



North Central Florida Chapter

November 2003 .

Inside this issue:

Microsoft Office 2003

Chapter Officers and Committees	2
Message from the President	3
Board Meeting Minutes	4
Minutes /Continued	5
Calendar/Programs	6

The new Microsoft Office 2003 Editions are here, and Microsoft is offering special overviews for IT professionals. This firsthand look will provide and opportunity to see new Microsoft Office technologies that are keeping corporate data safer, reducing downtime, and increasing productivity. Microsoft has developed a series of launch activities that highlight Microsoft Office System deployment tips and tricks, new security features, integration with Microsoft server technologies, and much more.

The first 60 people to register will be able to receive; Microsoft t-shirts, pens, and First Look at Office 2003 books. There will also be a door prize of either an X-Box or an MP-3 player.

October Meeting Reminder

When:	TUESDAY, Nov.18, 2003	Cost:	Members.....\$17.00 Non-Members.....\$ 20.00 Presentation Only (no dinner)....\$10.00 AITP national student members.\$12.00 (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>)	Menu (your choice)	-Sliced Roast Beef -Grilled Chicken w/ Mustard Sauce. -Orange Roughy w/ Ginger Lime Sauce -Pasta w/ Plum Tomato Basil Sauce <i>Dinners include: Salad, vegetable, starch, rolls&butter, desert, coffee, iced tea and water.</i>
Where:	Paramount Resort (formerly the Sheraton) 2900 SW 13th St. Gainesville, FL 32608 377-4000		

Be sure to make your reservations By Friday November 14, 2003 12:00 Noon

<http://www.aitp-ncfl.org/reservations>

No shows will be billed

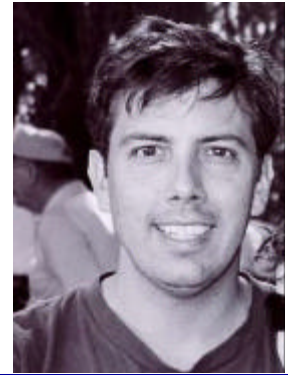
2003 OFFICERS	
President	John Tucker 337-2140 john.tucker@cox.com
Vice President	Michael Lucas 265-0680 ext. 85824 michael@lucas-photo.com
Treasurer	Jean Clark 334-3400 clarkj1@gru.com
Chapter Liaison	Steve Flowers 332-2093 ext. 14 sflowers@scantec.com
Past President	Tom Gumber 473-8000 ext. 224 tgumber@clayelectric.com
Secretary	Sharon Miller 332-2871 train@gru.net

2003 COMMITTEE CHAIRS	
Programs Committee	Jean Clark clarkj1@gru.com
Membership Committee	Steve Flowers Patrick Thompson Phoebe Bowers
Newsletter Committee	Frank Duncan 870-1750 fgator@cox.net
Awards Committee/ IPA Awards	Jim Hagans 369-3888 ext 274 jhagans@rmscomm.com
Awards Committee/ COPA/PCS 2000	Liz Thomas 338-7331 ethomas@co.alachua.fl.us
Accommodations/ Phone Tree Committee	Tom Gumber 473-8000 ext. 224 tgumber@clayelectric.com
Web Site Committee	Michael Lucas 265-0680 ext. 85824 michael@lucas-photo.com
Bylaws Committee	Tom Gumber tgumber@clayelectric.com Steve Flowers 332-2093 ext. 14 sflowers@scantec.com
Nominating Committee Chair	Tom Gumber 473-8000 ext. 224 tgumber@clayelectric.com
Auditing Committee	George Arola 334-3400 ext. 1125 arolagt@gru.com
UF Student Chapter Faculty Advisor	Pat Thompson 392-9731 pthomp@notes.cba.ufl.edu
Student Chapter Coordinator	John Tucker 337-2140 john.tucker@cox.com
SFCC Student Chapter Faculty Advisor	Wesley Lindberg 395-5587 wesley.lindberg@sfcc.edu

Steve Flowers will be the Region 7 President for 2004.



A message from the President
John Tucker
<john.tucker@cox.com>
Cox Communications, Central Florida
352-337-2140



News from the Association and Region, coupled with observations on the North Central Florida chapter, suggest that AITP is (and will be) facing significant challenges that will require dynamic leadership to address. The challenges stem from two dynamics: the increasing number of venues for professional development and the increasing pressures on all of our time.

