

# *ASCR@40: An Update on the ASCAC Subcommittee Documenting ASCR Impacts*

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# Reminder of the Charge

- Steve Binkley charged the ASCAC with producing a report that assesses and documents the historical accomplishments of the Advanced Scientific Computing (ASCR) program and its predecessors over the past four decades.
  - Highlight outstanding examples of major scientific accomplishments that have shaped the fields of ASCR research
  - Identify the lessons learned from these examples to motivate ASCR investment strategies in the future
  - Illuminate the guiding strategies and approaches that will be key to ensuring future U.S. leadership in the full range of disciplines stewarded by ASCR
  - Inform the investment strategy of the Office of Science
- The report should provide technical details as needed for context but should be primarily concerned with the essence of each story as it relates to the larger progress of science
- Report is (was) due December 31, 2018



# Subcommittee Members

- Buddy Bland, ORNL
- **Jon Bashor**, LBL
- Jackie Chen, SNL
- Phil Colella, LBNL
- Jack Dongarra, University of Tennessee and ORNL
- Thom Dunning, PNNL
- **Richard Gerber**, LBL
- **Bruce Hendrickson**, LLNL, Chair (since early-February)
- Wendy Huntoon, KINBER
- Bill Johnston, LBNL (ret.)
- Paul Messina, ANL, Former Chair
- Jim Pool, Caltech (ret.)
- Dan Reed, University of Utah
- John Sarrao, LANL

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# Previous ASCAC Updates

- Paul briefed ASCAC in September and December of 2018 on the Subcommittee's status
- Focus was on the impressive progress collecting materials from the community that would inform the report
- Briefings did not include
  - Proposed report structure
  - Process to complete the report

ASCAC MEETING



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DOCUMENTING ASCR IMPACTS

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September 18, 2018  
Washington, DC

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December 12, 2018

# Proposed Document Outline with Section Owners

## Executive Summary (All)

1. Introduction (Hendrickson, Messina)
2. Criteria for selection of material to include (Hendrickson)
3. Accomplishments
  - i. Computational science (Chen, Dunning)
  - ii. Applied mathematics (Colella, Dongarra)
  - iii. Computer science (Reed, Johnston)
  - iv. Computer architecture (Messina)
  - v. Facilities (Bland, Gerber, ALCF representative)
4. Impact on industry (Bland, Messina)
5. Impact on workforce & education (Hendrickson, Messina)
6. Broader achievements and contributions (Sarraf, Dongarra)
  - i. High-impact workshops and reports sponsored by ASCR
7. Lessons learned from different modes of funding and recommendations for the future (Hendrickson)
8. Summary (All)
9. Appendices



# A New Request from ASCR in Early January

- Can committee help with a broadly accessible document organized around impacts, not disciplines?
  - “40 Years of BES” document is an attractive model
- The team began exploring alternative structures to replace or augment existing plans
- Paul stepped aside in late January before this was resolved
- I was asked to step in shortly thereafter



# Subcommittee Met Yesterday, 3/25/19

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- Hendrickson, Bashor, Colella, Gerber, Johnston & Sarrao
  - Plus Tiffani Conners (ORAU) and Bill Cannon (Krell) in support
  
- Outcomes:
  - Refined definition of content of document sections
  - Consolidated plan for responding to ASCR's needs
  - Finalized responsibility for content production



# Current Three-Element Plan

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1. Continue with prior outline towards a detailed history document
  - Structured by discipline
  - Written by Subcommittee members with input from community
2. Contract with Krell to write and produce a glossy, impact-centric document
  - Content guidance & support provided by Subcommittee
  - Aim to minimize burden on Subcommittee
3. Continue to collect and collate raw materials
  - Support follow-on project to index & structure this content as archival material for future use



# Plans for Impact-Centric Document

- Structured around ~10 exemplar impact stories, 3-4 pages each
- Possibilities still being finalized but include:
  - Delivering on the promise of computational science
  - Mathematics is the critical enabler
  - Connectivity changes everything
  - Petaflops for the people
  - When decisions matter
  - Open and patient pays off big
  - Knowledge from data
  - Rules of the road for HPC
  - Industrial impacts of ASCR investments
  - Developing the nation's computing workforce



# Anticipated timeline

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- Around 4-5 months to complete glossy document
- Around 6-7 months to complete history document
  
- We will update status at next ASCAC meeting

# Questions?

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