Washington Area Computer User Group
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
October 16, 2004

Board Meeting Attendance – Paul Howard, Jim Brueggeman, Chuck Roberts, Geof Goodrum, Bill Walsh.

Minutes – August minutes were accepted with recommendations that paragraph three misspellings are corrected ("eview" should be review, "Anoyances" should be Annoyances), and third paragraph from end (starting with "Jim Brueggeman raised the point") should indicate that Jim's point was voted on and agreed to.

Attendance at General Meeting – 15.

Financial Business – Geof Goodrum said that $50 was deposited from last month's business and Bill Walsh is owed $1.

Membership – The number of dues-paid members in WAC is now 54.

Cursor Production – Article submissions are due to the Editor by November 4; expected mail date to members is November 10.

There was a postage-due problem on some of the newsletters last month. Due to production issues the newsletter could not be done at the Office Depot we normally use, and a heavier paper stock may have been used. The cost was also higher because a 10% discount had not been applied; this has been resolved.

Old Business – For the LCD projector, it appears we will have insurance coverage under the NCTCUG policy, in an arrangement similar to personal property coverage.

New Business – Chuck Roberts will become more involved in making vendor contacts and exchanging newsletters. It was discussed that some of these vendor liaisons may be with a number of new software companies that have emerged and are clamoring for reviews of their software products. Paul Howard cautioned that many of these companies have foreign origins, as indicated by many of the e-mails being sent by these firms. There needs to be caution in the use of software submitted for testing and review, there must be checks for viruses and spyware.

Geof Goodrum has volunteered to head the Nominations Committee for the WAC 2005 Board and Officers.

Future Meetings – We are looking at doing another "Presentation in a Box" from Intel. They are revising their presentations for Digital Home Media and Hyperthreading Technology, a combined presentation package may be available soon. Intel's Centrino Mobile Technology presentation may be available sooner. Also discussed was a presentation using the Pkzip/Pkware series of products.

Submitted by Bill Walsh