

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COMPUTER USER GROUPS, INC.

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MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 2, 2002

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

The meeting was held in the Cypress Room Board Room of the Kissimmee Civic Center in Kissimmee, FL and called to order by Larry Tyler at 10:20 am.

**REPORTS:**

**President:**

Welcomed new Board members, Betty Abbott and Rose Lynn. Reported 197 people registered, from 42 user groups. There are 73 first time attendees and 14 vendors present this year.

**Treasurer:**

Betty Shearer handed out the fiscal year statements with a balance sheet and Income and Expense statements. Rose Lynn made a motion, seconded by Sharon Rump to accept the Treasurer's report. Unanimously approved.

**Secretary:**

A motion was made by Sharon Rump, seconded by Dave Gerber, to accept the minutes of the fall meeting as emailed to each director. Unanimously approved.

**Directors' Report:**

**Webmaster:** Comcast discontinued our web hosting. Pair.com is now hosting for a very nominal charge for three-month basis (\$17.14). Dave Gerber said that he thinks he can get us complimentary web hosting through a local provider in Sarasota. There was also a discussion about a problem with the online form for member updating. The "Free and Clear" link is not working properly and that will

be corrected shortly. We may be able to do our own forms with the new web host.

***OLD BUSINESS:***

The Fall Conference will be held October 12<sup>th</sup> in Ocala and will be hosted by On Top Of The World Central Computer Club. Discussion as to location of fall conferences more accessible to all members. Possibility of holding the 2003 conference in the Miami area.

The next newsletter will be September 12. The deadline for material to Web is August 12<sup>th</sup>. Directors to submit articles to make the publication more exciting. We will insert newsletters in carry bags for the fall and spring conference. Hilda will do an article on User Groups FACUG representatives outlining their responsibilities, which will be emailed to each user group as well as published in the newsletter.

Dave Gerber reported that the Yahoo E-group is stagnant and needs to be promoted. Dave will put links to various areas of the FACUG web site in some messages to stimulate interest.

***NEW BUSINESS:***

***Election of Officers:***

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| Treasurer:      | Sharon Rump nominates Mary Sheridan, seconded by Dave Gerber. Unanimously approved.  |
| Secretary:      | Dave Gerber nominated Sharon Rump, seconded by Betty Shearer. Unanimously approved.  |
| Vice President: | Sharon Rump nominated Betty Abbott and she declined. Dave Gerber nominated Bob Read. He had indicated to Larry that he would decline that nomination. Rose Lynn nominated Murray Tiano, seconded by Sharon Rump. Unanimously approved. |
| President:      | Mary Sheridan nominated Larry Tyler, seconded by Betty Shearer. Unanimously approved.  |

A discussion was started regarding the importance of grooming someone to be president for the next year. At the fall conference it was discussed that we would consider having a new position of President Elect. A motion was made by Mary Sheridan, seconded by Sharon Rump to exempt the rule on this special item and create the position of President Elect to the slate of officers. That person would be groomed for the presidency the next year. Unanimously approved.

President Elect: Sharon Rump nominated Dave Gerber, seconded by Murray Tiano. Unanimously approved.

It was discussed that if the person who was President Elect is not on the Board for the following year, another person will be elected as President. The chain of command goes from the President to the President Elect to the Vice President, in the event the President became unable to serve. The Board of Directors must approve the appointment. The person elected to the position of President Elect, must be approved by the Board of Directors, before being elected to the Office of President.

***Appointments:***

Web Austin will continue to be the editor of the newsletter. Sharon Rump will continue as webmaster. Larry will be vendor liaison; Rose Lynn will be membership chairman.

Quicken will give us a Quick Base account which will allow us to maintain our database on the internet and be accessed by those determined to be able to view the data. The Secretary and President will have the ability to change and keep the data current in the database.

Larry, Dave and Murray will work together on the Spring Conference for 2003.

Online registration was discussed. We need to offer credit card payment. Rose has information for doing this with little cost and will forward it to Larry.

Dave Gerber made a motion, seconded by Betty Shearer, that Directors and Officers will be exempt from having to pay registration fees at the Spring and Fall Conferences. Unanimously approved.

Time was lacking so the meeting will be continued after the annual meeting later in the day. This meeting recessed at 11:50 am.

Meeting was reconvened at 8:45 pm.

The Spring 2003 FACUG Conference would be held February 28 – March 2, 2003.

Discussion regarding the number of attendees and whether the vendors would object to the increased costs. Larry will get feedback from the vendors and then we will discuss whether to limit registrations for the 2003 conference.

A motion was made by Sharon Rump, seconded by Dave Gerber, to adjourn. Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sharon Rump*

Sharon Rump, Secretary

*Larry Tyler Jr.*

Larry Tyler Jr., President