The first challenge is how to make the organization more relevant to the information technologies (IT) professional's development. With the increasing ease of access to information, from the Internet to various local specialty organizations, the IT professional has new options. With sponsoring IT presentations, at monthly dinner meetings, being one of the key pillars of the AITP organization, these new options are eroding away the organizations relevancy.

With the increasing number of activities that demand our time, from long hours at work to taking children to soccer games, the second challenge will be to make the AITP activities fit into people's busy schedules.

The AITP North Central Florida chapter, like other chapters, has been working to address these challenges. In particular, this year, the board has been considering new venues and activities, including an informal social meeting (Meet & Greet) on the second Tuesdays of the month.

In order to continue to evolve to meet the needs of their membership, chapters (including North Central Florida) will need to bring in new leaders with new ideas. While great progress has been made in bringing in several new AITP North Central Florida board and committee members in 2003, the chapter is in need for new leaders to step up in 2004.

So, if you are looking for an opportunity to get more involved in your professional development, the AITP North Central Florida has a number of vacancies in 2004. For more details, please contact me (John Tucker) or any of the other board members, Michael Lucas, Jean Clark, Steve Flowers, Tom Gumber, or Sharon Miller.

Board Meeting Minutes—October

Board Meeting Minutes 10.07.2003

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM. In attendance were Steve Flowers, Jean Clark, Sharon Miller, Tom Gumber, John Tucker, and Michael Lucas.

Motion to accept the September 2, 2003 Board meeting minutes, amended to correct "Kelly Plant" to "Deerhaven". All in favor, none against, none abstaining.

Motion to approve the September 9, 2003 Board interim meeting minutes. All in favor, none against, none abstaining.

Treasurer's Report (Jean Clark): Motion to accept. All in favor, none against, none abstaining.

Membership Committee Report (Steve Flowers): 31 active members as of September, 2003. 2 new members, Ivan Marden and Sandy Trapp.

Program Committee Report (Jean Clark): Programs have been set for the next three meetings:
October: Mike Conlon from UF on the PeopleSoft implementation
November: Microsoft presents Office 2003
December: Mr PC from SKY FM

Chapter Liaison Report (Steve Flowers): No new information.

Student Chapter Report (John Tucker): John spoke at the UF student chapter.

Director Search Report (Michael Lucas): Ideas discussed for potential Board members.

Publicity Report: Reminders to send in publicity requests soon for the next dinner meeting.

Unfinished Business (John Tucker): Discussion regarding setup for the AITP National conference video feed. Jean Clark will provide SFCC with brochures.

New Business: John Tucker presented the idea of a second-Tuesday-of-the-month meet-and-greet, an informal gathering at a local eatery such as Market Street. The decision was made to proceed for next week, contacting the membership by email and asking them to bring others along.

Tom Gumber had discussed the idea of a buffet dinner instead of the sit-down meal with the management at the Paramount, however the cost was prohibitive. After discussion regarding the subsidizing of student meals and the lack of return to the professional chapter, the decision was made to investigate raising the student dinner price to \$12.

Steve Flowers noted that since there had been no return to either his company or the chapter members, the Chamber of Commerce membership for AITP chapter members sponsored by ScanTec was allowed to lapse.

Tom Gumber suggested that we permanently retire the AITP Web presence hosted by the

Board Meeting Minutes—October (cont.)

Alachua FreeNet. All agreed that this can now be done. The Web committee has been informed.

Next Board Meeting: 6 PM, November 4, 2003, at Pole Benders.

Motion to adjourn. All in favor, none against, none abstaining. Meeting adjourned at 9:15.



North Central Florida Chapter

PO Box 12375

Gainesville, FL 32604

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

December—Mr. PC from Sky 97

Any suggestions for speakers, please 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

November Birthdays

Nov. 4 **Lou Linde**

Nov. 10 **Wesley Lindberg**

Nov. 10 **Kevin Smith**

Happy Birthday!

**Our chapter is the winner of the Year
2002 Region Outstanding Chapter
Award! We continue to win COPA
every year!**