

**Washington Area Computer User Group  
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting  
October 16, 2010**

**Meeting start** – 4:10PM at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute-Tallwood Campus, Fairfax, VA

**Board Meeting Attendance** – G.Goodrum, P.Howard, J.Brueggeman, B.Rott, B.Walsh, C.Roberts, N.Grotenstein, G.Goldberg

**Attendance at General Meeting** – 30                      **WAC memberships** – 48

**Comments on General Meeting** – Gabe Goldberg and fundamental technologies, and Lorrin Garson and his HP home server experience: Both presentations were considered “outstanding.”

**Minutes** – September minutes approved with minor corrections to be made before archiving.

**Financial Business** – Current WACUG Wachovia checking account balance as of September 30 is **\$3912.67**, and the CD at Freedom Bank is **\$1076.58** (including the \$801.36 Projector Replacement Fund) for a combined total of **\$4989.25**... **Today’s Receipts** of **\$82.00** were given to Treasurer Bob Rott, which included the following: **\$25** membership dues (1 x \$25) + **\$57** Pizza Sig donation...Recent outgoing checks included our APCUG membership/\$50, Go Daddy domain registration 3-year renewal for wacug.org/\$29.64, door prizes/\$52.16, and door prize lock boxes and locks/\$21.49, for a total of \$153.49...For future revenue, Bob suggested buying five of the Entertainment Discount Coupon books and raffling them off; we deferred this to November.

**Cursor Editor Discussions** – Articles to Editor by November 4, member e-/mailings November 10. October newsletter stats: 26 printed, 21 mailed, zero Cursor e-mail problems, “no e-mails bounced back”...Their submissions are spotty, but Sharon Parq Associate’s group submitted an MS Office article, but it arrived too late to make it into this month’s Cursor...Ira Wilkser has his own distribution list and is now sending articles directly to Chuck...No new vendor contacts: Gabe wondered if we were in touch with publisher O’Reilly and Associates, who offer books for review and allow the reviewer to keep the books. Chuck said we do correspond with O’Reilly but often do not get information in a timely manner, and some info is related to specific/specialized e-publication formats that would not be relevant for most members. Chuck said he could publish O’Reilly’s review offer in the Cursor again, and also mentioned that O’Reilly offers discount codes to user groups of up to 35% off on their books.

**New Business** – Neal asked if we had a flag of some kind that could hang in various locations to advertise ourselves in computer stores. The follow-up discussion touched on possibly creating paper ads with tear-off tabs and the new tri-fold flyer...Regarding upcoming APCUG elections, Gabe is researching the candidates, to make recommendations for the best ones. Gabe says this election matters because APCUG is “at a fork in the road in terms of their identity and activities,” which ultimately affects that organization and us. Other APCUG-related discussions followed.

**Future Meetings** – For November, Paul may do utilities such as Fox-It Reader and Power Desk, and there is an Open Office drawing program; Gabe can do productivity utilities. We may forego the Learn 30 so we can do the utility programs only, about fifteen minutes for each. Gabe suggested they should all be put on one laptop...For December, we are looking at presenting Gabe Goldberg’s Fundamental Technologies Part II...For January 22, we have Gene and Linda Barlow visiting us live, so our tentative agenda is to do our usual Q&A, break, start Gene at 1:30PM, then have a pizza party with Acronis disk sales at the end.

**Meeting Adjournment** – 5:29PM

**BoD Minutes by Bill Walsh – WAC Secretary**