



## Quilt Talk

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**The Quilt** - A vibrant forum where leaders from the country's advanced regional and state networkin.g organizations collaborate on ideas and share best practices to evolve networking in support of the research and education.

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### Quilt News- Quilt 2009 Spring Member Meeting

Hosted by OneNet, The Quilt gathered in Oklahoma City in April for its annual spring member meeting. Topics of discussion included a review of Quilt member service and pricing models, an update from our Quilt working groups and a breakout sessions to discuss the topic of future directions for high performance networking.

Presentations from the meeting are available [here](#) by clicking the presentation title.

Many thanks to OneNet for hosting the event. The next Quilt Member Meeting will be in the Fall of 2009. More information to come as details are finalized.

### Quilt News- Quilt Welcomes



The Quilt is pleased to welcome Colleen Driscoll as our new Program Coordinator. Colleen joined The Quilt on April 1st and attended the Spring Member Meeting where many of the members were able to meet her. She resides in Seattle, Washington and holds a degree in Business from Seattle University. Her background is in process design and process optimization. She has worked

for 2 fortune 500 companies and has experience leading cross-functional project teams in the areas of information technology, financial services and customer service. Colleen is excited to join The Quilt Team. Colleen's contact information:

### Featured Article Quilt 2009 Spring Meeting



On April 1st and 2nd The Quilt held its Spring Member Meeting in Oklahoma City. [View More Pictures](#)

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### Other Networking News

**AI Gore to Keynote  
SC09**  
(source sc09)

SC09's theme is "Computing for a Changing World" and will focus on initiatives related to sustainability, bio-computing and the 3D internet. AI Gore will deliver the keynote presentation at the conference in Portland, Oregon on November 19, 2009. [Click here for more information.](#)

**Australia Announces  
New National  
Broadband Network**  
(source NYTimes Online)

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## Quilt- Telepresence Work Group



In an economy where travel budgets are tight and there is increased desire to "go green" a technology like telepresence is a hot topic. To support its members interest in the technology and its use by the research and education community, The Quilt formed a Telepresence Work Group. The goal of the Work Group is to educate its members on all facets of this new technology. Experiences, best practices and lessons learned in the procurement and deployment of telepresence systems on regional R&E networks will also be collected in order to be shared with Quilt members. The initial focus of the group is the telepresence technology offered by Cisco but will widen to include other vendors as the discussions progress. Chaired by Bill Mitchell from MOREnet, the Telepresence Work Group meets every other week. In addition to Quilt members, representatives from Internet2, NLR and Cisco are involved in The Quilt Telepresence Work Group. Look for more information in the future on a Telepresence Workshop hosted by The Quilt's Telepresence Work Group.

### NLR and Telepresence

On April 14, 2009, NLR announced they had completed the world's first Telepresence session over networks owned and managed by national research and education communities. [Click here to read the full announcement.](#)

### Internet2 and Telepresence

During the Internet2 Spring Member Meeting, a Cisco Telepresence demonstration was successfully held over the Internet2 Network between U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and Internet2. [Click here to read the full announcement.](#)

## Quilt News- Quilt NTIA BTOP Forum



While we wait on the NTIA to announce the criteria for its Broadband Technology Opportunities Program, The Quilt continues its weekly forum to share member questions and comments regarding ideas for proposals using research and education networks. The group is focused on how best to work with the individual states to address the grant process and allocation of resources. The Quilt collaborated with StateNets to provide both written and verbal comments on the implementation of Broadband Technology Opportunities Program to the NTIA. Several of The Quilt Members also submitted documents with feedback to the NTIA. [Click here to view the Quilt/StateNet NTIA feedback and other public comments of interest to regional and state R&E networks.](#)

As a follow-up from The Quilt's Spring Member Meeting a survey was conducted of both Quilt and StateNets members to understand how the organizations are involved in their state's broadband plans to receive NTIA funds. Of the 19 organizations that responded, the majority indicated they plan to submit an individual or collaborative proposal directly to the NTIA. Many respondents stated they were also contributing to the development of their state's broadband plan. [Click here to review the survey results chart.](#)

## Quilt News- GENI Work Group

Along with the rest of the research and education networking community, The Quilt's working group has been eager to observe the GENI vision unfold through its Spiral 1 efforts of the network researchers. Since the beginning of the year, The Quilt's GENI working group has invited researchers participating in Spiral 1 projects to attend its monthly meetings and provide a summary of their project's Spiral 1 scope and

In April, the Prime Minister of Australia announced a new national broadband network that plans to connect 90 percent of Australian homes, schools and businesses with broadband services with speeds up to 100 mbps. The Australian Government and private sector will invest up to \$31billion over the next 8 years to build the network. [Click here for more information.](#)

specific areas of interest to regional and state networks. With the positive feedback received from both groups of participants, we will continue including researchers in these calls. The Quilt was asked to provide a report to Internet2's Research Advisory Council on GENI and its impact on our national three-tier networking model. [Click here to review the full report.](#)

## Quilt Member News



### **CENIC**

Cisco TelePresence Demonstration at Annual Conference Makes Collaboration between Fresno and Long Beach School Districts Cheaper in Time, Money, Carbon Footprint  
[Click here to read the full article.](#)

### **MCNC**

MCNC, on behalf of the North Carolina Board of Education, announced that all 115 K-12 Local Education Agencies throughout the state are now connected to the North Carolina Research and Education Network (NCREN) and are hosting a celebration honoring the completion of the N.C. School Connectivity Initiative on Thursday, May 7, at 12 p.m., at the N.C. Department of Public Instruction building in Raleigh. [Click here to read the full article.](#)

### **MORENet**

On April 19, the Missouri Research and Education Network (MOREnet) completed the first phase of its Next Generation Network (NGN) implementation. The multi-phase project is a partnership between the University of Missouri and MOREnet that encompasses the build out of a 1000+ mile fiber network and the deployment of Adva Optical Networking equipment. For more information on MOREnet's NGN implementation, [click here.](#)

### **OARnet**

Columbus, Ohio (March 18, 2009) - The recently established Telehealth Video Resource Center (TVRC) today officially launched a website to make the center's videoconferencing services easily available to physicians and healthcare education professionals worldwide. The TVRC web site, [www.telehealthvrc.org](http://www.telehealthvrc.org), provides visitors with videoconference hardware and software requirements, scheduling tools, telehealth news and instruction, an e-health forum, membership information and staff and advisory board biographical sketches. [Click here to read the full article.](#)

## Upcoming Quilt Member Events

### **May 2009**

#### **WiscNet - The Future Technologies Conference (FTC)**

6-7 May Madison, Wisconsin

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#### **GPN2009: The Great Plains Network Annual Meeting**

27-29 May Kansas City, MO

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