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ATIC Board Agenda for Wednesday, October 11, 2023

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ATIC Board Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2023

Attendees:

ATIC Board Members:

Mark Goldstein, Henry Goldberg, Oris Friesen, Ron Schott, John Kelly, Kirk Busch, Jerry Crow, Heather Floyd, Holly Henley, Andy Phelan, Manny Villa and Nan Williams.

ATIC Associates & Guests:

Krystal Saverse (Broadband Data & GIS Analyst, ACA State Broadband Office), Erin Lorandos (Digital Inclusion Library Consultant, Arizona State Library), Ken Dewitt (IT Director, Navajo County), Edd Thiele (Consultant on Telehealth for Dementia Patients), John Champagne (Network Engineer) and Tamara Rosenberg (State Broadband Coordinator, Resound Networks).

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

A replay of the meeting is available at <https://youtu.be/EXamdUPqs7E>

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 the last for 2023 and scheduled for Wednesday, November 8, 2023, virtually. The schedule of ATIC Board Meetings for 2024 can be found towards the end of these minutes.

1. Administrative

1.1. Self-Introductions

See the list of attendees above.

1.2. Modifications to and Acceptance of Agenda Draft

MOTION: To accept the Agenda

MOVE: Oris Friesen
SECOND: Manny Villa
Passed Unanimously

1.3. Acceptance of Minutes from September 13, 2023, Board Meeting

Oris Friesen writes the draft minutes, after which they are reviewed carefully by Henry Goldberg, and Mark Goldstein does a final edit of the draft minutes before issuing them to the Board as a draft for review, comment, and approval. For this month, due to personal constraints, Henry drafted the minutes and Oris reviewed them before sending them to Mark.

MOTION: To accept the Minutes

MOVE: Heather Floyd
SECOND: Andy Phelan
Passed Unanimously
(with 1 abstention from Nan Williams who was not present)

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 \$8,136.11. Ron noted the annual Directors & Officers Insurance was paid previously and the ATIC annual membership in the Arizona Technology Council had also been paid previously, and there were no large expenses in the past month. John Kelly commented that ATIC could consider dropping the Directors & Officers insurance since it may not be necessary for our type of organization -- John and Mark Goldstein will seek advice from others with expertise on this type of issue.

Steve Peters was not present to report on the funds in the AZBSN GAZEL account. Mark noted that Karen Ziegler recently made a second \$5000 sponsorship contribution to AZBSN. Steve has launched a sponsorship drive to raise further funding (<https://www.arizonatele.org/funding-request-2020.html>)

and needs to become more active in securing some sponsorship renewals and new sponsorships. He is speaking with Sandip Bhowmick (State Broadband Office Director) and others about obtaining funding.

Mark has noted at previous meetings that the ATIC bank balance has been drifting down, but with remote ATIC Board meetings we no longer have to pay for lunches for attendees. Mark has commented in the past that ATIC needs to pursue its own funding, which would include sponsorships. ATIC needs to initiate a financial campaign for sponsors and other sources of funding to support and undertake new projects. Mark noted that in the past ATIC has been paid to host rural broadband workshops and has pursued various projects when it had more funds.

1.5. ATIC Board Membership Considerations

At the September 13th ATIC Board Meeting, Mark stated he has reached out and is waiting to hear from Brent Nelson of the Navajo Nation Department of Diné Education and Joy Whiting, the Apache County Superintendent of Schools about joining the ATIC Board. ATIC is looking to have additional tribal representation on our Board. Ian Hathcock stated he would contact Sonia Nez, the Navajo Nation Broadband Manager, to have her consider attending ATIC Board meetings, and Mark agreed that would be a good idea.

1.5.1. ATIC Broadband Provider Working Group Meeting and Next Steps

Mark had some discussions with Sandip Bhowmick, but there is nothing new to report. As reported previously, an outcome of the January 2022 ATIC Board meeting was to create an ATIC Broadband Provider Working Group whose function would be to provide a platform for providers to share information, meet & network, and engage on policy issues since there is no telecom service provider trade association in Arizona. The goal of this working group is to focus on addressing common issues and opportunities for the broadband service providers in Arizona. The group was launched on April 6, 2022, with a hybrid gathering hosted at Big Data Southwest's DataCenter & SmartCity IoT Infrastructure Summit

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

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

not very active yet.

