

February 2004

North Central Florida Chapter

the Development & History of SAS

Tony Barr will be the speaker at the AITP dinner meeting February 24, and will be telling us about the early history of SAS. Tony developed the popular and powerful Statistical Analysis System (SAS) in 1971 and co-founded SAS Institute, Inc. (www.sas.com). SAS has made a major impact on computer data analysis in industry, government and education.

Tony is also the founder and President of Barr Systems, Inc., which designs, manufactures, markets and supports high-performance data communications products. Barr Systems employs about 110 industry professionals at their beautiful headquarters in northwest Gainesville. For more information about Tony and Barr Systems, visit <http://barrsystems.com>.

Sandy Trapp



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February Meeting Reminder

When:	Tuesday Feb. 24, 2004	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>	Menu: (choose one)	- Beef - Chicken - Fish - Vegetarian <i>Dinners include: Tossed garden salad, vegetable, starch, rolls and butter, dessert, coffee, iced tea and water.</i>
Where:	Paramount Resort 2900 SW 13th St. Gainesville, FL 32608 377-4000		

**BE SURE TO MAKE
YOUR
RESERVATIONS BY
FRIDAY,
FEB. 20, 2004
12:00 NOON**
**Make your
reservations online
now!**
Go to
<http://aitp-ncfl.org/reservati>

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Volunteers are needed for various committees.

Become involved with your chapter and make your chapter work!

Date: February 4, 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,

In a few weeks, we will be applying for COPA. For those of you who do not know, COPA stands for Chapter Outstanding Performance Award.

According to Liz Thomas, Chair of the COPA Committee, and Phoebe Bowers, who serves on the Membership Committee, it looks as if we will be able to achieve COPA again this year.

COPA requirements are demanding and specific, and very few chapters around the country are able to meet the requirements consistently. This award recognizes chapters that have performed in an outstanding manner in the areas of education, membership, public relations, chapter meetings, and association participation.

To achieve COPA, it takes dedicated people committed to bringing benefits and services to their fellow AITP members.

As mentioned in my last message to you, it should be possible for us to become acknowledged as the premiere information technology organization in this area.

AITP should be the place to see-and- be-seen, in the IT community.

We need YOUR help to realize this goal.

As a first step, I urge YOU to volunteer to serve on a committee, and to help your elected officers and directors make AITP the recognized IT leader in our community.

A list of committees and opportunities for service are in our newsletter, and on our Web site at <http://aitp-ncfl.org/contact.shtml>

Please take a moment to check these resources, and make a decision to get involved in your association. I guarantee that the rewards will be worth the effort.

Sincerely,

Steve Flowers
Chair, Membership Committee
Chapter Liaison

Membership Committee Report

According to Phoebe Bowers, Association reports indicate that we ended 2003 with 33 active members, which is an increase from the 29 we had at the end of 2002. Five renewals were processed in December, including a current year delinquent renewal (Duncan) and a renewal for next year (Miller).

Once again, the Region Membership Report and the AMA Report were not correct. We will notify Headquarters of these errors:

ACTUAL RENEWALS Field

This should be 27 not 24. We had three current year delinquent renewals, this fall, which were not, counted. The Membership Counts Report correctly shows 27 members renewed in 2003. In fact two members renewed twice in 2003: Jean Harris with a delinquent renewal for 2002 and a current renewal for 2003; Sharon Miller with a current renewal for 2003 and a future renewal for 2004. Will Sharon's future 2004 renewal be counted anywhere?

POTENTIAL RENEWALS Field

This should be 29 not 27. It looks as if our two members with December renewal dates are not being counted. In theory this should be 31 - see the Membership Counts Report of 4 expired plus 27 renewals. We had a transfer in and a prior year delinquent renewal to add to the 29 active as of 12/31/02.

