

**Washington Area Computer User Group
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
February 18, 2012**

Meeting start – 4:07PM at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Tallwood Campus, Fairfax, VA

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

Attendance at General Meeting – 57

Comments on General Meeting – Lorrin Garson presented the TrueCrypt encryption software and Dan Feighery presented digital photography: “Both presentations were great!”

Minutes – The January, 2012 minutes were accepted with two minor corrections to be made before final archiving.

Financial Business – Current WACUG Wells Fargo checking account balance as of February 15 is **\$4649.91**, and the CD at Freedom Bank is **\$1092.81** for a combined total of **\$5742.72**. **Today’s Receipts of \$170** were given to Treasurer Paul Howard, which included the following: **\$150** dues (\$25 x 6 memberships, four old, two new) + **\$10** printed newsletter premium (\$5 x 2) + **\$10** donation. For this month we received no additional credits from Amazon.com purchasing through the website “clicker.”

Cursor Discussions – Articles to Editor by March 3, member e-/mailings expected March 10. January newsletter stats: 22 printed, 19 mailed. Mel Mikosinski said there was problems with one email address where a “hidden semicolon” is creating problems; he is working on it. Geof says he is already doing preliminary work on the February issue. He has sent an email to NCTCUG newsletter editor Blair Jones about what they can co-ordinate for a combined newsletter offering. Geof will follow up with a telephone call Sunday.

APCUG Report – Gabe says all Region 2 groups renewed except for Novacom. UGLS “is coming along.” Judy Taylour is working on getting an updated address list. There is an APCUG Virtual Conference scheduled for February 25, from 1-6PM ET. Paul said he would send a mass emailing alerting the membership to the event.

Old Business – Transfer of signature authority: Paul read a motion for updating signatures at Wells Fargo and Freedom Bank, and the motion was seconded and approved by the President, Secretary, and all Directors. Geof advised that Lorrin Garson had to decline to be the Chair for the upcoming audit. Mel Goldfarb subsequently agreed to be the Audit Chair. Geof has provided Mel Mikosinski with membership receipt books going back to 2005. Paul is trying to get the relevant Quicken records from Bob Rott for the audit. Geof had submitted changes to the Bylaws to everyone; the changes were approved by the Board.

New Business – Mel Mikosinski got two books from O’Reilly to give away to each computer group. He has been told two books will be provided by O’Reilly each quarter for a year. They are also providing two certificates each quarter which allow downloading e-books from their site. Paul suggested we consider giving the month’s primary presenter a certificate. Gabe suggested we should do something special to reach out to ex-Novacom members. Mel Mikosinski said NCTCUG offered a reduced membership rate. Paul said the OPCUG computer club was mentioned in Thom Clement’s Executive Director Report to the Osher Foundation.

Future Meetings – Author Abby Stokes will do our March presentation; her humorous talks center around social networking and other computer-related gems. Gabe has sent invitations for the news media to attend Abby’s presentation. Steve Gurney of “Living” is expected to video record the presentation. Paul asked if she was selling her book at our meeting; Gabe said he would check with her about arrangements for that. For assistance during book sales, Neal volunteered to help. Gabe wants to do our main April presentation on tablet computers. For May, Tom Gutnick is scheduled to talk on the subject “What makes the Web work?”

Meeting Adjournment – 5:47PM

BoD Minutes by Bill Walsh – WAC Secretary