



North Central Florida Chapter

October 2003 .

October Mike Conlon / People Soft

November Microsoft Office 2003

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This month's presentation will be given by Mike Conlon from the University of Florida on People Soft.

The **November** meeting, to be held on November 18th, will feature a **Microsoft** presentation on **Office 2003**.

Microsoft Office 2003 has evolved from a suite of personal productivity products to a more comprehensive and integrated system. Building on the familiar tools that many people already know, it now includes programs, servers, services and solutions designed to work together to help address a broad array of problems. To learn more, join us on Tuesday, November 18th for what should be a very informative presentation.

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October Meeting Reminder

When:	TUESDAY, Oct. 21, 2003	Cost: Members.....\$17.00 Non-Members.....\$20.00 Presentation Only (no dinner)....\$10.00 AITP national student members...\$8.00 (includes dinner)
Time:	5:30-6:30 p.m. <i>(Social Hour)</i> 6:30-7:30 p.m. <i>(Dinner)</i> 7:30-8:30 p.m. <i>(Program)</i>	
Where:	Paramount Resort (formerly the Sheraton) 2900 SW 13th St. Gainesville, FL 32608 377-4000	

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Pick up your 2003 Membership Directory

The 2003 AITP Membership Directory will be available for pick-up at the next AITP meeting. Pick it up at the front table when you check-in.

North Central Florida Chapter

Odds & Ends

Meet & Greet

In an effort to create an additional networking venue for IT professionals in North Central Florida, the local chapter of the Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP) has begun holding an informal monthly “Meet and Greet” on the second Tuesday of each month. This is in addition to the long-standing (and more) formal dinner/presentation meeting on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

While attendance was moderate at our first “Meet & Greet” at the Market Street Pub, it was well attended by a majority of our Board members. The service was excellent, the drinks cold and the food more than acceptable. In all, I would say that our first venture was a success and enjoyed by those that attended.

November Meeting

The November meeting will be held on November 18th (the 3rd Tuesday, rather than the 4th), due to the holidays.

Appointment of New Secretary

Sharon Miller has been appointed to the position of Secretary by the Board on September 23, 2003.

Local News

Chamber of Commerce
October
Chamber After Hours
Thursday, October 30, 2003
5:30-7:00 PM
Hilton University of Florida
Conference Center
1714 S.W. 34th Street

Phone: (352) 334-7100
Fax: (352) 334-7141

Association: Region 7 News

Steve Flowers will be providing a complete Region 7 Report in time for the November 2003 Newsletter.

AITP National

2003 AITP National
&
Region 5 Conference
Gateway to Innovations



Steve Flowers has attended the Conference and is expected to return with much information.

Board Meeting Minutes—September

AITP Board Meeting
Minutes
September 2, 2003

Board Meeting Location: Alexander's Restaurant, Paramount Hotel, Gainesville, Florida
Attending: Tom Gumber, John Tucker, Steve Flowers, Jean Clark, Michael Lucas.

John Tucker called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

The June 3 and Interim Meeting minutes were reviewed. Tom Gumber moved to approve, Jean Clark seconded, and the vote was unanimous in favor of approval.

The board undertook an extensive review of the budget for 2003. It would be beneficial financially for our meetings to be better attended, since income from meals is insufficient. In particular, rental of Audio-Visual equipment is cutting into the net proceeds from the meetings. Jean Clark said she would bring a power strip/surge protector and power cord to save \$10 per month on the A/V charges. The Treasurer's report was reviewed and approved.

Jean said the Programs Committee was scheduled to bring in New Horizon's Training Center for a presentation on Project Management for the September meeting. She will ask New Horizons to post a flyer in their office to promote the meeting. She will use the National AITP flyer as a template. In October, Mike Conlon of the University of Florida will be our speaker and his topic will be Peoplesoft software. The November program has not been finalized and in December, we will try to have a presentation that is attractive to spouses for socializing.

Steve Flowers indicated that our chapter membership is holding at about 30 members. He also indicated that membership nationally has stabilized and that national's finances seem to be in better shape.

