

Lehigh Nanotech Network Executive Board Meeting Minutes

OCTOBER 13, 2005

NANOBLOX Inc.

Action items in bold

Attendees

Chuck Picardi – Nanoblox (Chairman)
Nigel Sanders – Minerals Technologies (Vice Chairman)
Gene Lucadamo – Lehigh (Secretary)
Barbara Canfield – NCCC
Chris Kiely – Lehigh
Shahri Naghshineh – Surface Chemistry Discoveries
Shang Li – Orasure Technologies
Martin Harmer – Lehigh
Al Philpotts (for Joe Lane) – Ben Franklin NEP

Absent

Jeff Depinto – Air Products
Nafiz Karabudak – Lockheed Martin
Joe Lane – Ben Franklin NEP
James Gilchrist – Lehigh
Steve Melnick – LVEDC / KIZ
David Williams – Lehigh
Mark Mezger – Picatinny ARDEC

I – Old Business

A. Motion to approve minutes of 28 July 2005 EB meeting passed.

B. Member fees

Appeals were received from two companies concerning the establishment of a fee, possibility of tiers for large and small members, and the use of in-kind support. It was decided that the fee will be designated as a “Founding Member Contribution” and may be paid \$150 per quarter (total \$600 per year), or \$500 in full. This will be startup capital for operating the network next year. It is anticipated that those who are not “Founding Members” will be charged higher fees to attend meetings and other events, and will not have access to certain privileges and funding options. **Founding Membership**

Contributions will be requested from LNN members by Lucadamo. In-kind support will still be considered on a case-by-case basis upon appeal to the EB by members.

C. Vision statement

Comments on the vision statement were incorporated into a new shorter wording. **EB to now review, and comment or approve wording below, then this will be forwarded to the members for possible discussion at next LNN meeting before adopting it:**

“A forum for nanotechnology researchers, providers, and users in business, education, and government that facilitates the commercial application of nanotechnology through exchanging ideas, creating research partnerships, and connecting value chains within the LNN and related networks.”

II – New Business

A. Marketing / Communications plans

Canfield will continue working on a logo and a contact card design. This will be done at no cost to the LNN through a project by NCC arts students, for completion by May 2006. Images from Gilchrist or Kiely are available for use on the card.

III - Other Business

A. Member News

1. Silberline, Drexel, Western Electronics have joined the LNN
2. Nanomat/Nanova is in bankruptcy, TNetworks is now Apogee Photonics (merger with ASIP)
3. Prospects: Lonza Chemical; Gradient (MA); Knobbe, Martens, Olson & Bear LLP -
Picardi to contact St. Gobain (Northborough, MA)

B. Support requirements for LNN

KIZ-supported intern to develop market and nano industry info or materials, carry out surveys, etc. **Lucadamo will review a sample of intern application and consider how a \$2500 internship grant with LNN match could be applied.**

Dave Williams offered \$20,000 from the Office of Vice Provost to jump start research support via addition of one dedicated scientist (post-doc) to carry out sample prep and analysis for member-submitted projects. This will improve opportunities for proof of concept and initial product development activities. Sufficient additional funds from LNN members will be required to add this position, although additional funds may be leveraged from the state at a future time. Project proposals will be reviewed by a member committee, based on acceptance criteria yet to be developed. Only founding members (\$500/yr) will have access to this resource. Major contributors may be given additional privileges.

IV - Next LNN and EB Meetings

The next general meeting is planned for January 31, 2006 from 2-5 PM. The format will be similar to the September 2005 meeting. **Lucadamo will contact members to determine a location. Planning of format, speakers, etc. will be initiated by Lucadamo via email to EB.** Philpotts suggested if dates coincide to possibly combine with an LV TechNet Breakfast meeting such that a speaker of major interest could address both the breakfast and the LNN or a larger nanotech meeting later in the day. **The next EB meeting will be held between Jan 5-19. Location to be announced.**

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00