Washington Area Computer User Group
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
May 14, 2011 *Amended*

Meeting start – 4:05PM at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Tallwood Campus, Fairfax, VA

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

Attendance at General Meeting – 42

Comments on General Meeting – Paul Howard and Bill Walsh demonstrated Skype, and Gabe Goldberg demonstrated more of his favorite utility programs: Both were declared good demonstrations, "tremendous as always."

Minutes – April minutes approved with three updates to be made before final archiving.

WAC memberships – 52

Financial Business – Current WACUG Wachovia checking account balance as of April 29 is **$4267.08**, and the CD at Freedom Bank is **$1076.58** (including the $801.36 Projector Replacement Fund) for a combined total of **$5343.66**. **Today's Receipts** of **$55.00** were given to Treasurer Bob Rott, which included the following: **$50** dues ($25 x 2 memberships) + **$5** printed newsletter premium ($5 x 1.) Bob noted reimbursement requests, from Geoff for $19.12 for newsletter printing and $10.22 from Jorn for last month's newsletter postage. Bob mentioned he used $8.80 in postage, for the 19 newsletters and a payment to Erie Insurance.

Cursor Discussions – Articles to Editor by June 2, member e-/mailings June 8. May newsletter stats: 20 printed, 19 mailed, and 1 given to Mel. Paul noted the mailed newsletter was folded to about half-size dimensions; he said it normally is folded into thirds. Paul said we need to be aware of the relevant postal requirements for these dimensional mailings, it may cost us more. Bob said he would like to use the Office Depot at Costco Plaza for newsletter printing; their stapling gives him fewer problems with the overall finished product. Geof said he would be the editor of the June Cursor. Mel said we need to verify that our outside vendors get their electronic newsletters; Neal volunteered to check this by verifying he receives a newsletter from the Vendor Relations mailing list, to which his name was being added. Geof mentioned he sends courtesy copies of the newsletter to the contributing authors.

Old Business – Gabe is going to the APCUG regional meeting in Cleveland in July, and mentioned again it would be great if some organization in the mid-Atlantic group volunteered to do a regional event. Paul has sent the revised projector-sharing agreement to Jim Rhodes, to transfer full ownership of the projector to NCTCUG. The WAC Board approved the revised arrangement, which also released the special Certificates of Deposit held by both groups for projector replacement. Election and balloting procedures and Bylaw updates are still on hold.

New Business – The new check-in sheets worked well today, and Paul asked the Board to remind him to tell the attendees about checking in at the start of the general meeting. Mel asked about the known surplus video projectors at OLLI: Are they available as backups for the meetings? Lorrin was advised of the previous discussions regarding the printed newsletter cost overruns and the five dollar premiums. We have multiple considerations, from raising the printing fee to ending the printing of the newsletter altogether and being fully electronic. Changes suggested included making the electronic version easier to read by revising the format to single columns per page instead of two

columns. These may be good issues for Lorrin to address with the upcoming membership survey. Gabe says APCUG, though still struggling, will be sending more stuff out than they have in the last two years. APCUG is trying to survive on sponsorships and membership dues. Clint Tinsley of APCUG is working to update and get out the APCUG financial information, trying to make the organization more transparent. APCUG management is more collaborative and seems to be back on track. The new User Group Locator Service (UGLS) has been seen, but is working intermittently. Judy Taylour's information offerings are working fine.

Future Meetings – In June, Stan Schretter is going to demonstrate a Mac computer. We may not do the Learn 30 for this particular event. Gabe said Thinkgeek expressed interest in doing a presentation; it may be time to finally book them. He also talked about topics such as software "clean-up" to improve one's PC performance, library-related information technologies, a back-to-basics "PC101" session to deal with the confusion between software, browsers, and search engines, and "Gabe's Gadgets" in December, in time for the gift-giving holidays. For July, Paul said he would try to contact some of Gabe's friends, for a presentation on white-collar crime investigation. *Neal Grotenstein may do something on the Acronis 2011 backup product.*

Meeting Adjournment – 5:17PM   **BoD Minutes by Bill Walsh – WAC Secretary**