

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COMPUTER USER GROUPS, INC.

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MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 9, 2004

Present: Dave Gerber, J. B. Hillard, Hewie Poplock, Sharon Rump, Mary Sheridan, Stu Silverman, Larry Tyler and Sam Wexler; absent: Betty Abbott

The meeting was held in at the Seville Condominiums Recreation Center and called to order by President Dave Gerber at 9:40 AM.

REPORTS:

President:

Dave Gerber gave a brief report on attendance. There were 82 members present representing 14 User Groups. There was a brief discussion about the Friday Night Social which was hosted by the Tampa Bay Computer Society. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to socialize.

Treasurer:

Larry Tyler handed out the financial statements with year-to-date information. The total Assets are \$23,304.42. The Spring Conference 2004 had income of \$8,285 with expenses of \$10,265 for a loss of \$1,980. J. B. Hillard made a motion, seconded by Stu Silverman, to accept the Treasurer's report. Unanimously approved. Larry talked about Spring 2005 and related that we have Microsoft, Jasc, Smart Computing on board for sponsors with Pinnacle, Comcast, Blue Squirrel and Office Depot as other type sponsors. We have raised the cost of registration to \$40 for early and \$55 for late which should help to cut down on any loss. Larry also gave the schedule of notices for payment of dues which is a notice to be sent out on November 1, follow-up on December 1 and a reminder on January 5, 2005.

Secretary:

The minutes of the Spring 2004 meeting were summarized by Secretary Sharon Rump. A motion was made by Sam Wexler, seconded by Mary Sheridan, to accept the minutes as summarized. Unanimously approved.

Directors' Comments

There was a brief discussion about FACUG Reps and it was decided that we would have a roundtable for them at the Spring 05 meeting to point out their duties and responsibilities. It was also discussed to come to the Spring 05 conference a day early to have a more expanded BOD meeting or try and have a lunch meeting the Friday the conference begins. We will try and work out the logistics of this.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Newsletter:

J. B. Hillard has been appointed the new editor of the Proceedings. There was discussion of increasing publication to quarterly with a wider distribution. J. B. will look into a postal permit for non-profit and compare expenses versus first class mailing.

Door Prizes

There was a discussion about winners of the prizes at the spring conference. It was suggested that a "thank you" letter be sent by the recipients of prizes to the vendor who contributed their prize. This might encourage further support on the part of the vendors. A suggestion was made to have a "Thank You Contest". Each person who sends a thank you letter would submit a copy to FACUG. There would be a drawing of these letters with the winner receiving a special prize. It was thought that this might encourage more of our members to participate in the "Thank You" project.

BOARD COMMUNICATION

Email alias for Board members was discussed. There are accounts such as "G mail" from Google which are available. We will also look into what might be offered by Atlantic.net, our web host.

There was also a discussion on the possibility of doing BOD chat sessions to increase communication between Directors in between meetings. This will be investigated by Mary Sheridan. She will also work with J.B. on membership.

Spring Conference – March 4 – 6, 2005

The 2005 Spring Conference will be held at the Kissimmee Civic Center. We will need a new caterer as the one who has done the last few conferences is no longer in that business. Larry Tyler will handle this.

Elections:

The 2005 elections will be conducted electronically. The Directors' terms expiring in 2004 are Dave Gerber, Hewie Poplock, Sharon Rump and Mary Sheridan.

A motion was made by Mary Sheridan, seconded by Sharon Rump, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Sharon Rump

Sharon Rump, Secretary

Dave Gerber

Dave Gerber, President