CURRENT RENEWALS Field

The Professional Region Summary and Detail Reports Glossary on the Web says, "Current renewals are those members who have renewed their membership by paying membership renewal dues on or before their 30 day Grace Period ends." It looks as if only members renewing in the same month as their renewal date are included. Our December report showed 2 (Hagans and Sanchez), but did not count a member who renewed in the month after his renewal date (Ashcraft) and one who renewed early (Miller). We are not sure how Sharon Miller's early renewal for 2004 will appear in our potential and actual renewals this year. She was not counted as a renewal in 2003.

Our best assessment is that we will meet our COPA Level Three requirements.

Chapter Liaison's Report

Here are the preliminary Minutes from a recent teleconference held among the Region 7 Officers, planning for this year.

AITP – The Association of Information Technology Professionals Region 7 – Southern Hospitality Region Minutes of 2004 AITP Region 7 Officers Teleconference Saturday, January 24, 2004

The Teleconference began at 10:00 A.M. Participants included Region 7 Officers, President Steve Flowers, Vice President Frank Reagor, Secretary Evan Eldridge, Treasurer Julian Wade, Past President Dave Hancock, and Past President Joe Copp.

Steve began the meeting by referring to his previously submitted agenda and called on Evan for an update on the current directory status.

Evan stated that he had received Chapter Officer Lists from Polk County, North Central Florida, Nashville, Charleston, and Atlanta. He also indicated that he had asked for chapter officer lists from the other seven chapters and would follow up on attaining those.

Evan also mentioned that the Region 7 Officer list being presented from the headquarters web site was not current and asked for a contact to check on the status of the list.

Joe gave Evan the contact at headquarters as mark.gilfand.ah3y@statefarm.com

Steve also informed the group that he had asked his chapter president Michael Lucas to take over the management of the Region website, that Michael had already started work on the site and some of the preliminary work could be seen at www.lucas-photo.com/ar3/

Steve then called on Julian for an update on Region finances. Julian began by telling the group that the Region had a net loss in 2002 of \$2358.39 and the 2003 balance was \$10,018.39. Julian also explained that due to the delay in rebates from headquarters the current balance was Through November 2003.

Julian also mentioned that the \$2358.39 was also due in part the switch in management to SmithBucklin Corp., and that we would receive about \$1,000 of that loss back.

Steve then called on Frank to report on Region Committees. Frank asked Evan if he would again

chair the Awards Committee and Evan said no, but later told Frank he would if Frank had any difficulty finding another Chair.

There was a discussion of the Student chapters committee and Steve asked Frank about Paul from Nashville, who had chaired this committee previously. Frank indicated that Paul had taken a job in Memphis. Several other names were mentioned as possible chairs and it was agreed by all that this was an important committee since we were conducting a student conference this Fall.

There was also a discussion concerning the period of the student conference and it was agreed by all that the current September period was too early. Frank indicated he would look at the weekend of October 16th with October 23rd as a secondary date.

Frank said he would ask Karan Smith to be Bylaws Chair and Joe volunteered to take the Membership Committee.

Dave indicated he had access to membership data from headquarters and he would download that information and send it to Joe and Evan.

There was a discussion concerning the chapters that were voted in Charleston to have their charters removed and the fact that those chapters were still appearing in membership reports from headquarters. Dave indicated that he had discussed the situation with headquarters and was told the dissolution was not included in the minutes of the Association Board meeting. Steve then informed us that he knew the dissolutions were voted on and passed at last Fall's meeting.

There was a discussion of what the dissolved chapters should do with their treasuries and most agreed that the Region should stay clear of this situation and encourage Association to handle it.

A discussion then followed concerning the new Association policy of new or revitalized chapters and the fact that 50% of the dues from either of these would be returned to the region.

Dave mentioned that our Region would be asked to provide a chair for the Association Nominating Committee this year and the time frames would be Startup in May with a July deadline

Steve wound up the meeting by presenting what he would like to accomplish this year in terms of the goals he wanted us to strive to achieve.

The goals are:

- Improve Communication
- Have a successful student conference
- Increase membership
- Strengthen the chapters
- Improve the Region's financial situation.

