RARIC Meeting Minutes – 9.25.13

Attendees:

Bill Boas – Cray

Kevin Moran - System Fabric Works

Dave Porter - GD

Dayton Jones - JPL

Bob Preston – JPL

Henry Brandt – IBM

Scot Schultz - Mellanox

Dan Werthimer – Space Sciences Lab, UC Berkeley

Dave DeBoer – UC Berkeley Radio Astronomy

Michael Connolly – Xyratex

Rebecca Moran – RARIC

* **Operations**
* **New Website**
* First comp of website was distributed for review and feedback.
* Dave DeBoer distributed a VLA shot taken from the NRAO image archive for possible use for historical perspective.
* It was agreed upon that for the website to be useful a listing of related programs/projects should be included.
* Wording of the top sentence on the website should include the U.S. along with international experiments and instruments.
* **Mission Statement**
* A revised mission statement was distributed to include language regarding SKA.
* A question was raised whether in addition to SKA should the mission statement include other examples of relevant projects that the group will be working on.
* There was concern over mentioning too many different types of projects/facilities and complicating the text. Agreement overall was that the mission statement should be concise so people will actually read it.
* Since SKA is the obvious future example there was not a concern using the SKA language.
* It was suggested that the HERA array be mentioned since it is U.S. based.
* It was suggested for readability purposes that the sentence structure be broken up in shorter more concise statements.
* Bill Boas to have a revised statement by the next meeting.
* **Working Documents**
* Still moving forward with the Corporation documents so language is consistent throughout.
* Rebecca Moran to distribute documents for review when complete.
* **Election of Board of Directors**
* It was agreed upon that the Board would be approved through a “Unanimous Written Consent to Elect Board of Directors” document.
* The title of the document will be “Corporate Action by Consent of the Potential Members of the Radio Astronomy Related Industry Consortium”.
* Potential board members are:
* Athol Kemball, University of Illinois
* Dave DeBoer, UC Berkeley Radio Astronomy
* Dave Fellinger, DataDirect Networks
* Joe Lazio, JPL
* Paul Grun, Cray
* Scot Schultz, Mellanox
* Michael Connolly, Xyratex
* Because the language states that the representatives are intending members and not committed members allows for the inclusion of the Industry representatives.
* It was suggested that we appoint alternate board members for each of the individual companies represented in the event that the primary board member is unavailable to attend a board meeting. Language for this provision needs to be stated in the Bylaws.
* Bill Boas to submit “Written Consent” document by the next meeting date.
* **Working Groups**
* It was agreed upon that two working groups would move forward to work on their initial summaries and goals. The two groups are:
* Data Movement (Paul Grun/Bill Boas)
* Correlator (Dan Werthimer/Bill Boas)
* Bill Boas will take the action, through email, to form the groups and create a description of their purposes.
* **Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 9 at 9:30 CDT.**