

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

Meeting start – 4:36PM at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Tallwood Campus, Fairfax, VA

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

Attendance at General Meeting – 43 **WAC memberships** – 46

Comments on General Meeting – Neal Grotenstein talked about the Acronis back-up software; Fairfax County officer Tom Polhemus talked about various computer and non-computer tips to guard against consumer fraud crimes. Officer Polhemus “went over very well,” was “amusing and informative.” It would have helped his presentation if he used a microphone, something we need to request more firmly for our meetings. Neal’s Acronis presentation needed better focus for the time allotted; he was asked if he could write up a more thorough list of his recommendations for Acronis software, possibly submitting it as a newsletter article.

Minutes – June minutes were accepted with three minor corrections needed before archiving.

Financial Business – Current WACUG Wells Fargo checking account balance as of July 8 is \$4036.64, and the CD at Freedom Bank is \$1076.58 for a combined total of \$5113.22. Today’s Receipts of \$58.00 were given to Paul Howard which included the following: **\$50** dues (\$25 x 2 memberships) + **\$8.00** from the Pizza Sig at the end of the Board of Directors meeting today. *Paul got signature card images from Wachovia/Wells Fargo that cover our checking account. He suggested we create new signature cards at our next opportunity and invalidate all previous signature cards.*

Cursor Discussions – Articles to Editor by August 4, member e-/mailings August 10. July newsletter stats: 25 printed, 21 mailed, zero email problems. We looked at samples of a possible new format for Cursor text; the Board selected the left-justified, ragged-right format as the best. Regarding tasks done monthly, Mel will send Cursor PDFs to our vendor partners, and Jim Brueggeman will send members the N/L links, meeting announcements, and election information.

Old Business – Efforts on the member survey and election/balloting procedures and Bylaws are still on hold. Neal says he will do a follow up on the Acronis UGR lost payment.

New Business – Gabe Goldberg sent an email with the suggestion that membership payment be accomplished with an online service, such as PayPal. Discussing this proposal, we did not think we had enough members to justify the overhead to engage such services. APCUG: Gabe is in Cleveland for the regional meeting; Paul says Marie Vesta is help with the online APCUG database.

Future Meetings – Paul looked at the APCUG Speaker’s Bureau for topic suggestions, and said there were about 30-40 usable topics. Paul also mentioned that thinkgeek.com has been contacted for a possible presentation, which should be interesting, but we need to re-connect to confirm arrangements, with a possible presentation in August. Jorn mentioned EE, Inc., a firm that does forensic electronic information recovery on computers, for use as evidence in court cases. Jorn also suggested doing ethernet over AC wiring. Geof mentioned wireless networking or maybe NOAA weather products. Paul mentioned wireless printing troubleshooting, which is being done for a NCTCUG member. Mel said MicroCenter did some presentations in-store, but do they do them offsite as well?

Meeting Adjournment – 6:01PM

BoD Minutes by Bill Walsh – WAC Secretary