

January 2004

North Central Florida Chapter



## *Identity Theft Prevention*

According to the FTC, consumers logged over 100,000 Internet fraud complaints last year. Identity Theft increased nearly 80 percent from June 2002 to June 2003. The estimated costs of Identity Theft for the past five years are in excess of 50 Billion dollars.

Our speaker is Officer Eric W. Bertsch from the Gainesville Police Department. Officer Bertsch is currently the Community Resource Officer for District 1. With nearly 10 years of military and civilian law enforcement experience, Officer Bertch also has degrees in Criminal Justice, Sociology/Criminology and a Masters in Public Administration.

Officer Bertsch will address the issues we face today with the growing problem of Identity Theft and its prevention.

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### **January Meeting Reminder**

<b>When:</b>	<b>Tuesday January 20, 2004</b>	<b>Cost:</b>	Members.....\$17.00 Non-Members.....\$ 20.00 Presentation Only (no dinner)....\$10.00 AITP national student members...\$8.00 (includes dinner)
<b>Time:</b>	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>	<b>Menu: (choose one)</b>	- <b>Beef</b> - <b>Chicken</b> - <b>Fish</b> - <b>Vegetarian</b>  <i>Dinners include: Tossed garden salad, vegetable, starch, rolls and butter, dessert, coffee, iced tea and water.</i>
<b>Where:</b>	Paramount Resort 2900 SW 13th St. Gainesville, FL 32608 377-4000		

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RESERVATIONS BY  
FRIDAY,  
JAN. 16, 2004  
12:00 NOON**  
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*Volunteers are needed for various committees.*

*Become involved with your chapter and make your chapter work!*

Date: January 6, 2004

Subject: Report to the Board of Directors and Professional Members

North-Central Florida Chapter

Association of Information Technology Professionals

From: Chapter Liaison and Chairman, Membership Committee

Dear fellow members,

Happy New Year!

As we launch our AITP activities for 2004, we should congratulate ourselves for a successful performance in 2003. Once again, for the third time in a row, and the fourth time in five years, the North-Central Florida Chapter won the Region 7 Outstanding Chapter Award for 2003!

This is a great honor, and it reflects the facts that our leaders and members met tough goals, and provided the benefits and services that are at the core of AITP. We join a select group of outstanding chapters from around the country who are vital to our association's continued viability.

At the heart of our chapter, certain individuals have stepped forward to serve as officers and directors, as committee chairs and committee members, to expend the effort that sustains and improves our chapter. My hat is off to all of you who have served, and still serve our fellow members with such devotion and ability.

It is my sincere desire to see that our association becomes acknowledged as the premiere information technology organization in this area. AITP should be the place to see-and- be-seen, in the IT community. With teamwork, planning, strong finances, and effective execution, this is an achievable goal, and one worthy of our efforts.

This vision, I know, is shared by most of you. Nevertheless, we need help to make this vision a reality. It will require us to reach beyond our comfort zones, beyond our immediate membership, and beyond our accustomed ways of doing things.

We are up to the task. Our history, traditions, and accomplishments confirm that. Let me urge each of you to carry the banner again for AITP, stretch the envelope a bit, and drive our chapter to new heights of achievement.

Sincerely,

Steve Flowers

## **Membership Committee Report**

As of November 30, 2003, we show 32 active professional members.

### **NEW Members:**

William Mattson (10-2004) has joined as an interim member.

William D. Weisner (11/30/2004)

Please remember to add new members to dinner reservation and newsletter email lists as well as print a nametag for dinner meetings.

### **RENEWALS:**

Jean Clark (9-2004) was the only member to renew in October.

Frank Latini also renewed in November.

John Ashcroft and Frank Duncan renewed in December.

### **DELINQUENT Members/Upcoming Renewals:**

Damon Allen (09-2003) - Renewal unlikely

Jim Hagans (12-2003) - Reminded at Nov. dinner 11/18 PHB

Ignacio Sanchez (12-2003) - Email reminder 11/05 PHB

Two other delinquent members still in town (Howard and Vasquez).

Apparently are not renewing, as they have not responded.

Our best assessment is that we will meet our COPA Level Three requirements for membership points, but we will not know for sure until the December report is available.

## **REGION AND NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Region 7 has about 437 active professional members, and about 440 student members. The association as a whole has about 3,600 active professional members, and about 3,430 student members. Region 7 is the third largest region in the country in both categories.

The University of Florida Student Chapter has 103 members (nearly ¼ of all active student members in the region), and Santa Fe Community College has 24 members. UF is the largest student chapter in Region 7, and second largest in the country. Texas A&M University is the biggest, with 158 members.

## **Chapter Liaison's Report**

### **DUES INCREASED BY \$2.08 PER MONTH**

As you know, the Association Board of Directors in October in St. Louis at the National Conference voted to increase our annual association dues by \$25 to \$105 per year. At this time, our chapter dues still are \$10 per year, and \$8 per year for Region 7 dues. Thus, our professional chapter's total membership dues are now \$123 per year, or \$10.25 per month.

There is still a \$15 one-time fee when new members join, but renewals do not pay that fee, unless they allowed their membership to expire. Details of these policies are on the AITP web site at <http://www.aitp.org>.

For budget purposes, we should calculate that we would receive a check from National for \$15 per active member. That represents a 50% increase in our rebate amount! This is because the ABOD voted to rebate to each chapter an additional 20%, or \$5, of the \$25 dues increase,

effective Jan. 1, 2004.

To help make the dues increase more palatable, the ABOD also decided that any current members who prepay their 2004 dues before February 1, 2004, would save \$25 by paying only the former \$80 dues. The chapter would still get \$15. Renewal dates will not change. For example, if a membership is due in October 2004 and that member pays the \$80 by February 1, 2004, the membership is extended to October 2005.

