

**Washington Area Computer User Group
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
December 11, 2010 *Amended***

Meeting start – 4:15PM at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute-Tallwood Campus, Fairfax, VA

Board Meeting Attendance – G.Goodrum, P.Howard, B.Rott, B.Walsh, C.Roberts, M.Mikosinski, L.Garson, N.Grotenstein, G.Goldberg. Guests - N.Wenri, R.Fujii

Attendance at General Meeting – 30

Comments on General Meeting – Lorrin Garson on “Lessons from an International Laptop Theft” and Gabe Goldberg on fundamental technologies/utilities: “Outstanding” and “wonderful and informative” were some of the comments on today’s presentations. We also had another dedicated PC Clinic with six members’ significant problems successfully resolved.

Minutes – The Secretary e-mailed the October and November Minutes, but no one received them. Apparently, there was an e-mail problem, so the Secretary will resend the Minutes later today. The Board will review the Minutes at the January meeting.

WAC memberships – 49

Financial Business – Current WACUG Wachovia checking account balance as of November 30 is \$3994.67, and the CD at Freedom Bank is \$1076.58 (including the \$801.36 Projector Replacement Fund) for a combined total of \$5071.25. . . **Today’s Receipts of \$555.00** were given to Treasurer Bob Rott, which included the following: **\$130.00** from November’s meeting plus **\$315.00** (\$25 x twelve membership renewals plus \$5 x 3 newsletter print premiums) plus **\$110.00** in donations. Bob asked about paying the insurance on the Dell 3300MP projector WAC shares with NCTCUG; the premium is about \$28. (Since our meetings moved to the Tallwood facility, WAC has not needed to use this projector.) Geof gave approval for Bob to make the payment. Not needing the projector, Paul said WAC may re-negotiate the terms they have with NCTCUG, possibly adding a buyout clause.

Cursor Editor Discussions – Articles to Editor by January 6, member e-/mailings January 12. Chuck reported December newsletter stats: 24 printed, 18 mailed, one e-mail problem because of a typo. No change in newsletter exchange activity or vendor contacts.

New Business – The Board discussed logistics for the January meeting. We will conduct our annual election in January; we will do it at approximately 1:25pm, immediately before the Gene Barlow presentation. Paul will provide Bill Walsh's cell phone number to Gene Barlow. The OLLI House Committee will oversee setup for the celebration of two years of WACUG/OPCUG joint meetings, but needs volunteers; Geof will provide a pizza sign-up sheet to Mel for consideration. Paul’s webmaster activity will include having meeting information on single pages hosted on the WAC web site for the partner user groups NCTCUG, WACUG and OPCUG, making for easier access. Paul is coordinating with APCUG on a change of the APCUG web servers. Paul also recently updated our registration with the GoDaddy domain registrar and separated the NCTCUG and WACUG accounts, but had a problem when the e-mail forwards disappeared; most of these were re-established. Paul still needs to setup and test the WACUG election ballot e-mail with Nominating Committee members Jim Brueggeman and Mel Mikosinski. Gabe mentioned the APCUG election results were quite favorable, that the new leadership should serve the membership well. He also said he would like to see regional conferences, but there needs to be local teams leading the push to make these conferences happen.

Future Meetings – Paul reported that member Dan Feighery is interested in doing another presentation on digital pictures; this may become a March presentation. With the Gene Barlow presentation in January, Geof says he will do a presentation on the Las Vegas Consumer Electronics Show, in February. Gabe says he has a Roku TV box he can talk about. Gabe can also give a presentation on Firefox and Thunderbird Add-Ons. Gabe will contact local company ThinkGeek about giving a presentation in 2011. Bill Walsh may do a Learn 30 in February about his HD camcorder.

Meeting Adjournment – 5:15PM

BoD Minutes by Bill Walsh – WAC Secretary