

**Washington Area Computer User Group  
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting  
April 16, 2011 \*Amended\***

**Meeting start** – 4:04PM at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute-Tallwood Campus, Fairfax, VA

**Board Meeting Attendance** – G.Goodrum, P.Howard, B.Rott, B.Walsh, M.Mikosinski, J.Dakin, N.Grotenstein, G.Goldberg

**Attendance at General Meeting** – 40

**Comments on General Meeting** – Gabe Goldberg presented useful utility programs; Gene Barlow presented Acronis back-up and hard drive management products, from his home in Utah via Skype. Both presentations went very well, and the webinar audio was “great,” which \*benefited\* from Paul’s setup and maintenance of the OLLI advanced audio equipment.

**Minutes** – March minutes were approved with minor corrections needed before final archiving.

**WAC memberships** – 50

**Financial Business** – Current WACUG Wachovia checking account balance as of March 31 is \$4836.30. The CD at Freedom Bank was renewed at \$1076.58 for 20 months at 1.29% with a one-time “bump-up rate” option after 10 months. Our combined asset total is \$5912.88. Today’s receipts of \$145 were given to Treasurer Bob Rott, which included the following: **\$100** dues (\$25 x 4 memberships) + **\$5** printed newsletter premium (\$5 x 1) + a **\$40** member donation. Bob asked for authorization to pay the WACUG liability insurance bill of \$229; the Board approved the request. Geof asked the Board to reimburse Paul \$52.49 for half the cost of the new HD webcam we used during the webinar today; this request was also approved. Bob wrote Geof a check for \$23.90 for the printed April Cursor. Bob also wrote a check for \$39.46, for the WAC share of the insurance for the jointly owned WAC-NCTCUG projector. He asked about the change of situation where WAC at Tallwood no longer needed use of this projector; Paul referenced the projector sharing agreement between the two clubs, said it would need modification for the new circumstances. Paul will suggest the changes to \*Jim Rhodes\* when Jim returns. Jorn mentioned he needs to submit a claim for postage for the April Cursor.

**Cursor Discussions** – For May, the article deadline to Editor Lloyd Johnson is April 28, with “clean-up” editing by Geof and member e-/mailings expected May 4. The April newsletter stats: 25 printed, 23 mailed. Geof was editor for the April Cursor and provided Lloyd a workflow sheet for the editing duties of the next Cursor. Bob Rott is doing the mailing labels, and Geoff asked that they be available early before the newsletter mailing date. Bob asked if we could use the Office Depot at Little River Turnpike for the newsletter printing, to facilitate NL pick-up. For editing, Geof mentioned he used Scribus, an open-source program. To possibly get a better-but-usually-much-more-expensive Adobe product, Paul offered to check Tech Soup, a discount software service available to non-profit organizations like ours. Geof says we will share our Linux and Lloyd Johnson articles with Judy Taylour.

**Old Business** – Member survey effort by Lorrin Garson is suspended for now; he is currently out of town. Work on the election and balloting procedures and bylaws is also temporarily suspended. The flash memory drives, which we agreed to have available at meetings, have been acquired by Paul.

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**New Business** – APCUG: Gabe mentioned the next big annual APCUG meeting would be the 2012 FACUG cruise of January 23-27. He said there should be bargain rates available thru May, and information was available at [facug.org](http://facug.org). Gabe also noted the APCUG “PUSH” delivery of articles is working. At today’s meeting, Bob observed there was “mass confusion” when we had the door prize drawings; we need to manage that better. Paul suggested maybe putting out two tables. \*Mel stated he would streamline member sign-in by using a check-off system instead of actual sign-in.\* Talking about ways of advertising WAC, we thought display of our tri-fold brochures in stores would help, and Paul said places like Micro Center may not work as well as the smaller PC “screwdriver shops” in the area.

**Future Meetings** – The main presentation in May will be Gabe talking about configuring Thunderbird and Firefox add-ons. (It was mentioned that version 4 of Firefox was now available.) For the Learn 30, Paul and Bill will do a demonstration of Skype. For June we have Stan Schretter doing a presentation about Mac computers. We need to check, there is a possibility Stan may bring his 30-inch monitor, which we need to make sure is properly set up and protected. For a June Learn 30, suggestions included new browsers Internet Explorer 9 and Firefox 4; Gabe suggested remote access programs, such as LogMeIn and pcAnywhere.

**Meeting Adjournment** – 5:24PM

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