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

Mark noted that the Slack Channel has not taken off as he had hoped and is open to taking comments on this.

1.5.2. ATIC Board Elections Follow Up

At the September 13th ATIC Board Meeting, John Kelly was elected the new ATIC Lobbyist on the ATIC Executive Committee replacing Mike Keeling, who will still remain an ATIC Board member.

1.6. Review of Outstanding Action Items as Documented in September 13, 2023, Minutes

Nothing to report

2. Informational Presentations

2.1. None were scheduled.

3. Activity Reports

3.1. Arizona Broadband Office Report (Sandip Bhowmick)

Sandip Bhowmick, State Broadband Director at the Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA) State Broadband Office, gave a thorough account of the State Broadband Office current and past activities at the June 14 ATIC Board meeting. Sandip provided an update on the State Broadband Office BEAD Planning and Digital Equity Planning processes at the September 13th ATIC Board Meeting. Henry Goldberg wrote up detailed summaries of both of these presentations by Sandip, which were including in the respective Board Meeting Minutes.

In the absence of Sandip at today's ATIC Board Meeting, Krystal Saverse provided a brief update on recent activities of the State Broadband Office.

The next NTIA BEAD milestone is for the State Broadband Office to deliver the BEAD Initial Proposal that is due by December 27, 2023. This Initial Proposal will consist of two volumes - Volume 1 and Volume 2.

Volume 1 was published on October 2nd on the ACA Broadband webpage at <https://www.azcommerce.com/broadband/arizona-broadband-equity-access-deployment-program/>. It includes a list of unserved and underserved locations for new BEAD broadband infrastructure in the state. It also includes a list of Community Anchor Institutions, as defined by NTIA, that have been identified so far, and Krystal is working on putting these in a spreadsheet. Volume 1 is open for public comment until November 1st.

Volume 2 has various deliverable requirements (15 of the 19 requirements specified by NTIA), such as the sub-grantee selection process, workforce development plan, climate assessment, labor laws, and how Arizona will implement the overall needs from NTIA guidelines. Volume 2 will be a bigger document than Volume 1. Volume 2 will be published on November 1st, and will be open for public comment for one month.

Nicole Umayam, NTIA Federal Program Officer for BEAD and Digital Equity for Arizona, will hold workshops to discuss the Initial Proposal.

Mark noted that the Governor's new Interagency and Community Broadband Advisory Council has invited people to join its six working groups.

3.1.1. Broadband Grants, Rural Community Outreach & Projects

The content for this section is included above in Section 3.1.

3.1.2. Digital Equity Initiatives & Opportunities

There was no report on Digital Equity at this meeting.

3.1.3. ACA Broadband Strategy & ATIC Role/Support

The content for this section is included above in Section 3.1.

3.2. Arizona Broadband Stakeholder Network (Steve Peters)

3.2.1. AZBSN Digital Access Task Force Updates

In the absence of Steve Peters, Coordinator of the AZBSN Digital Access Task Force, Mark reported that the AZBSN Task Force Meetings are now held on Thursdays at 8:00 am. Meeting attendance has been somewhat lower than in the past, but Steve is looking to increase attendance as a number of new people have contacted him about attending. Mark noted that Steve does a great job in his weekly e-mails to AZBSN participants summarizing important information and events of interest.

Steve has been having conversations with Sandip Bhowmick about holding

AZBSN workshops to discuss and give feedback on the State Broadband Office BEAD and Digital Equity Plan documents that are released for public comment.

Steve is working on organizing an AZBSN Cybersecurity and Cyber Safety team to provide recommendations for the state planning on this important topic. This team will be led by JT LaGrand, Jon Haass (Embry Riddle University), and Mala Muralidharan, and he has shared a list of experts who have committed to participate on this team. Steve will share with this team past work on an Arizona cybersecurity alliance he had done in 2003

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

Steve said at a previous meeting that Karen Ziegler had not been available due to health and family issues and John Kelly was very busy during the legislative season. So there has been no progress on working on an update to the November 2020 AZBSN Digital Access Strategy Report.

