginning with rural communities. More details are provided in the written report which is included below.

Another topic concerning SHLB and the FCC is the Universal Service Fund (USF) contribution. Landline service providers must contribute 33.4% of their monthly bill to users for use by USAC to distribute to schools and libraries for internet access capabilities. There is a debate about getting more service providers and technology companies to contribute to the USF.

Mala discussed the telemedicine in libraries pilot project in Pima county Ajo and Arivaca libraries, which she and Janet are coordinating and she spoke of the plans for a community soft launch event on July 15. There will be backpack kits with vitals instruments, such as blood pressure cuffs, thermometers, stethoscopes and pulse oximeters. They will be linked to the network made available by the providers and the efficacy and security of data that is gathered will be verified in accordance with HIPAA regulations. The big launch is planned for Saturday, October 1. The Lions Club plans to do an eye test on that day as well. There will be tables for service providers to exhibit health related information and devices. Food banks will also be participating to demonstrate healthy foods.

The SHLB national conference will take place on October 12-15 in Crystal City, Virginia. Registration is \$500 for non-members and \$300 for members. The agenda includes a wide range of broadband-related issues and covers all of the major legislative programs that are in effect.

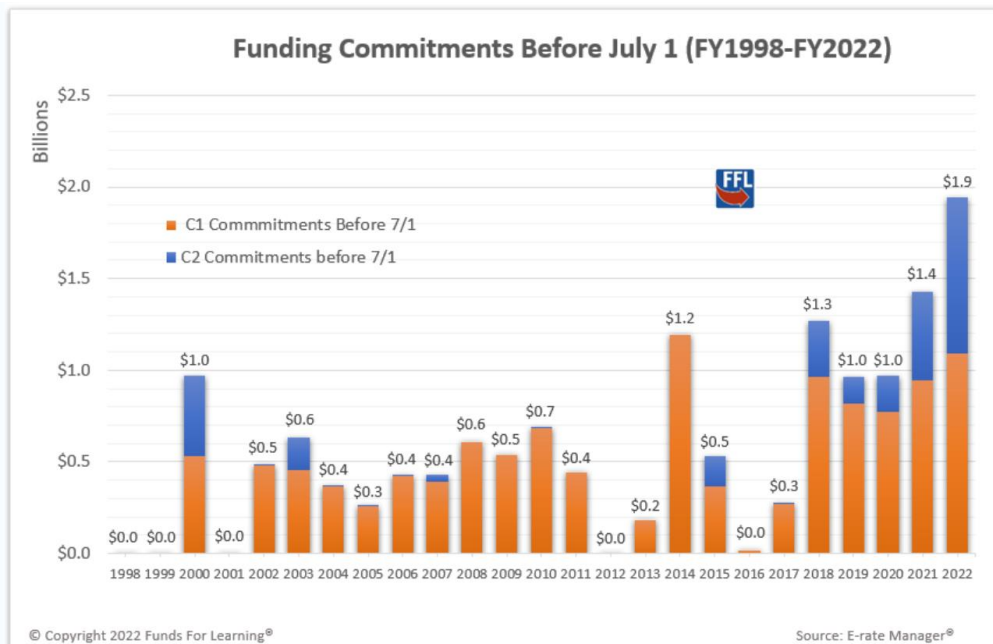
For more details, see the State Library Report below, submitted by Mala

### **ATIC July 13, 2022, State Library Report**

**Announcement:** Nicole Umayam the Digital Inclusion Consultant has moved to NTIA. Her position has been advertised nationally and will be filled as quickly as possible.

#### **1. a. E-RATE**

- For 2022 -AZ Schools and Libraries applied for \$120 M – and so far in the first 9 waves about \$46 Million has been committed by July 1 – highest in the recent history of USAC
- The FCC form 470 or the RFPs for the next cycle, are open and will stay open till March 2023



**b. Navajo Nation Fiber buildout** is going at a good clip.. The Chapters are in various stages of being completed. Fiber to the door, internal connections, computer installation. Bifurcation networks where the building has more tenants than just the library. Computer installation, linking to e-resources that the State Library provides and staff training. Challenges include permits, poles, some supply chain issues, building issues.

**2. ACP** is an FCC benefit program that helps ensure that households can afford the broadband they need for work, school, healthcare and more. [GetInternet.gov](https://www.getinternet.gov) is a simple, easy-to-use website with details on how Americans can sign up for ACP and find participating internet providers in their area.

The benefit provides a discount of up to **\$30 per month** toward internet service for eligible households and up to **\$75 per month discount for households** on qualifying Tribal lands.

**Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount** of up to **\$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet** from participating providers if they contribute more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price.

The Affordable Connectivity Program is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household. Eligible households must both apply for the program and contact a participating provider to select a service plan.

**281,852** households signed up as of July 5<sup>th</sup> up from **(279,622)** National total 12. 7 Million

The updated ACP Enrollment and Claims Tracker is located at <https://www.usac.org/about/affordable-connectivity-program/acp-enrollment-and-claims-tracker/>

**ACP Media and Resource Tool Kit** : <https://connect-arizona.com/acp>

- Federal Agencies like Social Security, Pell Grants etc will send mailers to every qualifying household to encourage them to sign up.
- Public interest organizations, including the United Way, Goodwill, Catholic Charities USA, and UnidosUS, will train their national networks to conduct direct enrollment and outreach. And
- New rules will soon require providers to display a “[Broadband Nutrition Label](#)” that will make it easier to comparison shop for the best deal on internet.
- The FCC has adopted rules to ban sweetheart deals between internet providers and landlords that restrict the internet options available to millions of Americans who live [in apartment buildings](#).

### 3. OMB’s Build America, Buy America is in effect now

Build America, Buy America guidance **Office of Management and Budget** on April 18<sup>th</sup> issued M-22-11 Memo Build America, Buy America guidance The Guidance emphasizes the “Buy America Preference” in Federal Financial Assistance Programs for Infrastructure. The Act will bolster America’s industrial base, protect national security, and support high-paying jobs. It will increase reliance on domestic supply chains makes U.S. supply chains more resilient; Buy America OMB Guidance <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/M-22-11.pdf>

In Theory – this is great for the long term.

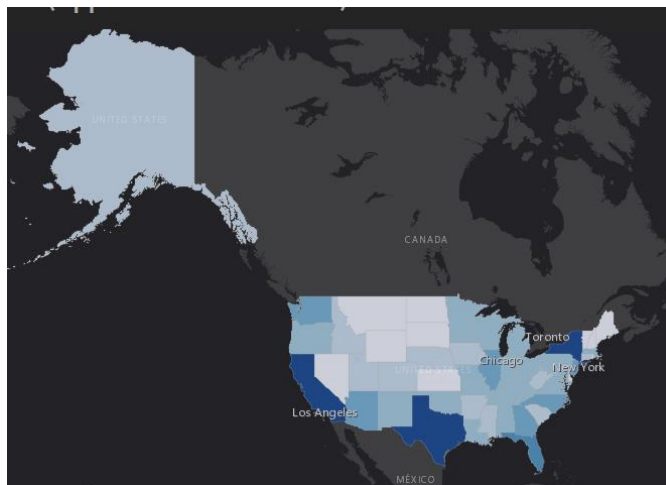
- More than 55% of the cost of the components should be made in the USA.
- It should be assembled in the USA.
- Certify that all manufacturing processes for all construction materials occurred in the United States
- This guidance applies to all Federal financial assistance as defined in section 200.1 of title 2, Code of Federal Regulations<sup>12</sup>—whether or not funded through IIJA—where funds are appropriated or otherwise made available and used for a project for infrastructure. Federal financial assistance means assistance that non-Federal entities receive or administer in the form of grants, cooperative agreements, non-cash contributions or donations of property, direct assistance, loans, loan guarantees, and other types of financial assistance. The term “non-Federal entity” includes States, local governments, territories, Indian tribes, Institutions of Higher Education (IHE), and nonprofit organizations.
- Executive Order 13175 establishes that ***Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments***, and consistent with policies set forth in the Presidential Memorandum of January 26, 2021, on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-Nation Relationships. Federal agencies should commence consultation promptly.
- **By May 14, 2022**, agencies must ensure that all applicable programs comply with section 70914 of the Act, including by the incorporation of a Buy America preference in the terms and conditions of each award with an infrastructure project.
- Waiting for guidance on who is responsible and who should certify. Applicant? Service Provider?

[FACT SHEET: President Biden and Vice President Harris Reduce High-Speed Internet Costs for Millions of Americans | The White House](#)

4. **ECF:** On June 30, 2022, the FCC announced nearly \$159 million in Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) support. To date approximately \$5.3 billion has been committed with,

- \$4.1 billion supporting applications from Window 1,
- \$819 million from Window 2, and
- \$401 million from Window 3

**The total ECF requested amount for application window 1 through window 3 totaled \$8.5 billion** which surpassed the \$7.1 billion earmarked for ECF program. Since the demand for window 3 applications was higher than the available funds, the FCC recently indicated that applications will be prioritized to fund schools and libraries with the greatest need first. Click this map to view demand by state. Detailed information on the status of submitted applications is available in the Open Data Portal. View the current list of funding commitments approved by state (Excel file).



