

**Washington Area Computer User Group  
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting  
April 21, 2012**

**Meeting start** – 4:23PM at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Tallwood Campus, Fairfax, VA

**Board Meeting Attendance** – G.Goodrum, P.Howard, B.Walsh, M.Mikosinski, J.Dakin, N.Grotenstein, G.Goldberg, M.Goldfarb, W.Fraser, N.Wenri, B.Rott  
**Via Skype** – R.Fujii, R.Schmidt

**Attendance at General Meeting** – 64

**Comments on General Meeting** – Cherie Lejeune and Ralph Sklarew did a presentation on various productivity and social application programs available these days via the iPad and other tablet-style computers. The variety and depth of items presented were “done very well.” Gabe mentioned we need to encourage presenters to be more generous with definitions during their presentations; defining the term “hash tag” would have helped today.

**Minutes** – March 17 minutes approved with one correction needed before final archiving.

**WAC memberships** – 58

**Financial Business** – Current WACUG Wells Fargo checking account balance as of April 19 is \$4766.22, and the CD at Freedom Bank is about \$1079.88 for a combined total of \$5846.10. **Today’s Receipts** of \$97.00 were given to Treasurer Paul Howard, which included the following: **\$75** dues (\$25 x 3 memberships) + **\$15** Pizza SIG and **\$7** other donations. Paul noted \$30.99 in reimbursements going to Geof for newsletter printing and postage. Bob Rott transferred Treasurer’s records to support the ongoing audit.

**Cursor Discussions** – Articles to Editor by May 5, member e-/mailings May 12. April newsletter was mailed yesterday, and the stats: 23 printed, 21 mailed, zero e-mail problems. There has been no feedback to Geof from Blair Jones regarding their efforts to combine newsletters for the merged clubs. Geof is working on a new newsletter template for now.

**APCUG Report** – Gabe says the APCUG UGLS (User Group Locator Service) is getting more functional, per user comments. PUSH communications should be coming out regularly, so newsletter editors should be getting lots of information to publish. Judy Taylour is doing great work towards this effort. Don Singleton has been doing well with his electronic APCUG Reports magazine; if not getting it, Gabe can add members to the mailing list. Virtual Conference #3 will be coming up in early May; members can participate using the iLinc software as before for the earlier conferences. Gabe will be sending out his Regional Nooz in a few days. APCUG is pushing for a brainstorming session by Region 2 user groups to help define and enhance the user group experience with an exchange of information, ideas and resources, probably in an online conference format. Gabe is going to Fredericksburg and beyond to do some presentations; these small town groups are very grateful for Gabe’s visits and are very hospitable. Gabe thinks a Region 2 event is possible with a little bit of work and APCUG support, perhaps to be considered after the club merger is behind us. Gabe reminded us again about the APCUG Speaker’s Bureau, a resource of various experts available for presentations, even by remote webcasting.

**Old Business** – WACUG and NCTCUG merger activity: The merger agreement is still in draft form, but Paul says we are basically ready to go and formally vote on things. Once the merger has

been approved, Paul can start on legal matters, such as with the Virginia State Corporation Commission. As part of the merge details being considered, Paul says additional months of printed newsletters will go to those who have paid the print premiums for them. Mel Mikosinski says he has complete databases of both organizations, for any newsletter considerations, and that “everything is going smoothly.”

**New Business** – Bob Rott was nominated and approved to be a Board member. Paul showed off his preliminary efforts for the new PATACS website. Mel Mikosinski says Jim Brueggeman expressed concern about our use of the OLLI Tallwood facilities and whether we have a formal agreement in place to use them. Paul says we do not have a formal agreement, and he will talk to the Executive Director about this. The meetings have gone well, and with some OLLI members as part of the Saturday meeting attendees, it may be desirable to not over-complicate arrangements with a formal agreement. Bill Walsh was asked to start sending the Minutes to the NCTCUG Board members. Neal asked about the two groups named the Financial Committee and the Financial Oversight Committee, which he says is confusing. After some discussion, Paul suggested we should wait until the merger is finalized before getting into those details. Mel Mikosinski says that, with the monthly Minutes and the membership records, he has track of most of the transactions done over the past several years, and says his preliminary audit indicates we are “in very good shape.” Paul says the NCTCUG side of things has Quicken as a very solid basis for its transactions, but says he needs to make safeguarding of the information more robust. Bill Walsh will provide Paul Howard with approved Board meeting Minutes, to get the WAC website updated.

**Future Meetings** – Our May main program will be Tom Gutnick doing a presentation on “What Makes the Web Work,” with the Learn 30 being a demonstration by Bill Walsh of the “Presentation View” of Microsoft PowerPoint. For June we will have Sam Clay talk about the new resources available from “The Public Library Today.” For July we are looking at a Windows 8 presentation by Clay Robinson. Paul is trying to use the Speaker’s Bureau to line up presentations, but we have a problem with the NCTCUG part of the effort. NCTCUG must abandon Carlin Hall from early June on for site renovations, and does not have an alternate meeting place yet for activities, let alone know what resources we will have available.

**Meeting Adjournment** – 5:47PM

**BoD Minutes by Bill Walsh & Geof Goodrum**