There is nothing new to report.

3.2.2. AZBSN Leadership Group & New Initiatives

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

Mark urged Steve to initiate some action on re-constituting the AZBSN Leadership Team and involve some additional people to assist in making this happen so the full load is not carried only by Steve. Steve agreed.

3.2.3. Return to Outreach Activities with Newsletters & Webinars

No new action to report in this area.

3.3. Technology in Education/eLearning

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

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

AzTEA Fall 2023 Conference, Opening Digital Doors will be held on Saturday, October 28, 2023, from 8:00 AM-3:00 PM at Pendergast Learning Center, 3802 N. 91st Avenue, Phoenix. This event is intended to empower attendees to learn about a topic (tech tool and/or strategy for best practice in technology integration) and design a plan to apply their new learning in their own classroom/school the very next day! Sessions will be led by teachers, coaches, and administrators who are using these tools with their students or in their work. Cost is \$35 for members and \$50 for non-members (includes membership). The keynote speaker is Dr. Punya Mishra and he will be speaking on "Education in the World of Generative AI". More details and registration at <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ejxfc57f379250f8&llr=nh997tjab> FYI.

Since AzTEA is now a CoSN affiliate, we are holding monthly chats with CIOs and CTOs of school districts to assist them in becoming certified educational technology leaders.

3.3.2. Greater Arizona Educational Leadership (GAZEL) (Steve Peters)

The GAZEL Board hasn't met since early 2022 and needs reactivation and refreshing to further operationalize GAZEL. The Board still needs to acquire Directors & Officers (D&O) insurance for good governance and proper protections.

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 it. Mark stated that GAZEL needs to be reinvigorated including its interaction with ATIC on the AZBSN Digital Access Task Force.

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

Laura Etter, Deputy Director of the Sun Corridor Network (SCN), was unable to attend and thus there was no report.

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

Holly Henley, the State Librarian for Arizona, Mala Muralidharan, E-rate Administrator for Public Libraries at the Arizona State Library, and Erin Lorandos, Digital Inclusion Library Consultant, report on E-rate and Arizona State Library activities. Holly stated that Mala is at a SHLB meeting, and Erin will provide the Arizona State Library report this month.

Erin noted that she is working with Mala on telehealth in libraries events. There

was a health fair day recently at the Tuba City Library in Navajo County showcasing telehealth equipment. This event had 175 attendees and there was a table for ACP enrollments.

Erin presented at an NTIA Digital Equity Leaders meeting on September 28th, explaining how libraries support digital equity. She shared information on the Connect-Arizona program of the Arizona State Library.

Erin is also involved with providing a digital inclusion programming kit for libraries. There have recently been about 200 views of the Connect-Arizona webpage.

Following up on the Arizona Digital Inclusion Celebration Summit from October 3rd, the work of the amazing presenters gathered at the Summit will continue all year long. Video replay is available on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/RctLeMcaDg0> & slides from the presenters available at https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1J0ICz5W-hKuNW0NZnDgWnMlnMvdQd_QG?usp=sharing.

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

ATIC Board Meeting October 11, 2023, State Library Report

E-RATE :

E-rate trend report 2023 is available: <https://www.fundsforlearning.com/e-rate-data/trendsreport/> Annual survey 2100 applicants responded. Key take aways

- **Cybersecurity:** more than 95% of the respondents to the annual applicant survey have indicated that network security and management products and services should qualify for Category Two funding.

52% have no budget line item for cybersecurity product and services 87% applicants think that cybersecurity should be funded through E-rate Cat 2

When asked which cybersecurity solutions should qualify... here are the suggestions:

- Next gen firewall 91%
 - Intrusion detection 88%
 - Malware filtering / DNS security 87%
 - Endpoint security 73%
 - Cybersecurity. Edu and Training 71%
 - Muti-factor authentication 64%
- **E-rate Success:** more than 88% of survey respondents recognize the benefits of the E-rate program, highlighting faster internet connections and increased student and library patron connectivity as direct outcomes. In addition, 95% of respondents view E-rate

funding as essential to their organization's Internet connectivity goals, demonstrating the program's critical role in educational and library institutions.