John Tucker said that the University of Florida Student Chapter was continuing its activities and that he would urge Jay Teets to become an official AITP member. Patrick Thompson will continue as Faculty Advisor for now. John said he would be presenting a talk to the students at their Sept. 23 meeting on Cox Cable and Broadband. This will count towards COPA points. John added that our SFCC Chapter has officers elected. They have requested brochures promoting AITP. Student-specific promos may be available from National.

Michael Lucas, in charge of our Search Committee, said that several persons had been approached to serve as Secretary, but that none had stepped forward yet. He will continue his efforts to find someone to serve as Secretary.

The board discussed logistical arrangements for travel to the Region 7 Annual Meeting and Leadership Workshop to be held in Charleston Sept. 12-14. The board decided to rent a van and travel together on Friday, and to return on Sunday. Jean moved to amend the budget to partially pay for the costs of transportation. Michael seconded her motion. After further discussion, the budget was unanimously amended. The \$100 cost of the summer outing was deleted, since it had not been held. In addition, \$50 was added to cover the cost of the October Web cast of the National AITP meetings in St. Louis. The chapter will pay for the van rental, and will pay 1 night's lodging for the President-elect. A total of \$438 was budgeted for the Charleston trip.

John said that Frank Duncan had volunteered to serve as Chair of the Newsletter Committee and that Sharon Miller would help in the transition, along with John. Efforts to publicize our activities will be under the direction of Michael, as Chair of the Publicity Committee. The Monday business section of the Gainesville Sun will continue to be our main outlet, but AM850's Community Calendar and the UF CCC List are also good venues. The Alligator and the Ocala papers might also carry news of our chapter.

John reported that planning for the National Videoconference was proceeding, and that the University of Florida would be the likely venue. He is working with the president of the student chapter to get a facility. Jean said that a 5:30 p.m. tour of the GRU Deerhaven Power Plant was scheduled for the October 7 board meeting, followed by a 6:30 p.m. dinner at Conestoga's Restaurant in Alachua.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Flowers
Acting Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes—Interim

Time: September, 23 2003 6:00 PM

Location: Paramount Hotel

Present: Jean Clark, Michael Lucas, Tom Gumber, and John Tucker

Call to order.

Special Orders: Appointment of Secretary Board Position

Sharon Miller has expressed interest in filling the Secretary position. In compliance with the chapter bylaws, the board is to appoint vacated board positions. Jean Clark moved to appoint Sharon Miller as Secretary, Michael Lucas seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned 6:05 PM



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Our New Website!

www.aitp-ncfl.org

University of Florida AITP

Student Chapter

<http://aitp.cba.ufl.edu/>

President: Amy Kolodziej,

Santa Fe Community College AITP

Cyber Saints

www.cybersaints.org

National AITP

www.aitp.org

Calendar/Program

October—Mike Conlon on PeopleSoft

November—Microsoft

December—Mr. PC from Sky 97

Any suggestions for Fall speakers, email Jean Clark.

INVITE SOMEONE TO JOIN AITP

10 Reasons to do it...

1. They may want to help us out and work on a committee.
2. They may want to run for an officer position.
3. They may make a good speaker.
4. They may know of a good speaker.
5. They might invite someone else to join AITP.
6. They might give you some free computing advise.
7. They may help you make more networking contacts.
8. You get to see them every month.
9. You might get a free ride to the meeting.
10. They might buy your dinner.

Vision

AITP is the Information Technology professional organization of choice for providing leadership opportunities, professional development and personal growth.

Mission Statement

AITP offers opportunities for Information Technology (IT) leadership and education through partnerships with industry, government and academia. AITP provides quality IT related education, information on relevant IT issues and forums for networking with experienced peers and other IT professionals

October Birthdays

October 4th Larry Moltedo
October 17th Donna McCraw
October 24th George Arola

Happy Birthday!

***Our chapter is the winner of the Year
 2001 Region Outstanding Chapter
 Award! We continue to win COPA
 every year!***