The meeting ended at 12:45

The next teleconference is scheduled for April 17 at 10 a.m. Eastern.

Other News and Information

A reminder that 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

We are continuing our joint efforts with SIM, the Society for Information Management, and AFFECT, Americans for Fair Electronic Commerce Transactions.

Once again, AITP seeks 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

Installation of Charleston Chapter Officers and Directors:

At their president's request, I installed the officers and directors of the Charleston, SC Chapter, on Thursday evening, January 15, 2004.

Chapter Recommendations and Requests:

MANDATORY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS (REVISED)

My opening message this month is designed to solicit committee volunteers.

As you know, I recommended last month that every member be strongly urged to join a committee to help support the work of the chapter. I think this is necessary for the long-term viability of AITP.

Furthermore, I suggested that if currently non-serving members fail to take the initiative and voluntarily sign up, that they be arbitrarily assigned to a committee as a mandatory condition of their continued membership. I offered to offer such a motion under new business.

Michael Lucas made an appeal for volunteers at the last dinner meeting, but since then, there has been discussion that such a measure goes too far, and is not acceptable to all board members.

Upon further reflection, it now appears likely that any such mandatory committee service requirement would-

have to be enacted through changes in the bylaws and/or the operating rules of the chapter.

Therefore, I move that the Bylaws Committee investigate whether such an action is legal, or beneficial, and if so, how best to implement such a requirement.

NECESSARY TRANSITIONS

I have told the board I wish to step down as Chair of the Membership Committee. Has anyone been found to take my place? As mentioned, I will continue to contribute to the work of the committee.

Has anyone officially been appointed to serve as Region Director (RD) for our chapter? As you know, I resigned that position last month, and agreed to stay on as Chapter Liaison.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Flowers
Chapter Liaison and
Chair, Membership Committee

Board Meeting Minutes—January

AITP Board Meeting Minutes January 6, 2004

Meeting Location: Alexander's Restaurant, Paramount Resort, Gainesville, FL

In attendance: Michael Lucas, Stephen Flowers, Tom Gumber, John Tucker, Sandy Trapp, Frank Duncan.

Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm.

Minutes: Correction made changing ROPA to ROCA in the COPA section. Motion to approve by John, seconded by Tom, all in favor, none opposed.

Officer's Reports

Treasurer (2003 - Jean, absent): Reviewed 2003 finance report e-mailed to board prior to the meeting by the 2003 treasurer, who was absent from the meeting. Suggestion made to add title at top distinguishing one year from the next. Report appears complete with exception of interest received in December with audit pending.

Tom moved to table the vote to approve until the February board meeting when the treasurer will be present, John seconded, all in favor, none opposed.

Treasurer (2004 - Tom): 2004 Proposed budget discussed during new business.

Programs Committee (Jean, absent): January dinner meeting speaker is from Gainesville Police Department, topic is identity theft. The bio is ready for the newsletter; Frank plans to contact the speaker for more details on the content of his presentation. Committee Chairman not present for further details on progress of future dinner presentations. Discussed making an announcement at the meeting for ideas and suggestions for future programs. There is a survey link on the website; discussed moving it to a prompt when dinner reservation is made.

Membership Committee (Steve): 32 active members, including 2 new in Oct / Nov, several renewals Oct – Dec. Follow-ups continue with a few members that have not renewed. It appears we will meet the COPA requirements for membership. Steve resigned as chairman of the committee, but agrees to continue acting as chair until replacement found, and will remain involved with membership efforts. Discussed a new chairman; will ask Phoebe if she is interested.

Chapter Liaison (Steve): National dues increasing by \$25 to \$105 per year. \$5 of this increase will be rebated to the local chapter, for a total rebate of \$15 per member. Members can renew prior to Feb 1 at the previous rate of \$80, regardless of when their renewal comes due.

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Board Meeting Minutes–January (continued)

International Legislative Affairs Committee – formed in conjunction with the Society for Information Management (SIM) and Americans for Fair Electronic Commerce Transactions (AFFECT) – aims to influence legislation of concern to IT industry.

