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Washington Area Computer User Group
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
January 12, 2008 *Amended*

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Meeting start – 4:30PM at Cantina D'Italia in the Fair Lakes Shopping Center, Fairfax, VA

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

Attendance at General Meeting – 21

Comments on General Meeting – The annual election was held with the following officers elected: Paul Howard as President, Geof Goodrum as Vice President, Bob Rott as Treasurer, and Bill Walsh as Secretary. *The elected Board* appointed the following to be additional Board members: Jim Brueggeman, Chuck Roberts, Mel Mikosinski, and Jorn Dakin…The presentation by Bill Walsh was the free Google Earth and subscription Google Earth Plus aerial/satellite imagery software…The PA system gave us problems again; even with the treble control all the way up the voice bottomed out and was distorted. The amplifier controls may need to be checked more thoroughly; Paul said we may need to look at the amplifier's instruction manual for additional troubleshooting. He also said the mic input hums, which may be part of the problem.

Minutes – The minutes for November and December, 2007 were approved.

WAC memberships – (Figures unavailable, Geof Goodrum not in attendance.)
Financial Business – (Figures unavailable, Bob Rott not in attendance.)

Today's Receipts to be given next month to Treasurer Bob Rott included the following:
$211 membership dues (4 x $25 membership dues + 3 x $37 membership and printed newsletter dues) **+ $16** from the Pizza Sig at the end of the Board of Directors meeting today.

Cursor Discussions – Article submissions to Editor by Feb. 7th, expected e-/mailing to members Feb. 13th. January Newsletter stats: 15 stamps used for mailings. Nothing new for our newsletter exchanges.

Software reviews: Roxio made their DVD burning software available, Jim Brueggeman offered to review it.

New Business – Chuck Roberts made the point that since the Disk of the Month is not created on a regular basis, we should remove the membership incentive about free disks from the newsletter. To reduce overhead on the DoM effort, we can publish the hyperlinks for the software and let the members download it themselves. Chuck Roberts can send the hyperlinks out with the newsletter. (It was believed that Geof Goodrum would probably like the new procedure since he does Linux DoMs on demand for the members.) Chuck asked Jim Brueggeman to come up with a procedure for these monthly "Program Picks." Since member Dave Smith has expressed interest in doing DoMs, Jim will also talk to him about the new procedure…DoM coupons by mail: The situation will get better when the resources are available to crank out the disks again… A member in Michigan is looking to get three DoMs with their new membership; Paul Howard will get that e-mail address to Jim.

A "new script" for the election commissioner was proposed: They should put new votes from the January meeting together with the existing e-mail votes; then, if there is a majority, declare the results affirmed by acclamation.

Future Meetings – Bill Walsh asked about a webmaster presentation; Paul Howard said he has this in mind as a potential backup, if needed. Street Atlas USA 2008, Photoshop Elements 6, Geof and Bob's APCUG/CES visit, and PC clinics are the only presentations we currently have scheduled.

Meeting Adjournment – 5:51PM

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BoD Minutes by Bill Walsh – WAC Secretary

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