

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting of Washington Area
Computer User Group
February 26, 2005

The meeting convened at approximately 4:45 PM at the Pizza Hut at the intersection of Route 29 and Route 50 in Fairfax.

Present were Paul Howard, Jim Brueggeman, Bob Rott, Chuck Roberts, Geof Goodrum and Bill Walsh.

The new 2005 Board appointed Paul Howard as President, Jim Brueggeman as Vice President, Jorn Dakin as Secretary and Bob Rott as Treasurer. The Board approved the addition of new Board members Bill Walsh, Chuck Roberts and Geof Goodrum.

The Board approved the November 2004 Minutes as amended and the December 2004 Minutes with correction. Paul Howard will submit the correction to Jorn Dakin.

Paul Howard reported that Jorn sent a thank you note to MicroCenter and requested meeting space in October and November, but has not received a response, yet. There was no new information on updating WACUG's corporate name with the IRS.

February meeting attendance was 32, including guests. Paul Howard suggested using a sign-in sheet at the meetings.

Geof Goodrum reported two new members and seven membership renewals at the meeting (a total of 25 memberships received since the December meeting). The 2005 membership is 43.

Bob Rott reported income of \$625 from membership dues and \$18 from PC CD donations. Five PC CDs were given away with memberships.

Current policy is to mail newsletters for expired memberships through the March issue. Bob Rott recommended and the Board approved a policy of stopping distribution of newsletters for expired memberships after the February issue. January and February issue mailing labels will include an expiration notice. The new policy takes effect in 2006.

Paul Howard wants at least one WACUG member who is not on the Board to serve on the Audit Committee. Paul will contact Len Bacon.

Paul Howard will send a copy of the meeting schedule with newsletter dates to the Board members. Geof Goodrum provided

Chuck Roberts with an updated vendor list and newsletters of other user groups received at the APCUG meeting. We should consider submission of WACUG articles and newsletters for the APCUG contest. Chuck gave Geof a copy of the February newsletter in PDF to e-mail to Corel, since international mailings are problematic.

Bill Walsh will talk to his contact at the Fairfax County Government Center about the loss of Internet access during the February meeting. Bill also noted that some people could not hear because the presenters did not use the audio system. Chuck Roberts can demonstrate Adobe PhotoShop Elements and his new printer at the March meeting. Geof Goodrum suggested a Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) demonstration for a future meeting. Bill said that Intel has not followed up after WACUG submitted presentation evaluations.

Paul Howard said that there is no information from the insurance agent about the projector coverage, but he was told over the phone that it was covered. Paul e-mailed information on how to access the GoDaddy e-mail service to some of the Board members, but Chuck Roberts and Jim Brueggeman asked for Paul to resend it.

The Board reviewed the responsibility list. All were asked to update the list. Jim Brueggeman will call Bob Mason about the PC CD task.

Jim Brueggeman was asked why the meeting photos on the web site had not been updated recently. Bill Walsh took photos today and will transfer them to Paul Howard.

Geof Goodrum reported that user groups who update their information on Microsoft's MindShare web site will be entered into a sweepstakes. Paul Howard asked Chuck Roberts to look into it.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Geof Goodrum