Meeting start – 4:27PM 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, G.Goldberg

Attendance at General Meeting – 51   **WAC memberships –** 53

Comments on General Meeting – Lorrin Garson spoke about handling a double computer failure, and Dennis Courtney talked about the various flavors of "cloud computing": Both presentations went very well, although the "cloud" discussion may have been more business-intensive than the members were used to. We had an initial problem with microphone audio, which was solved by adjusting the external volume control.

Minutes – October minutes approved with two corrections to be made before final archiving.

Financial Business – Current WACUG Wells Fargo check account balance as of November 10 was **$4129.45**, and the CD at Freedom Bank is (or at least near) **$1076.58** for a combined total of **$5206.03**. **Today's Receipts** of **$321** included the following: **$300** dues ($25 x 12 memberships) + **$15** printed newsletter premium ($5 x 3) + **$6** from the Pizza Sig at the end of the Board of Directors meeting today.

Cursor Discussions – Articles to Editor by November 26, member e-/mailings December 3. The November newsletter stats: 22 printed, 19 mailed, zero e-mail problems. Newsletter exchange partners were unchanged from last month. We received a note from Lloyd Johnson that he is unable to continue his column on useful websites, and we will lose those submissions in January.

APCUG Report – Gabe Goldberg says APCUG is pushing to make the User Group Locator Service (UGLS) more productive with "wish list" suggestions from the directors and advisers. APCUG is also experimenting with various video conferencing and teleconferencing formats, which can be useful as a member service and as an infrastructure for sharing information. Judy Taylour sent Paul a note about special deals from publisher O'Reilly, who will send soft cover and electronic books which we can use as door prize offerings. Mel Mikosinski volunteered to receive the books from O'Reilly; Geof will submit Mel's name. It was suggested that a system of confirmations and multiple reminders be developed to facilitate assured attendance at events, by members and by guest speakers who commit to the events. Gabe reminded us that APCUG "rebranding" is ongoing, an attempt to revitalize the organization and give a meaningful return to user groups, to encourage continued membership. The current APCUG elections will close on November 24; Geof will cast the votes for our group.

Old Business – Paul reminded us that WAC's OLLI/OPCUG collaboration started two years ago. We showed our appreciation after the first year with a $250 donation and last year with a donation of three flat panel monitors. Paul suggested we do something again, and Mel suggested another donation of $250. This was seconded and approved by the Board. The annual elections will occur in January, and Geof will print an announcement in the newsletter. Since we may be near a merger with the NCTCUG group, Geof has agreed to run as President again to provide continuity until a formal conclusion occurs between the two groups. This means the slate of officers running will be the same as last year. Jim Brueggeman and Mel Mikosinski volunteered to be the nominating committee. There was discussion about formalizing e-mail balloting in the Bylaws for a WAC election. Also discussed were revisions to Mel's "Annual Meeting Procedures" document. Geof will provide final editing.

New Business – For 2012, all meetings are scheduled for the third Saturday of the month. Neal talked to Micro Center at the Pan Am shopping center and they will let us print their schedule of training classes in the Cursor, with the provision we indicate that scheduled offerings may be "subject to change." A member brought her laptop to Geof for reconfiguring, which Geof did by removing Linux.

Future Meetings – In December, John Kennedy will do a presentation on free software; Geof will do a presentation on Ubuntu Linux version 11.10. We will also be busy with the regular PC Clinic troubleshooting efforts as well. January's meeting will have Sam Clay doing a presentation about resources available from the Fairfax County library; Geof is expected to entertain us again with the annual Consumer Electronics Show (CES) highlights. Dan Feighery has tentatively agreed to do a presentation in February on photography/imaging software.

Meeting Adjournment – 5:48PM   **BoD Minutes by Bill Walsh – WAC Secretary**