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A quick analysis of the requested ECF funds indicates that schools and libraries requested over \$6 billion worth

of connected devices to support remote learning needs. Laptop requests totaled over \$4.94 billion followed by tablets, which totaled over \$1.01 billion.

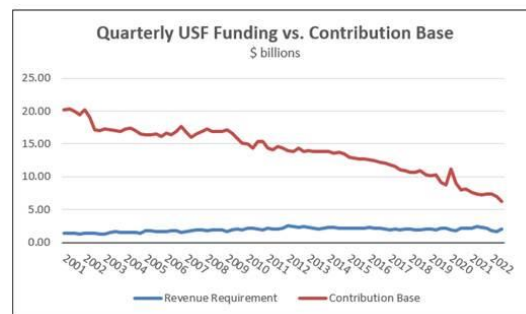
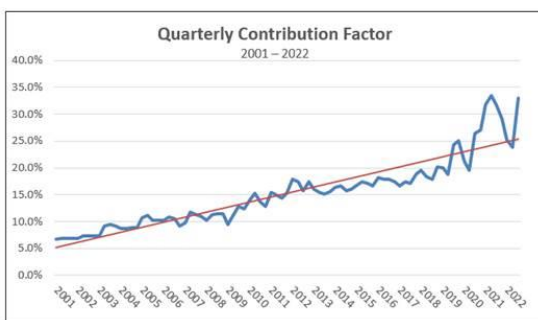
**Telehealth Pilot Project** at the Pima Public Library : The pilot is being conducted at the Ajo and Arivaca Libraries where patrons can come in and

- Schedule an individual video meet with doctors from study room of the library or the Telehealth Mobile Clinic, as needed.
- Set up consultation and screening for patrons with the help of a visiting nurse/ student-nurse by video conferencing with a doctor in another location if patrons have questions while taking their vitals using the back pack medical kits.
- Attend Nutrition/Wellness Webinar/Training via video conferencing in the library or safely around the vehicle in the parking lot, using fold-out tables and laptops.

- -Send the requested medical records to the health service provider from the library, using HIPAA-compliant I-health software, so that they don't go over their smartphones' data cap.

The equipment has been purchased and tested; the privacy, the library disclaimers, the logistics have all been taken care of. The partners – Pima County Health Department, the Student Nurses from U of A Health Sciences, Outreach and promotion through, Arizona Telemedicine Program & Southwest Telehealth Resource Center; The soft launch will be done mid July. But a big splash is planned for Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup> October 1<sup>st</sup> date to host the Lions Club for screening in Arivaca and we will follow-up shortly.

**USF Quarterly Contribution Factor Back to Near High:** The FCC announced that the Proposed Third Quarter 2022 Universal Service Contribution Factor will be 33.0% (see [DA 22-623](#)). As shown below, the contribution factor has bounced back above the thirty percent level close to the 2Q21 high of 33.4%.



As we have discussed quarterly, and as shown in the graph below, the underlying problem is not so much that USF expenses are rising (although they were up a bit in the second quarter) but that the interstate end-user telecommunications revenue base continues to decline — down 18% in this past quarter alone.

**SHLB Annual conference** Oct 12-15 Crystal City VA. In person only Check out [shlb.org](http://shlb.org) The conference will have session addressing Broadband issues, the NTIA grants, Broadband plans, E-rate, ECF, BB Infrastructure, Pole attachments, anchor connectivity, Broadband Mapping, Telehealth, Broadband Data and more.

**End of State Library Report**

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

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

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

Janet was unable to attend and submitted a brief written report via email. Mark reported on her contribution.

Janet commented on the Arizona Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) (<https://azahec.uahs.arizona.edu/>) which focus on developing integrated, sustainable statewide health workforce education programs with an emphasis on primary care and increasing access in Arizona's rural and underserved communities by improving the supply, quality, diversity and distribution of the health workforce. This strategic vision is accomplished in collaboration with the five statewide Arizona AHEC regional centers. The number of centers will soon be increased to six with the addition of a tribal center, the first one nationally.

Janet will be presenting on the Telehealth in our Libraries project in Nashville for USDLA United States Distance Learning Association (USDLA) Conference on July 18-21 (<https://www.usdla.org>). She also reported that there are some Distance Learning & Telemedicine grants available at <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-programs/distance-learning-telemedicine-grants>.

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

Mark discussed briefly the recently completed Arizona legislative session noting that the final budget was bipartisan, which was unusual, and included considerable incremental funds for public education.

