Washington Area Computer User Group
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
March 15, 2008

Meeting start – 3:55PM at Wegmans, Monument Drive, Fairfax, VA

Board Meeting Attendance – P.Howard, J.Brueggeman, B.Rott, B.Walsh, G.Goodrum, C.Roberts, M.Mikosinski

Attendance at General Meeting – 18 plus 2 visitors

Comments on General Meeting – Lorrin Garson presented the Hewlett-Packard MediaSmart Server system, an "interesting product" that serves the Garson's well, although he noted the known issue that the proprietary RAID configuration has a "corruption bug." Bob Rott gave presentations related to the Consumer Electronics Show he attended in January with Geof Goodrum; we noted that Bob's presentation using muvee 6 software was overall better than the presentation using Pinnacle software.

Minutes – January 2008 minutes were approved, and February 2008 minutes were approved and will be accepted for archiving after minor correction.

WAC memberships – 38

Financial Business – Current WACUG Wachovia checking account balance for March is **$2246.07**. (Chuck Roberts has an outstanding check for $90.04.) The CD at Jefferson Bank, last reported at **$1012.24** (including the $801.36 Projector Replacement Fund,) will be maturing on March 22 and will be rolled over at the same bank.

Today's Receipts of **$62.00** were given to Treasurer Bob Rott, which included the following:
$62 membership dues (2 memberships at $25 each plus 1 printed newsletter premium at $12.)

Cursor Discussions – Article submissions to Editor by April 3, expected e-/mailing to members April 9. March Newsletter stats: 17 stamps were used…Regarding ongoing newsletter exchanges, the Los Angeles CUG (C. Stemple) asked us for a copy of Geof Goodrum's October Linux article…Bob Rott missed his March newsletter, the fourth occurrence for him; he was asked if there is a chance his ISP, Verizon, may be accidentally eliminating it.

Old Business – Software creator Roxio is asking for a review of their sample DVD-burning software, Jim Brueggeman promised to get it evaluated.

New Business – Paul asked Geof if he could re-format the member database so that first and last names could be separate for easier sorting, and could a field be added for adding member notes to the database…Jorn Dakin was formally accepted today as a Board Member and his name will be added to the e-mail list…Bob Rott says APCUG thinks he is WAC's Editor, Bill Walsh will fix this in the APCUG online database…For the new IRS Form 990N, Paul says Bob needs to finalize our financials for last year before he goes online; the data gets sent to a second party…Bob Rott asked Geof to send the latest new/renewed member list; because of his e-mail problems he is not sure he has up-to-date information…Computer technology notes: Some of the LCD "picture frames" that display stored photographs have been found to contain viruses…Michael Coyne has an HDMI problem with his FIOS system which apparently has been caused by encryption overhead that overwhelms his Motorola cable box.

Future Meetings – Chuck Roberts will do his presentation next month about Adobe Photoshop Elements 6 Add-ons…For May, Geof Goodrum is going to preview Firefox 3 and its add-ons; he says the current beta 4 version of Firefox 3 is very stable and much faster.

Meeting Adjournment – 4:36PM

BoD Minutes by Bill Walsh – WAC Secretary