

NYS Photonics Board of Officers Meeting

March 3, 2017, 2:30 PM to 3:30PM

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1964 Lake Avenue

Rochester, NY 14615

Board Members Present: John Maggiore, Anne Kress, Alexander Cartwright, Ryne Raffaele, Rob Clark, Jeff Cheek (via phone), Bahgat Sammakia (via phone)

Guests/Presenters: Robert Duffy, Dr. Michael Liehr and Ed White

Mr. Maggiore welcomed everyone and acknowledgements were made of those in attendance. The Board Members introduced themselves.

Mr. Maggiore stated that \$28 million has been approved by ESD for the TAP Facility. ESD NYSTAR has also hired Terrence Clas to be an embedded liaison at AIM to help with SME outreach.

A motion for the approval of the meeting minutes was made by Mr. Raffaele and seconded by Mr. Clark. However, an amendment was made as Mr. Cartwright was not at the previous meeting and was thus removed. A vote to approve the amendment was passed. A vote was taken to approve the meeting minutes with the amendment was passed by all.

Dr. Liehr gave an update on AIM Photonics and noted two more Tier 1 members that signed up for 4 years – GE and Mentor Graphics. They are working on one more significant company and will provide updates later. Coventor and Precision T are smaller companies that have signed on. They are also working on a sensor project for the Defense Department here in Rochester at AIM.

Dr. Liehr also gave an update on the TAP Facility. They have completed a term sheet and are now working on the layout and renovations. The IBM licensing agreement is complete and the technology transfer is underway. Hiring is also underway and the winners have been selected to order equipment, which will be done in two waves as there are substantial lead times.

Dr. Liehr then reviewed the 2017-18 budget (Handout Item #2 for the board member meeting materials), which requested \$81 million, to include \$70 million for additional equipment/capital and \$10 million for the second year of operating expenses.

Mr. Maggiore asked for any comments or questions on the updates and the budget request. No comments or questions were stated. Dr. Kress made a motion to vote on the budget and Mr. Cartwright seconded. There were no comments or questions made. A vote was taken and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Maggiore reviewed the Photonics Venture Challenge that was announced as part of the Governor's 2017 agenda for \$10 million. This is open to all OPI businesses to compete and 10 to 15 business to be selected to bring their start up photonics business to Rochester. Award winners must reside and operate in the Rochester region for at least one year, ideally within High Tech Rochester's new business accelerator at the Sibley Building or near the AIM Photonics TAP facility at EBP. Dr. Kress stated she is very excited as OPI is a fundamental pillar for the FLREDC and this is building out the ecosystem.

There is no new business to be considered at this time and a return meeting will be done at a later date to coincide with progress milestones on the TAP construction.

Mr. Cartwright moved to adjourn and Mr. Raffaele seconded this motion. A vote was taken and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:04pm.