- **E-rate Streamlining:** There are concerns about the program's complexities and inefficiencies of its procedures. Respondents have highlighted challenges in the review process and reimbursement delays, suggesting a need for more transparency and streamlining. **Review of comments submitted for E-rate streamlining FNPRM** ([link to SHLB comments](#))

FCC PRIORITIES

Learn Without Limits : Commission October 19 Meeting agenda: [Declaratory Ruling on Wi-Fi school bus access](#)

Link for the agenda [DOC-397311A1.pdf \(fcc.gov\)](#)

SUMMARY: Clarifying that the Use of Wi-Fi on School Buses is Eligible for E-Rate Funding Declaratory Ruling – WC Docket No. 13-184

Consistent with the Commission's past determinations regarding other eligible off-campus use of E-Rate-supported services, this Declaratory Ruling, if adopted, clarifies that the use of Wi-Fi, or other similar access point technologies, on school buses is an educational purpose and the provision of such service is therefore eligible for E-Rate funding. Accordingly, the item directs the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) to fund the provision of these services, as well as any E-Rate-eligible equipment needed to enable them, as part of the funding year 2024 eligible services list proceeding and to seek comment on the specific services and equipment that should be funded for this purpose.

What the Declaratory Ruling Would Do:

- Clarifies that use the use of Wi-Fi, or other similar access point technologies, on school buses is an educational purpose and the provision of such service is therefore eligible for E-Rate funding.
- Directs the Bureau to fund the provision of these services, as well as any E-Rate-eligible equipment needed to enable them, as part of the funding year 2024 eligible services list proceeding.
- Directs the Bureau to issue a supplemental funding year 2024 Eligible Services List Public Notice seeking comment on the specific services and equipment that should be funded for this purpose, and on the costs associated with funding these services through the E-Rate program.
- Enhances the benefits and the reach of the E-Rate program to ensure that the millions of students caught in the Homework Gap can more fully engage in their learning.

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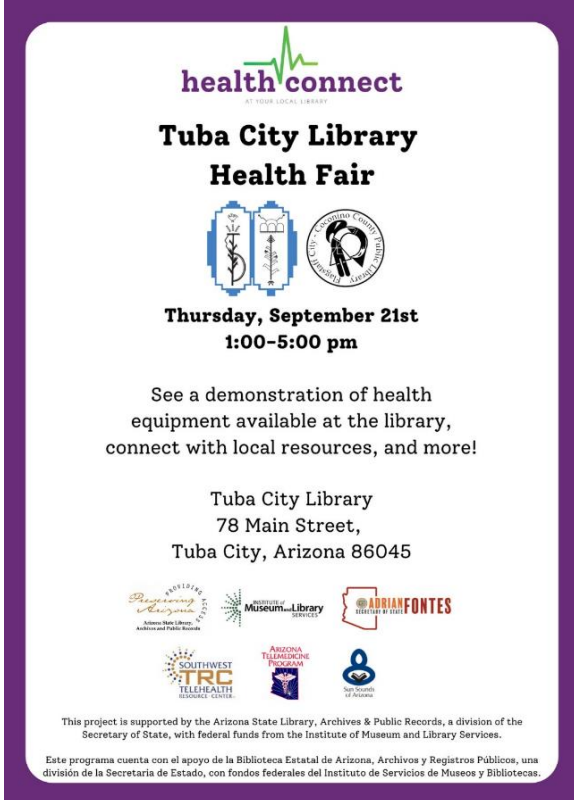
Tuba City Health Day is on Sept 20th 2023. Dr Kim Shea from UA school of Nursing was there to demo the Health Kit and test it with a live health service provider at the other end of a zoom call.

More than 150 people attended the Health Fair. Hygiene kits were distributed.