Region Director – Steve needs to resign from this position, as it conflicts with his status as President of Region 7. Steve is willing to continue serving as Chapter Liaison for the rest of 2004 unless the board wishes for the new Region Director to assume this role. John expressed interest in filling the RD position. Steve will check the bylaws to determine the protocol for filling the position – appointment by the board, election or some other procedure. Further discussion and voting will take place at the next board meeting.

Region Web Presence issues / requests – Michael has been appointed as the Region 7 Webmaster. Plans to update the region site with more dynamic links to the national site. He will be exploring the possibility of moving it to Atlantic.Net, where our local site resides. Steve moved to table the issue of whether or not to give up local control of the Region 7 web site, John seconded, all in favor, none opposed.

<< Break For Dinner >>

Student Chapter Coordinator (John): Student chapter national conference is in Omaha, NE April 1 – April 3, unknown if SFCC or UF sending representatives. SFCC chapter funded through the college, we are budgeting to help fund conference attendance by UF members.

Unfinished Business

IPA – John will follow-up again with Jim Hagans. Discussed possibly asking individual members to give input on their own accomplishments.

Brochures – Flyers now being placed in various locations. Jean Clark took some at last meeting to place in New Horizons and to distribute at GRU. Steve will be taking some for a display at the Chamber of Commerce, Sandy taking some to systems department at Nationwide.

Credit Card Payment – Michael looked into costs, would run about \$300 per year. No formal vote but consensus was that this cost would be prohibitive for our purposes.

E-mail Reply to Dinner Reservation – Michael still looking into this, there are issues yet to be worked out, might not be feasible.

New Business

Proposed 2004 Budget – Income adjustment to reflect the additional dues rebate from national, added half to each of amounts budgeted for Region 7 conference and International Conference. Discussed additional income opportunities: holding a seminar or interest fair with vendor contributions, other fundraisers. Adjusted expenses to create a \$250 allowance for door prizes at dinner meetings (\$25 per meeting) for members only.

Board Meeting Minutes–January (continued)

Frank moved to approve the 2004 budget (with amendments discussed above), John seconded, all in favor, none opposed.

Mandatory Committee Membership – Steve proposed requiring all members to be on at least one committee. Discussed logistics of this, considered requiring new members to select which committee they will be on, assign them if none selected. Discussed making membership aware of the various committees. Each committee chair will be asked to consider how many needed for their committee. No formal vote made regarding this issue, will consider further.

Newsletter to Guests – Frank suggested sending out the newsletter to guests as well as members. Since distributing the newsletter via e-mail would require no additional costs, it was decided informally that this would be a good idea. E-mail addresses of guests obtained when dinner reservation made, will send them the next newsletter, and perhaps include a membership application.

Alachua Free Net – Will be terminating our relationship with them as no longer utilizing this service – Michael will handle.

Report of New Officers – John will check to see if has been sent to National AITP, if not he will complete the report and send.

Audit of 2003 Finances – Marcia Greenberg has agreed to do the audit.

Meet and Greet – scheduled for next Tuesday (January 13) at Market Street Pub. John will send e-mail reminders to all members.

AITP Policy Statement – given to new board members to be reviewed and signed, returned to board at next board meeting.

Newsletter Competition – Competition in Feb / Mar, Frank will look into the procedure to apply and submit the newsletter into the competition.

Next Meeting

February 4, 2004, at Albert's Restaurant in the Hilton, 6 PM. Changed to Wednesday because of conflicts on Tuesday.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.



Steve Flowers and the 2004 Charleston, S.C. Chapter Board



And they told us the weather was beautiful.

Frank&Shari



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Our New Website!
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

National AITP
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.

February Birthdays

February 10th Thomas Gumber

Happy Birthday!!

***Our chapter is the winner of the Year
 2003 Region Outstanding Chapter
 Award! We continue to win COPA
 every year!***