

**Washington Area Computer User Group
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
November 22, 2008 *Amended***

Meeting start – 4:24PM at Wegmans, Monument Drive, Fairfax, VA

Board Meeting Attendance – P.Howard, J.Brueggeman, B.Rott, B.Walsh, G.Goodrum, C.Roberts, M.Mikosinski, B.Mason, L.Garson, John Keys, Kathy Perrin, Jorn Dakin

Attendance at General Meeting – 37, including guests

Comments on General Meeting – Bob Mason’s presentation about selling on eBay had one of the biggest turnouts ever at the Government Center; the amount of material was such that Bob could not give his Virtual Earth presentation, which fortunately was on his handouts.

Minutes – October, 2008 minutes were approved, with one correction needed before archiving.

WAC memberships – 42

Financial Business – As of October 31, the WACUG Wachovia checking account balance is \$2390.74, and the CD at Jefferson Bank is \$1042.58 (including the \$801.36 Projector Replacement Fund) for a combined total of \$3433.32. **Today’s Receipts** of \$175.00 (\$25 x 3 membership dues + \$100 donation from Mel Mikosinski) were given to Treasurer Bob Rott.

Cursor Discussions – Article submissions to Editor by Nov. 29, expected e-/mailing to members Dec. 5. November newsletter stats: 18 stamps used...Newsletter exchange: NOVACOM is sending hardcopies even though we are just sending the e-mail version of the Cursor...Vendor note: O’Reilly publishing is offering a 15% discount on Safari Library subscriptions made before the end of the year...Paul said our club finances have stabilized and our newsletter cost is about \$1.50 each. While we continue the e-Cursor, Paul said we could drop the printed newsletter surcharge from \$12 to \$5 a year. Mel Mikosinski made the motion to formally adopt the new \$5 fee; the motion was agreed to, with 5 ayes and 3 nays. The new fee will take effect immediately.

New Business – We need to check the APCUG e-newsletter distribution list online to verify proper dissemination to the Board members...Paul presented the new OLLI meeting ideas in detail today. Jorn made the motion for WAC to try meeting at Osher Lifelong Learning’s Tallwood location for five months, beginning in January; the motion was approved with one nay and one abstention. A motion was made and carried, again with one nay and one abstention, for WAC to provide a one-time \$75 grant for the combined WAC and OLLI meeting; \$50 for food and \$25 for a door prize. *

Future Meetings – December will feature the PC Clinic and a presentation by Kurt DeSoto. Bob Mason said he had a broken laptop we could fix at this meeting and offer it as a major door prize... The January meeting will be at the OLLI Tallwood location. We anticipate needing cameras to provide video for the presentation there...Suggested topic of e-mailing: Using AOL, to be presened by Mikosinski and Brueggeman; webmailing using g-mail and Yahoo (Goodrum); Outlook/Outlook Express (Mason, with back-up by Mel); Thunderbird (Howard). Subtopics would include “netiquette,” identifying yourself with alternate ID, attachments, group lists, “CC:” and “BCC:”, and Reply/Forward responses...Other presentation topics suggested: audio file formats, ripping CDs, media players; getting someone from Cox/Verizon to explain how broadband works.

Meeting Adjournment – 6:02PM

BoD Minutes by Bill Walsh – WAC Secretary