The increase in dues is intended to enable AITP to maintain the same level and quality of service now provided, based upon a dwindling membership total. The AITP 2003 Annual Report, available on the Web site, provides full details of the financial and other information that led to the ABOD's decision.

#### BENEFITS EXPECTED FROM DUES INCREASE

In return, National leaders and staff are promising the following for 2004:

- \* Continued improvements to the New AITP Web portal. Visit <http://www.aitp.org>.
- \* Improved communications with you, our chapter leaders. (This includes January conference calls with chapters that are explained below.)
- \* Enhancements to Information Executive. The newsletter has been redesigned and is now packed with more valuable IT information.
- \* Assistance in planning meetings and seminars to give members a greater "bang for their buck".
- \* Expanded industry and organizational partnerships. We just cemented an agreement with Gartner Group that will afford members greater knowledge benefits. You and members will receive an announcement with full details next month.

National also urges us to take advantage of our partnership with Microsoft. They offer a wealth of knowledge that may be tapped for your local meetings and members. Microsoft will provide speakers for chapter meetings at no cost. If you get a call from Microsoft, note that it's not a sales call. They are calling to discuss how they may help ensure the success of the chapter by providing a speaker and/or program. For full details, click <http://www.officesystems2003events.com>.

Microsoft also is seeking comments from chapters that already have taken advantage of the speaker program. We can submit feedback to <http://webemailer.com/C.dll/JK70B6fC883WC7lZbD9U8J.htm>

As you know, Microsoft has provided us with complimentary sets of Microsoft Server 2003. Our chapters may receive up to two copies of the software. To receive our copies, simply email our request to [mailto:aitp\\_hq@aitp.org](mailto:aitp_hq@aitp.org). We pay only for shipping costs. I think this applies to student chapters too.

These are just a few examples of what is happening and what is to come. This month, we will be conducting four conference call/town meetings with chapter officers, region presidents, district directors, and the national board. The purpose is to hear your needs and thoughts. We will have more details as these calls are scheduled. We want and need your participation.

### **Other News and Information**

Region 18 invites all AITP members to their annual meeting to be held on a cruise ship this spring. Details are available at <http://www.aitp-region18.org/>. Sounds like fun!

## **International Legislative Affairs Committee**

This AITP committee is kicking off the year with joint efforts involving SIM, the Society for Information Management, and AFFECT, Americans for Fair Electronic Commerce Transactions.

Our emphasis this year encompasses AITP's continuing mission to influence legislative and regulatory actions at the state and federal levels that are of concern to the information technology industry.

If you have information, ideas, or contacts that are relevant to this effort, or if you want to join the committee, please contact me.

## **Region 7 Activities**

The Region 7 officers will meet via teleconference later this month to begin planning for 2004. The major event planned is the Region 7 Conference that will be hosted by the Nashville Chapter in September. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

We are hoping to combine this annual professional meeting with the Region 7 Student Conference, at Middle Tennessee State University. We hope that our two student chapters will take part in this conference.

## **Installation of Charleston Chapter Officers and Directors:**

At their president's request, I will conduct the ceremony to install the officers and directors of the Charleston, SC Chapter.

# Board Meeting Minutes—December

Meeting called to order at 6:20. In attendance were Phoebe Bowers, Stephen Flowers, Tom Gumber, Sharon Miller, John Tucker, Sandy Trapp, Jean Clark, Liz Thomas, Frank Duncan, Michael Lucas.

**Minutes.** Motion to approve with spelling corrections; all in favor, none opposed

## Officers Reports.

**Treasurers Report.** Updated format of report includes year-to-date totals and difference from projected budget. Motion to approve (Steve Flowers), all in favor, none against.

**Programs Committee.** Web page should send confirmation email to applicant, which will include a cancellation email address. Cutoff date should be Friday before the dinner meeting. Motion to implement, all in favor, none opposed. Possible January topic is Identity Theft and a speaker from GPD is being sought.

**COPA.** For COPA Level 3 we are only short a couple of new memberships or renewals. John will create the letter to apply for ROCA.

**Membership Committee.** We are looking for membership and renewals.

**Chapter Liaison.** AITP national dues have been raised from \$80 to \$105. However special efforts have been made to ease the impact of this change on the members. Sharon will send the elected officer list to National and Region 7.

**Student Chapter Coordinator.** John will send email to the student chapters regarding interim memberships. UF has new chapter officers, SFCC does not.

## Unfinished Business

**IPA.** John spoke to Jim Hagans about continuing to be the IPA Coordinator, he expressed interest and promised renewed effort.

**Brochures.** John has created a flyer based on AITP promotional materials. He will create copies and distribute, and if it seems productive it will be added to next years budget. A suggestion to configure and add the addresses [info@aitp-ncfl.org](mailto:info@aitp-ncfl.org) and [membership@aitp-ncfl.org](mailto:membership@aitp-ncfl.org) to the Web site, both redirected to Johns email address.

## New Business.

**Officer Report.** John will name the Audit Committee chair.



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***Our New Website!***  
**[www.aitp-ncfl.org](http://www.aitp-ncfl.org)**

**University of Florida AITP**  
**Student Chapter**  
**<http://aitp.cba.ufl.edu/>**

**Santa Fe Community College AITP**  
**Cyber Saints**  
**[www.cybersaints.org](http://www.cybersaints.org)**

**National AITP**  
**[www.aitp.org](http://www.aitp.org)**

### ***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

## ***Calendar/Program***

*Speakers are needed...please contact Jean Clark with any suggestions or ideas.*

### **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.

### ***January Birthdays***

***Marcia Greenberg.***

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