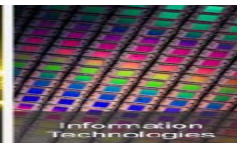


# **Rio Bravo Technology Entrepreneurs Council**

*Inaugural Meeting  
October 20, 2009*

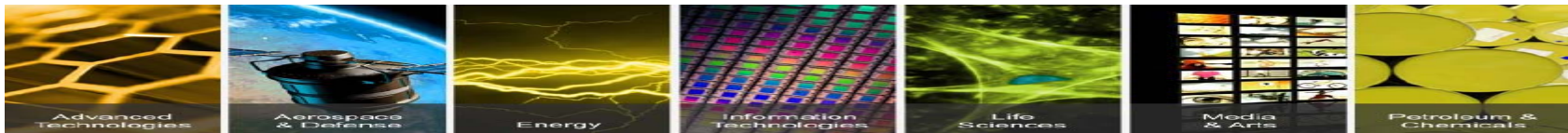
*Dr. Paul C. Maxwell  
Executive Director & CEO  
BNSL*



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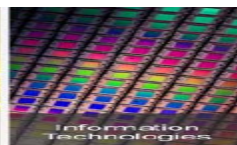
- Based on other Entrepreneurial Societies
  - *TeXchange*
  - *EO*
  - *TIE Network*
- Organized *by* Entrepreneurs *for* Entrepreneurs
- Primary Purpose: Grow Your Company Faster!

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



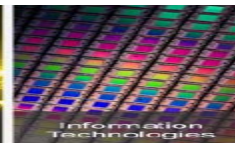
# One Example—EO: The Entrepreneurs' Organization

- 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](http://www.eonetwork.org/Pages/default.aspx)
- Dues: \$1400/year
- Others include: TiE Global ([www.tie.org](http://www.tie.org)) and Technology Entrepreneurs Exchange (TeXchange) ([www.texchange.org](http://www.texchange.org))



# Organization

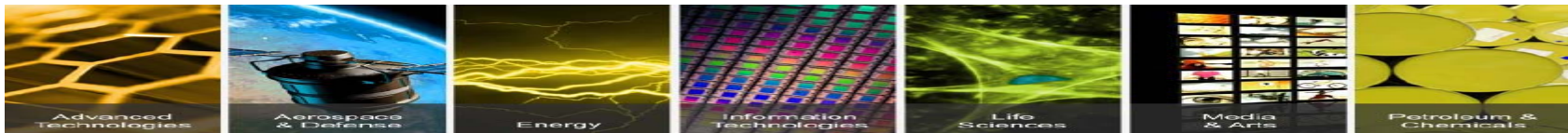
- Non-profit run by local entrepreneurs
  - Executive Committee
  - Made up of six volunteer entrepreneurs (bi-national)
- Administered by BNSL and hosted by Paso del Norte Group
  - Event organization
  - Overall administration
- One year start up phase-- no dues



# Meetings/Events

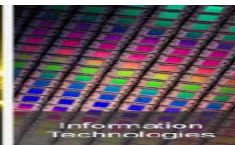
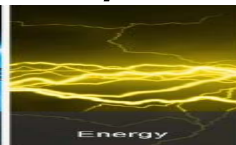
- Monthly Meeting, 90 minutes
- Format
  - Networking (refreshments) 30 min
  - Business Meeting and Open Forum (for Sharing Experience and Resources) 30 min
  - Education Segment (invited Guest) 30 min
- Additional Events for Training / Mentoring (TBD)

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



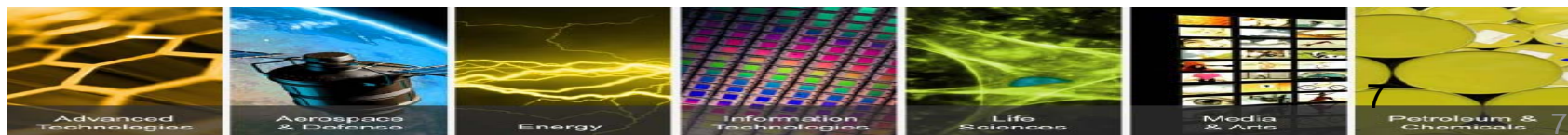
# What is the Entrepreneurs Council About?

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



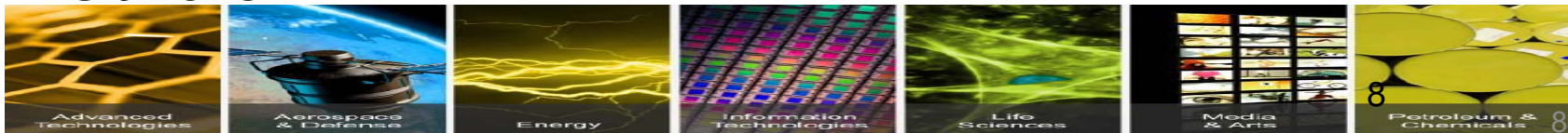
# So What's the Future?

- 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?

