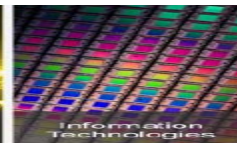


Rio Bravo Technology Entrepreneurs Council

*Inaugural Meeting
October 20, 2009*

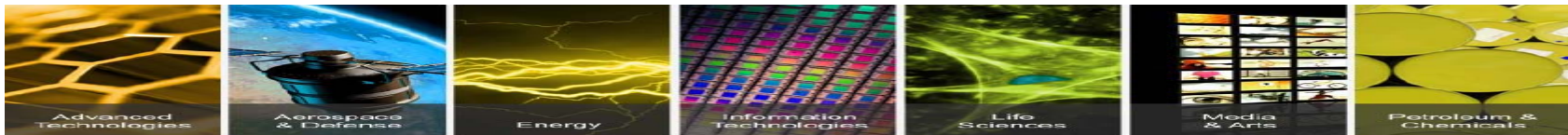
*Dr. Paul C. Maxwell
Executive Director & CEO
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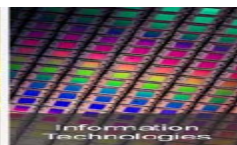
- Based on other Entrepreneurial Societies
 - *TeXchange*
 - *EO*
 - *TIE Network*
- Organized *by* Entrepreneurs *for* Entrepreneurs
- Primary Purpose: Grow Your Company Faster!

TEC is the place to access advanced education, knowhow, capital, and technical assistance, and develop common infrastructure for tech entrepreneurs.



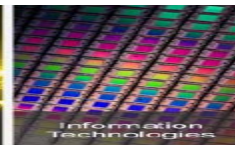
One Example—EO: The Entrepreneurs' Organization

- Founded in 1987; global network of more than 7,300 business owners in 42 countries.
- *EO is the catalyst that enables entrepreneurs to learn and grow from each other, leading to greater business success and an enriched personal life.*
- Monthly Forum
 - Guided Sessions
 - Chapter events—speaker, networking
 - Mentoring
 - Executive Education / Training
- www.eonetwork.org/Pages/default.aspx
- Dues: \$1400/year
- Others include: TiE Global (www.tie.org) and Technology Entrepreneurs Exchange (TeXchange) (www.texchange.org)



Organization

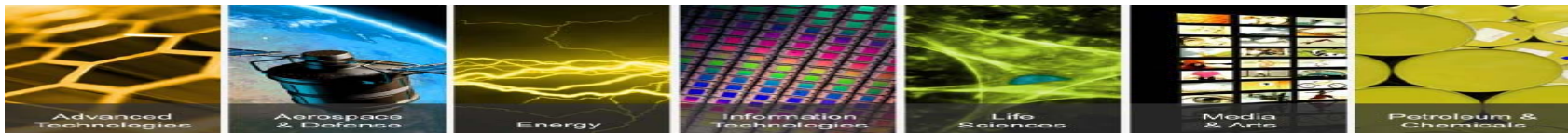
- Non-profit run by local entrepreneurs
 - Executive Committee
 - Made up of six volunteer entrepreneurs (bi-national)
- Administered by BNSL and hosted by Paso del Norte Group
 - Event organization
 - Overall administration
- One year start up phase-- no dues



Meetings/Events

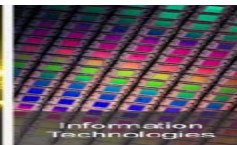
- Monthly Meeting, 90 minutes
- Format
 - Networking (refreshments) 30 min
 - Business Meeting and Open Forum (for Sharing Experience and Resources) 30 min
 - Education Segment (invited Guest) 30 min
- Additional Events for Training / Mentoring (TBD)

Comments/Suggestions on meeting dates/times, format, venue?



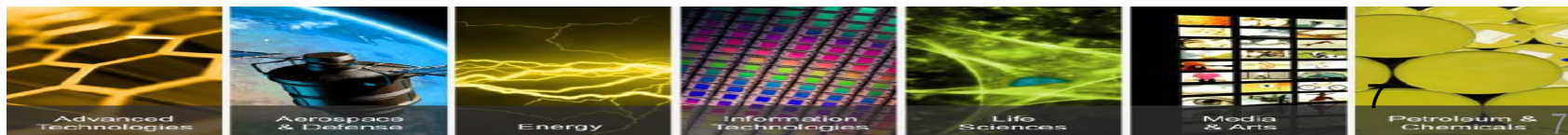
What is the Entrepreneurs Council About?

- Its about:
 - *Exchanging Ideas*
 - *Developing New Ideas*
 - *Sharing Experiences*
 - *Discussing Challenges*
 - *Mentoring*
 - *Networking*
 - *Growing The Business*
 - *Education*
 - *Expressing Common Needs*
 - *Helping Develop Common Infrastructure*



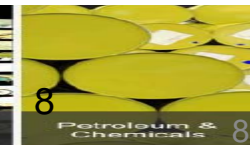
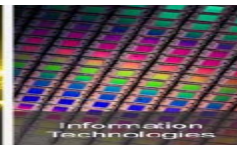
So What's the Future?

- Start with networking and keynote speakers
- Grow Entrepreneurial Talent
- Develop long term viability of the Rio Bravo Technology Entrepreneurs Council



Resource Partners

- Paso del Norte Group (Innovation/Alt Energy Committees)
- BNSL
- City of El Paso Economic Development
- TP/EP RCIC
- UTEP
- Innovate Texas
- Camino Real Angels
- Sandia National Labs
- Others...



Questions?

