

**Washington Area Computer User Group
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
March 17, 2012**

Meeting start – 4:03PM at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Tallwood Campus, Fairfax, VA

Board Meeting Attendance – G.Goodrum, P.Howard, B.Walsh, M.Mikosinski, G.Goldberg, M.Goldfarb

Attendance at General Meeting – 67

Comments on General Meeting – Geof Goodrum gave a presentation on the 2012 Consumer Electronic Show, and author Abby Stokes talked about many of her ideas and stories about social interaction and general “computer demystification” from her book, “Is This Thing On?”: Both presentations were “great.” We did have some trouble with the speaker’s audio competing with the room air conditioning system.

Minutes – The February 18 minutes were accepted with four minor changes to be made before final archiving.

WAC memberships – 54

Financial Business – Current WACUG Wachovia checking account balance as of March 15 is \$4386.22, and the CD at Freedom Bank is \$1079.88 for a combined total of \$5466.10. **Today’s Receipts** of \$375 were given to Treasurer Paul Howard, which included the following: **\$350** dues (\$25 x 14 memberships) + **\$20** printed newsletter premium (\$5 x 4) + **\$5** from the Pizza Sig at the end of the Board of Directors meeting today. Paul asks that everyone use the reimbursement request form (the “expense record”) that is on the organizational documents on the web. Paul gave a reimbursement check for \$42.06 to Geof.

Cursor Discussions – Articles to Editor by April 7, member e-/mailings April 14. March newsletter stats: 23 newsletters printed, 20 mailed, and zero e-mail problems. Mel Mikosinski sent an analysis regarding newsletter costs, and suggested we start a budget process related to the anticipated expenses. Paul said he would work with Mel on this.

APCUG Report – Gabe installed iLinc software, an APCUG tool for regional conferencing, and will be testing it soon. Gabe recently sent the latest installment of his “APCUG NOOZ.” A report from Don Singleton on APCUG-related news is expected on April 1 and looks like it will be a regular feature from him. Gabe also asked user groups for article contributions, and says he got some good stuff. Gabe heard that the recent APCUG Virtual Conference was “very successful.” Paul said the presentations he saw were “fine,” both audio and video. Geof submitted a correction to the APCUG User Group Locator Service (UGLS) that our typical meeting schedule is the third Saturday of the month, not the fourth.

New Business – The name for the merged clubs will be the Potomac Area Technology and Computer Society, or PATACS. The domain name patacs.org has been registered with Godaddy.com. We have reserved the name with the Virginia State Corporation Commission, and have until June 10 to act on the reservation or renew it. Mel Goldfarb was nominated and approved as a member of the WAC Board of Directors; he will be added to the e-mail list for receiving the Board minutes. Gabe mentioned the Golden Gazette, a monthly newsletter for senior adults in Fairfax County that has a community calendar, which could be useful to get events listed, and a “volunteer opportunities” section, for anyone interested in outreach. He said the “nifty” new Microsoft store has a partnership program that can benefit non-profit organizations, like us, with

over a thousand dollars in software donations. He also said it would be very handy to have a reserved parking space at Tallwood for our scheduled meeting speakers. Mel Mikosinski acquired a portable scanner and asked the Board if it was OK to scan member's checks, giving him images that sometimes contain needed information missing from the membership sign-up sheet. Paul advised Mel to figure out how to delete the bank information from the images, so no one can say we are collecting that data. There will be a NCTCUG/WACUG Skype meeting this Sunday at 8PM between Board members, to discuss the impending club merger and "where we are and what we need to do." O'Reilly book program: Paul sent Dan Feighery and Lorrin Garson the certificate information for obtaining free books, in thanks for their earlier presentations. We get two print books and three electronic certificates quarterly, for each computer group.

Future Meetings – For April we will have Cherie Lejeune talk about tablet computers. For the Learn30 we may be doing a physical PC cleaning demonstration like we did a few years ago. This would involve setting up a "dirty" computer outdoors and blowing out the various accumulations with a jet of air; cleaning CD/DVD players was also mentioned. Geof said he had a keyboard cleaning product known as a "keyboard peeler."

For May we have Tom Gutnick presenting "What Makes the Web Work?" and for June we have re-scheduled Tom Clay's presentation about "The Public Library Today."

Meeting Adjournment – 5:40PM

BoD Minutes by Bill Walsh – WAC Secretary