The ACP information table signed up 5 household for ACP and provided information to several others. The voter registration desk registered several voters and provided information as well.

The Talking Book Library also provided information on the services offered.

This is the 3rd site that this project is being extended to. The first two sites were in Pima County Ajo and Arivaca Libraries. Pima County, in partnership with the American Heart Association has supplied all its branch libraries with multiple BP cuffs that can be checked out to patrons who need them.



The poster is for a "Health Fair" at the Tuba City Library. At the top, it features the "health connect" logo with a green heart rate line and the tagline "AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY". Below this, the text reads "Tuba City Library Health Fair". There are three circular icons: a blue one with a caduceus, a white one with a stethoscope, and a purple one with a heart. The date and time are "Thursday, September 21st 1:00-5:00 pm". The main text says "See a demonstration of health equipment available at the library, connect with local resources, and more!". The address is "Tuba City Library, 78 Main Street, Tuba City, Arizona 86045". At the bottom, there are logos for "Arizona State Library, Archives & Public Records", "Arizona Museum & Library Services", "ARRIAN FONTES", "SOUTHWEST TRC TELEHEALTH RESOURCE CENTER", "ARIZONA TELEMEDICINE PROGRAM", and "New South of Arizona". A small text block at the bottom states: "This project is supported by the Arizona State Library, Archives & Public Records, a division of the Secretary of State, with federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Este programa cuenta con el apoyo de la Biblioteca Estatal de Arizona, Archivos y Registros Públicos, una división de la Secretaría de Estado, con fondos federales del Instituto de Servicios de Museos y Bibliotecas."

End of Library Report

3.5. Telehealth (Janet Major)

Janet Major, Associate Director for Innovation and Digital Health, Arizona Telemedicine Program and Southwest Telehealth Resource Center (<https://telemedicine.arizona.edu/>), is the lead for the Arizona Telehealth Broadband Action Team (BAT). Janet was not present at today's meeting, but provided Mark with a description of two upcoming telehealth events below.

The Arizona Telemedicine Program will host the Arizona Telehealth Policy Summit on October 24, 2023, from 9:00 AM-2:00 PM as a hybrid event from the Phoenix Bioscience Core for healthcare leaders, administrators, and professionals who are interested in the latest on Arizona's telehealth policies, national trends, and local challenges and opportunities. Details and free registration for onsite or remote attendance at <https://telemedicine.arizona.edu/training/2023-arizona-telehealth-policy-summit/phoenix-virtual/2023-10-24>.

Arizona Tribal Diabetes Committee & the Arizona Department of Health Services will host the 2023 Tribal Diabetes Health Equity Summit on 11/2/23 at the We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort (Ft. McDowell, AZ) from 8:00 AM-4:00 PM. Details and free registration at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tribal-diabetes-and-health-equity-summit-tickets-70861254820>.

Mark also announced the Arizona Telemedicine Council upcoming quarterly meeting on October 18th. On October 12th, there will be a celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. Ronald Weinstein, who was the founding director of the University of Arizona's Arizona Telemedicine Program for more than 25 years, which is now chaired by Bob Burns. See <https://telemedicine.arizona.edu/event/webinar/2023-10-13-celebrating-life-and-legacy-ronald-s-weinstein-md>.

3.6. Government Affairs

3.6.1. Arizona Broadband Policy Update (Mark Goldstein)

John Kelly stated that the State Legislature is not in session. He completed his registration as the ATIC Lobbyist taking over from Mike Keeling.

The Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA) is up for sunset review by the State Legislature of its continuation as an organization promoting Arizona economic development. There could be some challenges to this. The Auditor General did a performance audit of the ACA, reporting on the issues related to the continuation of the ACA and the risks of dissolving the ACA including needing to move the State Broadband Office. John suggested that ATIC could support continuation of the ACA. Mark commented that there had been some concerns about the ACA spending on the Super Bowl, and John responded that such ACA spending may be a constitutional concern but economic and wage growth in Arizona has been strong. Kirk Busch asked about the ACA being a public-private partnership, and John responded that this can be confusing because the Arizona Office of Economic Opportunity is a state agency that deals with workforce development. Some legislators have concerns about economic incentives offered by the ACA and the benefits gained. Kirk commented that Sandra Watson, CEO of the ACA, appears to have a good relationship with Governor Hobbs.