He also noted that at the federal level there is a “chips” bill that proposes an increase in American semiconductor chip manufacturing to retain the U.S. lead over Europe and China in that domain. In the telecommunications arena, Gigi Sohn has not yet been approved by the Senate as an FCC Commissioner.

We are still waiting for NTIA to announce the winners of the previous tribal funding round of \$1 billion. Only about ten percent of the awards have been announced. Until that round is completed, roughly \$2 billion that are to be

awarded in the second round of tribal grants are being delayed.

## **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)**

#### **ATIC vs. AZBSN Roles and AZBSN Governance.**

Mark reminded everyone of the issue raised by Janet at our last meeting concerning AZBSN governance and oversight. Since neither Janet nor Steve are present today this will be moved to the September meeting agenda. Henry mentioned that Janet was concerned about the definition of roles for ATIC as opposed to AZBSN. For ease of reference, below is a copy (in blue text) of Janet's concerns as documented at the June meeting:

Janet would like to discuss the future role of ATIC. Janet feels AZBSN is subordinate to ATIC but that ATIC "has been 'lost' in the shuffle – and that all expertise is not 'owned' by AZBSN. Does ATIC still want to be an authority and resource for the general public? Does AZBSN want to be an affiliate of ATIC? Or continue the outreach work of ATIC as telecom experts under the name of AZBSN?" Cybersecurity is one of the five pillars of digital equity on which AZBSN is focusing. Should ATIC also deal with cybersecurity? Kirk suggested that maybe we need to define the roles more specifically but it is important to



build on the established AZBSN brand to avoid confusion. Mark agreed with Janet and Kirk that we should consider better defining the ATIC roles, and ATIC is creating a new broadband provider working group. Mark noted that AZBSN is a partnership of ATIC and GAZEL, but GAZEL no longer has an active Board. Steve noted that digital equity, including cybersecurity, will be a key mission for AZBSN. Mark commented that ATIC may partner with ACA on rural outreach and with the Arizona Telemedicine Program on telehealth events in the future.

Mark added that we did start to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in 2020 and the Executive Committee held several meetings on this topic (see Section 3.3.2 above). One of the decisions that was made was to let the finances of AZBSN operate under the management of GAZEL. However, the GAZEL Board has not met for some time and is not effectively acting in an operational capacity. Kirk Busch asked about the state of the draft MOU and Mark will send him a copy.

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

## **6. Announcements**

Mark reported that Google fiber is finally coming to Mesa as the Mesa City Council voted to bring high-speed Internet access to every premise in the city (from 4 fiber providers: Google Fiber, SiFi, Ubiquity & Wyyerd) (see <https://mesanow.org/news/public/article/2978>).

Corey Christians said Yavapai County is planning a hearing on July 20 about possibly building a county complex in Congress to include a clinic, a library and a sheriff substation. He speculated that perhaps some private pods for libraries could be included to cover telehealth as in Ajo and Arivaca. Mala will talk to Corey about doing telehealth in their library. Mark provided Corey with the following link to USDA Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grants that may be relevant to this topic: <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-programs/distance-learning-telemedicine-grants>. Mala added that the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM) also has ongoing grants that may be useful.

## **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.

- 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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#### Checking

\$694.21

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04081-0400

\$694.21

#### Savings

\$10,060.03

ATIC 073206

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## Transaction History

Statement Period: **All Dates**

Date of Statement: **07/12/2022**

### Posted Transactions (51)

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	BALANCE
07/12/22	DRAFT #2221 TRACER 45886391	-\$924.00	\$694.21
07/12/22	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$25.63	\$1,618.21
06/30/22	ONLINE BANKING TRANSFER FROM 0000	\$1,000.00	\$1,643.84
06/10/22	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$26.15	\$643.84
05/11/22	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$25.40	\$669.99
04/12/22	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$25.63	\$695.39
03/15/22	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$26.04	\$721.02
02/10/22	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$26.04	\$747.06
01/12/22	ONLINE BANKING TRANSFER FROM 0000	\$500.00	\$773.10
01/11/22	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$25.81	\$273.10
12/13/21	DEPOSIT CHECK	\$20.00	\$298.91
12/13/21	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$26.18	\$278.91
11/17/21	DRAFT #2220 TRACER 40989212	-\$20.00	\$305.09
11/10/21	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$26.04	\$325.09
10/12/21	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$26.42	\$351.13
09/10/21	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$25.93	\$377.55
08/11/21	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$26.81	\$403.48
08/05/21	DRAFT #2219 TRACER 38891771	-\$909.00	\$430.29