

**Washington Area Computer User Group  
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting  
December 10, 2011 \*Amended\***

**Meeting start** – 4:00PM at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Tallwood Campus, Fairfax, VA

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

**Attendance at General Meeting** – 43, including 2 guests from Novacom

**Comments on General Meeting** – Geof Goodrum on Linux 11.10: A nice re-introduction to Linux, with “impressive eye candy,” inspiring some of us to consider trying it. John Kennedy, via Skype, on free software: A good assortment of software, similar but different to Gabe’s extensive earlier offerings, and many of us hope Mr. Kennedy’s listing of sites shows up on our website. John was discovered via the APCUG Speaker’s Bureau; Gabe was asked if there was a system in place for rating speakers, since John was so good, and Gabe said a rating system was not in place yet, but Don Singleton was involved with evaluating speakers on the Bureau list. Skype performed very well today, about three hours and twenty minutes of almost flawless performance. However, John Kennedy’s recommendation for us to try Teamview teleconference software did inspire Mel.

**Minutes** – The November minutes need to be amended and re-submitted. September and October, 2011 minutes were accepted. Also, a final consolidated re-write of the February, 2011 minutes is due from the Secretary

**WAC memberships** – 53

**Financial Business** – Current WACUG Wells Fargo checking account balance as of December 7 is \$4375.45, and the CD at Freedom Bank is (approximately) \$1076.58 for a combined total of \$5452.03. **Today’s Receipts** of \$335 were given to the acting Treasurer, which included the following: **\$175** dues (\$25 x 7 memberships) + **\$10** printed newsletter premium (\$5 x 2) + \* **\$150** in donations.\* Paul gave Geof two checks for reimbursements today. Paul is looking ahead at electronic payment methods to simplify fund transactions, such as via a bank or PayPal. A primary consideration is how much value we get from a vendor; some seem to want to charge excessively to set up an account with them.

**Cursor Discussions** – Articles to Editor by January 1, member e-/mailings January 16. December newsletter stats: 22 printed, 19 mailed, zero e-mail problems. Newsletter exchange activity is unchanged. This was the last month for Lloyd’s website column. Gabe says we might want to check Smart Computing magazine, which has a regular column of suggested websites. Gabe will see if they will give us permission to reprint the column. We are adding the Micro Center clinic column, which is being submitted by Neal.

**APCUG Report** – Gabe says they are trying to get regional online brainstorming sessions going using APCUG conferencing facilities. There may be more regional conferences in 2012. Geof confirmed that he did submit the APCUG vote for us.

**Old Business** – General group merge issues: \*Paul said we must transfer the assets and other materials of one existing corporate identity to the other. It would be an expensive, bureaucratic nightmare to set up a new corporation.\* Gabe said we should abstain from having “user group” in the new name, because that term is not as appealing as before; our fresh start should be “an

opportunity to be creative.” \*Geof has drafted Section 6 to our Bylaws and Paul will update “About Us” on the web to point to the new Bylaws.\*

**New Business** – For next month’s annual election, Jim Brueggeman will be the nominating committee chair. The people running for office are Geof Goodrum as President, Mel Mikosinski as Vice President, Paul Howard as Treasurer, and Bill Walsh as Secretary. Gabe volunteered to be a second nominating committee chair. \*Geof sent a notice in the newsletter that nominations for the officers will close on December 11.\* Paul said he will be sending out the election notices to the membership. Geof noted that when the Treasurer changes, the Bylaws say we need to do an audit. Paul agreed, saying we definitely need to do an audit before a club merger.

**Future Meetings** – In January, Sam Clay from the Fairfax County Library system will talk about how to use the resources of today’s public library. Geof is doing the Learn 30 about the upcoming Consumer Electronic Show (CES). In February, Dan Feighery will do a digital image processing presentation, and Lorrin Garson’s Learn 30 will be Truecrypt encryption software. Gabe suggested we re-contact Cox Communications for a possible presentation; Paul will try to reach their Director of Community relations again. Gabe says there is a new, large Microsoft store at Tysons Corner that may be worth a field trip. Paul discussed checking the Speaker’s Bureau for anyone doing a presentation on Microsoft Windows 8, which is in beta release at this time. Due to lack of response, it was suggested we delete ThinkGeek as a suggested presentation group.

**Meeting Adjournment** – 5:45PM

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