

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COMPUTER USER GROUPS, INC.

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MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 03, 2001

Present: Web Austin, Dave Gerber, Frankie Cox, William Ehrhart, Hilda Federico, Bill McCabe, Bob Read, Sharon Rump, Betty Shearer, Mary Sheridan, Murray Tiano and Larry Tyler

The meeting was held in the Cypress Room Board Room of the Kissimmee Civic Center in Kissimmee, Florida and called to order by Larry Tyler at 10:22 am.

President's Report:

Larry Tyler calls the meeting to order at 10:22am. He states there are 135 people registered for the conference. Actual turnout is 140 without the vendors, so it's a good showing. We also have 17 vendors, which is the largest number ever. He has been told the Florida regional group is one of the best in the country. The FACUG has been asked to assist with an event in New York and we said yes. Judy Lococo, President of the APCUG, is flying in from Kentucky this afternoon. Stephen Morgan, an APCUG director will also attend the conference. The Apple people in attendance are a tribute to the APCUG. The Macintosh people will be an asset. Larry reiterates that we welcome all user groups regardless of their platforms.

Election Results:

Hilda Frederico, Betty Shearer, Murray Tiano and Larry Tyler have another year left on their terms. Bob Read and Sharon Rump are the new two-year term directors, Dave Gerber and Mary Sheridan are the incumbent two years term directors and Bill Ehrhart was the fifth one on the ballot and replaces Bart and will only serve one year.

Treasurer's Report:

Betty Shearer hands out the full fiscal year statements that Larry has requested. Betty also handed out a balance sheet and profit and loss statement. Because of so much merchandise from Adobe, Larry had to rent a storage building, explaining the rental charge on the expenses statement. Betty says the Bank of America is now very cooperative. Larry asks for any questions on the financial statements. There was no further discussion. Larry entertained a motion by Murray Tiano to approve the financial statements. The motion was seconded by Hilda Frederico and approved unanimously.

Secretary's Report:

The vote tally for the board of director's election was Mary Sheridan 19, Sharon Rump 18, Dave Gerber 17, Bob Read 15, Bill Ehrhart 13 and Ernie Heidelberg 7. Total of 22 groups voted. There are eleven unpaid user groups as of now. Larry states that the groups have until April 1st to pay their dues. He would like to amend the grace period to sixty days, making the membership dues payable on March 1st, which will be before our spring conference. Larry will put in writing that we would like to change Section 9. Subsection 9.3. of the by-laws. The section reads as follows: Default and Termination of Membership: When any member user group or other group affiliated with the Corporation shall be in default in the payment of dues for a period of three (3) months from the beginning of the fiscal year or a period for which such dues

became payable, its membership may thereupon be terminated by the Board of Directors in the manner provided in for Board action in Section 3.6 of these Bylaws. Proposal would change the by-laws to read: Default and Termination of Membership: When any member user group or other group affiliated with the Corporation shall be in default in the payment of dues for a period of **two (2) months** from the beginning of the fiscal year or a period for which such dues became payable, its membership may thereupon be terminated by the Board of Directors in the manner provided in for Board action in Section 3.6 of these Bylaws.

Larry will submit this proposal now and we will vote on the proposal in the fall. Larry entertains a motion by Hilda that the minutes of the fall conference be approved. Betty seconds the motion and it is approved unanimously.

Director's Comments: none

Editor's Report:

Fall newsletter: Web Austin will remain the official editor of the newsletter. Web says the deadline for material to be included in the fall newsletter is August 15, 2001. Newsletter will be mailed right after Labor Day. Web states a lot of the material in the newsletter will come from the secretary. He will need the minutes from this board meeting, and the minutes of the annual meeting. Hilda Frederico suggests that we include a membership application in the newsletter. We have an 8-page newsletter with a single insert which is the registration for the conference. Web proposes to include a membership application instead of the conference application. Hilda suggests that we put the reasons to become a member on the back of the application. Web needs a report on the general feeling of the conference. Mary Sheridan suggests that she could write out the comments from the previous conferences, submit it to Web and he can edit as he sees fit. Including the names of the person making the commit. Web says it would be nice to have pictures and the email address of the directors. Betty Shearer asks that Larry announce that anyone taking pictures at the conference should send her a copy, so she can make a slide show presentation. Web states that the applications should have only the address of where the application should be sent. Newsletter goes to all members, non-members and vendors. Betty will write an article about the 'spirit award'. Web needs a copy of the new logo for the newsletter. We need to educate the user groups to the need for user groups to become involved in community service.

Old Business:

The next Publication of the newsletter will be mailed just before Labor Day. The deadline for the newsletter is August 15, 2000. There will be approximately 400 copies printed or as many as required by the number of labels plus some extras.

New Business:

President: Betty Shearer nominates Larry Tyler as President, Mary Sheridan seconds the nomination. Motion is passed unanimously.

Vice President: Mary nominates Hilda for vice-president, Dave seconds the nomination and it is approved unanimously.

Secretary: Bill McCabe nominates Mary Sheridan as secretary. Betty seconds the nomination and the board votes unanimously.

Treasurer: Mary nominates Betty as treasurer. Sharon Rump seconds the nomination and the board votes unanimously to elect Betty as treasurer.

Appointments:

Membership: Hilda Federico

Hilda will work on membership. She sent email to user groups to identify other user groups in the state, but found no new groups. Hilda will continue to look for groups to approach about becoming members of the FACUG. Bob Read said he was interested in being involved with the board of directors because he was interested in spreading the word about FACUG to non-member user groups. Larry states that the charter for the FACUG is education and assisting user groups in any way possible. Betty asks if we have a tool showing what the FACUG does for the user groups.

Software Liaison: Larry Tyler

Vendor Liaison: Larry Tyler

Editor: Web Austin

Webmaster: Sharon Rump

Fall Meeting Chairperson: Helen Kraft

Fall Conference 2001

Polk County Computer User Group in Lakeland is hosting the fall conference on October 13th. The announcement will be on the website soon.

Larry hands out a sheet that he asks us not to reveal to anyone until after the annual meeting tonight. The sheet had the winner of the logo contest. There were three winners for the logo contest: first second and third place. The sheet also had information about the fall conference.

Spring Conference Chairperson: Larry Tyler.

Dave Gerber and Hope Hertz will handle the conference registration.

Spring conference will be March 1, 2 and 3, 2002 at the Kissimmee Civic Center. Larry has submitted these dates to the civic center. The vendor database needs to be completely revamped so that the information goes to marketing and public relations departments.

Additional Comments:

Dave has discovered a website called Egroups. FACUG is user groups helping user groups. That help does not need to be only once or twice a year. This will allow the lines of communications to be open year round. Dave offers to moderate the website. Dave will make an announcement about the website tonight at the annual meeting. Mary will send the user group presidents email addresses to Dave.

Larry says that we will probably break even for with the conference. The board agrees that the Kissimmee Civic Center is a good location for next year. Dave suggests that we recognize the first timers. Betty wants to acknowledge the person who traveled the farthest.

Larry adjourns the meeting at 11:45am

Respectively submitted by

Mary Sheridan, Secretary

President: Larry Tyler
