

## CSMD Staff Meeting Notes – January 6, 2009

Attendees: Barney Maccabe, Ed D'Azevedo, Jack Wells, Jacob Barhen, Al Geist, Daniel Pack, John Turner, Phil Roth (for Jeff Vetter), George Ostrouchov, John Drake, Nancy Wright, Ursula Henderson, Lora Wolfe, Steve Poole, Rich Graham, Robert Harrison

Some of the information may be business sensitive:

- \* Barney Maccabe has started as the new division director on January 5, 2009.
- \* There will be an all-hands meeting for the Computing and Computational Sciences Directorate on Monday, January 26, 2009.
- \* Thomas Zacharia will have an extended staff meeting for group leaders on January 27, 2009.
- \* Nancy has given out white cards to group leaders. Need to start PADS discussion (weekly by January 15 and monthly by January 26).
- \* Jaguar passed acceptance test on December 23, 2008.
- \* NSF Kraken machine undergoing acceptance tests in time for NSF review around February 16-20, 2009.
- \* Safety inspection before Christmas break went well. The team found only minor issues such as food only label for refrigerator, proper box to hold light bulbs before recycle, power strip need longer cord (do not use extension cord).
- \* John Turner is inviting Bobby Philip for seminar and interview - <http://math.lanl.gov/~bphilip/>.
- \* DOE Computational Graduate Fellow Matt Norman is interested in working on climate dynamics with John Drake's group.
- \* Jacob Barhen mentions he is trying to get a sample of hyperX processor (100 cores, ultra low power) to evaluate performance of signal processing algorithm on this chip.
- \* Walt Polanski asked Al Geist about the status of FWP for Stephen Scott to work at HQ as a detailee.
- \* John Turner has purchased 3Tflops of OIC cluster units. He is trying to determine how to allow classified computing to be performed on subunits. Turner is working with the IT department to set up a research enclave that hosts wiki and open source repository. Robert Harrison mentions he is using google since getting account access is difficult. IT may need to setup separate "XCAMS" accounts and passwords for easier access to the enclave.
- \* Steve Poole reports that he has received more money than he initially requested. If he has a large carry over, he will be penalized with reduced funds next year. However, there may be uncertainty about whether this funding is for long term support.
- \* The division is still looking for ideas for Significant Event Award. Full SEA package due to the division office by COB Friday, January 23, 2009.