

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COMPUTER USER GROUPS, INC.

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MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 12, 2002

Present: Betty Abbott, Dave Gerber, Bob Read, Sharon Rump, Betty Shearer, Mary Sheridan and Murray Tiano; absent: Rose Lynn and Larry Tyler; guest: Web Austin

The meeting was held in at the Arbor Conference Center, Colonnades at On Top of the World in Ocala, FL and called to order by President-Elect Dave Gerber at 9:30 AM.

REPORTS:

President:

Dave Gerber gave a brief report for Larry Tyler. There are now 51 user group members with 18,600 members. There were 104 members present.

Treasurer:

Mary Sheridan handed out the financial statements with year-to-date information. The total Assets are \$30,909.31. Sharon Rump made a motion, seconded by Betty Shearer to accept the Treasurer's report. Unanimously approved.

Secretary:

A motion was made by Murray Tiano, seconded by Betty Abbott, to accept the minutes of the spring meeting as emailed to each director. Unanimously approved.

Directors' Comments

Webmaster: Atlantic.net is our current web host. Online registration was brought up at the last conference but it was decided it was not cost effective. The online update is being used effectively. Members submit changes via an online form which is emailed to three officers. Intuit has provided us with a complimentary online database which is updated on a timely basis.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dave Gerber commented that the FACUG E-Group is rather stagnant. We need to encourage members to sign up and use this source of interaction between members.

NEW BUSINESS:

Spring Conference – February 28 – March 2, 2003

The 2003 Spring Conference will be held at the Kissimmee Civic Center. Sponsors include Comcast for carry bags with Microsoft, Adobe and Cerious Software having showed interest. Betty Abbott will handle registration. Hope Hertz will help her. Larry Tyler has completed the contract with Holiday Inn of Kissimmee for the same rate as last year - \$55 per night for two people. Betty and Bill Shearer will handle volunteer coordination. Bob Read will be in charge of the Home Page Contest and will get 5 impartial judges from within FACUG. Betty Shearer will handle the Community Service Awards. A motion was made by Sharon Rump, seconded by Murray Tiano, to allocate \$300 for these prizes. Web Austin will be in charge of the Newsletter Contest. Larry Tyler will continue looking for vendors. Expenses were discussed. The 2002 spring conference showed a \$99.03 profit which was rather close. Due to rising costs an increase was discussed. A motion was made by Murray Tiano, seconded by Betty Shearer, to increase the registration by \$5 at each level. Further discussion included consideration of higher increases. When the question was called the vote was: Betty Abbott, Dave Gerber, Bob Read, Betty Shearer and Murray Tiano for, Sharon Rump and Mary Sheridan against. Motion passed.

Newsletters:

Web Austin will publish the next newsletter to be mailed by January 5. The deadline for articles is December 5. He will include an application for the spring conference.

Elections:

The 2003 elections will be conducted electronically. Sharon Rump will email nomination forms on 11/29/2002. The forms will need to be returned no later than 1/12/2003. Ballots will be emailed 1/17/2003 with a return date of 2/15/2003. Forms and ballots will be emailed to the FACUG user group rep with a copy to the president of the group. All forms/ballots returned will go to the secretary with a copy to the president.

The Directors' terms expiring in 2003 are Dave Gerber, Bob Read, Sharon Rump and Mary Sheridan.

Dues:

An email will be sent to user group treasurers (copy to presidents) with an application attached for 2003 dues on 10/15/2002. A reminder will be sent on 12/1/2002, 1/15/2003 and 2/15/2003. Dues are delinquent after 2/28/2003.

Misc:

There was a discussion on the high cost of a rider needed by the facility for the fall conference. This is a consideration when scheduling future conferences.

Mary Sheridan commented on the high cost of Sprint for charges at the spring conference. It was suggested that we investigate this. If one of the reasons is for a full-day internet connection it was suggested that this be limited to a specific time period in order to control costs.

Dave Gerber suggested a special recognition to contributions by volunteers to FACUG. There was a brief discussion. Dave will come up with a more definitive proposal and email the Board for further dialogue.

A motion was made by Mary Sheridan, seconded by Sharon Rump, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:23 AM.

Respectively submitted,

Sharon Rump

Sharon Rump, Secretary

Dave Gerber

Dave Gerber, President-Elect