John noted the Legislature having approved the \$5 million for E-rate matching funds, and that Milan Eaton is working on new RFPs for E-rate for schools. Mark asked if the \$5 million could be used for library special E-rate construction projects: John replied that he does not know how this relates to libraries, and Holly Henley said she would look into this.

John said he would discuss with Mark and the ATIC Executive Committee the possibility of ATIC doing broadband outreach to the Legislature to support the State Broadband Office. Mark replied ATIC could consider this in January – February 2024.

Mark reported that the Arizona Technology Council 2024 Public Policy Guide should be published in the next couple of weeks. Mark will share the broadband sections in the Guide once they are available.

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

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

Heather Floyd and Mark commented that with the confirmation of Anna Gomez and reconfirmation of two existing commissioners, the FCC now has all five commissioners in place. Net Neutrality is likely one issue that will be on their agenda, and Mark commented that throttling traffic from content providers will be debated.

Mark noted that the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) funding is expected to be exhausted by March 2024. There is the possibility of reforming the Universal Service Fund (USF) for new contributing companies beyond landline providers, which could enable new funding of the ACP.

Mark also noted that the next round of the NTIA Tribal Connectivity Grants Program for approximately \$1 billion is open for applications for broadband infrastructure, uses, and adoption. There also are USDA Reconnect Program Round 5 grants coming in the first half of 2024.

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 so this is an opportunity to clean it up and restructure it. The website is shared with AZBSN. Steve Peters had commented that there could be transcripts of ATIC Board meetings (as they do for AZBSN task force meetings) in combination with the recordings of the meetings and will discuss this with Oris and Mark. Henry Goldberg noted that the website information on the ATIC Board needs critical updates: 1) John Kelly replacing Mike Keeling as ATIC Lobbyist, and moving

Mike Keeling to a Board Member; 2) PJ Way is missing from the list of ATIC Board Members; and 3) the bios that were previously on the website for many ATIC Board members as attached pdfs need to be added again (with updated information as needed) possibly as links to an external webpage.

The website needs to be leveraged to publicize the Digital Access Task Force Report recommendations as well as using it for communications and public engagement, such as newsletters.

4.1.1. AZBSN Communications & Newsletter

Mark at a previous meeting suggested that we should think about how to leverage some of the information sessions from the Monday morning AZBSN-COVID Digital Access Task Force meetings.

There remains a continuing need for volunteers to work
(1) on regular maintenance of the Weebly ATIC website and
(2) on providing a regular newsletter about all that's going on in the broadband world.

4.2. ATIC Mailing List & CRM (All)

Steve is discussing with Mark and Kirk Busch subscribing to a CRM/E-mail management service to meet the needs of the AZBSN Task Force.

4.3. New Business and Motion Considerations (All)

ATIC vs. AZBSN Roles and AZBSN Governance.

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

Janet would like to discuss the future role of ATIC. Janet feels AZBSN is subordinate to ATIC but that ATIC "has been 'lost' in the shuffle - and that all expertise is not 'owned' by AZBSN. Does ATIC still want to be an authority and resource for the general public? Does AZBSN want to be an affiliate of ATIC? Or continue the outreach work of ATIC as telecom experts under the name of AZBSN?" Cybersecurity is one of the five pillars of digital equity on which AZBSN is focusing. Should ATIC also deal with cybersecurity? Kirk suggested that maybe we need to define the roles more specifically but it is important to build on the established AZBSN brand to avoid confusion. Mark agreed with Janet and Kirk that we should consider better defining the ATIC roles, and ATIC is creating a new broadband provider working group. Mark noted that AZBSN is

a partnership of ATIC and GAZEL, but GAZEL no longer has an active Board. Steve noted that digital equity, including cybersecurity, will be a key mission for AZBSN. Mark commented that ATIC may partner with ACA on rural outreach and with the Arizona Telemedicine Program on telehealth events in the future.

