

**Washington Area Computer User Group**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**  
**October 15, 2011**

**Meeting start** – 3:58PM at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Tallwood Campus, Fairfax, VA

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

**Attendance at General Meeting** – 38

**WAC memberships** – 52

**Comments on General Meeting** – Bill Walsh and Gabe Goldberg did presentations on the Apple iPad. Paul gave kudos for the presentations, with much deserved appreciation for Gabe stepping in when the main topic presenter was unable to attend today. It was also noted OLLI's new audio speakers performed well in overcoming the sound of the HVAC system.

**Minutes** – September minutes accepted with two minor corrections needed before final archiving.

**Financial Business** – The Treasurer is still unavailable, so adding the deposit of \$60.00 from the September meeting, the current WACUG Wells Fargo checking account balance should be \$4051.59, and with the CD at Freedom Bank at (or at least near) \$1076.58, our combined total should be \$5128.17... **Today's Receipts** of \$112.50 included the following: **\$70.00** for the laptop raffle (14 contributions x \$5) + **\$25** dues (\$25 x 1 membership) + **\$17.50** from NCTCUG to WACUG for its one-third share of the new webcam.

**Cursor Discussions** – Articles to Editor by November 3, member e-/mailings November 9. The October newsletter stats: 22 printed, 19 mailed, zero email problems.

**APCUG Report** – The APCUG User Group Locator Service (UGLS) is working well. Gabe is able to send email broadcasts now to several people at once. It is still limited somewhat compared to the older system which allowed emails to be sent out to a broader range of member categories. Gabe also encouraged WAC members to run for the various director and advisor positions in the upcoming APCUG elections. The idea of “rebranding” the APCUG mission arose at the Cleveland meeting. APCUG needs to become more appealing to groups and the historic value of the APCUG organization needs to be revitalized “to make it more useful.” A big challenge in having goals mesh for many computer groups is the relative difference in age of the respective members. PUSH is probably one of the most valuable things APCUG offers and participation by clubs should be encouraged. Judy Taylour is now back as the Chair of the APCUG Board of Advisors.

**New Business** – For membership renewals, Gabe suggested setting up a relationship with a credit card company. This would allow some transactions to be easier, including possibly automatic membership renewal. We had checked on the viability of this before and thought the expenses were too high, but Paul said he would check into it again. Someone noted that our non-profit status could help to get a lower cost for this service. Gabe thought it might be interesting to find out if there is an iPad discount if enough members expressed interest in getting one. Gabe also asked if it would be possible to get the Board minutes and monthly agenda information earlier; the Secretary will try to get the Minutes done by next Wednesday. Upcoming election and merger topics were discussed. Paul mentioned that Blair (of NCTCUG) and Geof (of WACUG) need to talk about combined newsletter editing efforts with a possible club merger. Teleconferencing between members was mentioned as a substitution for meetings; Gabe said that while teleconferencing is possible, the important stuff being discussed face-to-face is really more beneficial.

**Future Meetings** – For January, Sam Clay will talk about accessing Fairfax library resources.

**Meeting Adjournment** – 4:59PM

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