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

5. Events Attended and Upcoming Meetings

Kirk Busch noted his upcoming 4th annual National Data Center, AI, High-Performance Computing, and Cloud Summit on December 12th-13th, which will include a broadband provider roundtable hosted by Mark.

Kirk commented that the SciTech Institute's STEM and Innovation Summit will be held on October 24th. at the Arizona Science Center.

Jerry Crow, Chair of the Phoenix Chapter of the IEEE Society, stated that Mark will be presenting on IoT megatrends and next-generation wireless on October 18th from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at Grand Canyon University as a hybrid event.

6. Announcements

7. Adjourn

At 1:15 pm

Upcoming ATIC Board Meetings

Upcoming ATIC Board Meetings for 2024 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.

- **January 10, 2024 from 12:00-2:00 pm**
- **February 14, 2024 from 12:00-2:00 pm**
- **March 13, 2024 from 12:00-2:00 pm**
- **April 10, 2024 from 12:00-2:00 pm**
- **May 8, 2024 from 12:00-2:00 pm**
- **June 12, 2024 from 12:00-2:00 pm**
- **July 10, 2024 from 12:00-2:00 pm**
- **No Board Meeting in August (Summer Break)**
- **September 11, 2024 from 12:00-2:00 pm**
- **October 9, 2024 from 12:00-2:00 pm**
- **November 13, 2024 from 12:00-2:00 pm**
- **No Board Meeting in December (Happy Holidays!)**

ATIC Special and Public Meetings

AZBSN COVID-19 Digital Access Task Force continues to hold meetings every Monday afternoon (except holidays) at 3:00 p.m. See the Planning page at <https://www.arizonatele.org/covid19-planning.html> for details.

Also see Task Force information and related resources at <https://www.arizonatele.org/covid19-about.html>.

Future AZBSN newsletter, webinars, and roundtables are under development.



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Dashboard

Accounts

Checking

\$564.64

ATIC 434041

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▲ \$564.64
\$564.64

Savings

\$7,571.47

ATIC 073206

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▲ \$7,571.47
\$7,526.47

▲ Available Balance

Important Information

Short-Term CDs and Savings Certificates: Maximizing Your Savings

Whether you're eager to boost your savings, earn attractive interest rates or add a touch of flexibility to your financial strategy, short-term CDs and savings certificates are popular options in 2023.

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Top Financial Scams to Watch Out for in 2023

There are many ways financial scammers can trick you into revealing your sensitive information. Safeguard your financial well-being with fraud prevention tips and resources.

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Desert Financial Credit Union

Arizona Telecommunications And Information
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Transaction History

	Statement Period: All Dates Date of Statement: 10/10/2023
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Posted Transactions (74)

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	BALANCE
09/12/23	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$26.85	\$564.64
08/10/23	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$26.49	\$591.49
07/11/23	DRAFT #2226 TRACER 53197395	-\$933.00	\$617.98
07/11/23	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$26.37	\$1,550.98
06/27/23	ARIZONA TECHNOLOGY 8699 WWW.AZTECHCOU AZ IGOQJ9JX	-\$400.00	\$1,577.35
06/20/23	ONLINE BANKING TRANSFER FROM 0000	\$1,000.00	\$1,977.35
06/12/23	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$26.75	\$977.35
06/05/23	DRAFT #2225 TRACER 52470921	-\$10.00	\$1,004.10
05/19/23	DRAFT #2224 TRACER 52175931	-\$500.00	\$1,014.10
05/12/23	ONLINE BANKING TRANSFER FROM 0000	\$1,000.00	\$1,514.10
05/12/23	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$26.37	\$514.10
04/11/23	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$25.75	\$540.47
03/14/23	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$26.13	\$566.22
02/10/23	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$25.61	\$592.35
01/10/23	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$25.25	\$617.96
12/13/22	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$25.75	\$643.21
11/10/22	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$26.13	\$668.96
10/11/22	CENTURYLINK AUTO PAY AZ TELCOM INFO COUNCIL	-\$26.61	\$695.09