

March 2004

North Central Florida Chapter

## Let's Talk About the Weather

Everyone is concerned about the weather – it affects everything we do and wear, and for many of us it determines where we live. Daily weather changes make our life interesting, but really severe weather conditions can wreak havoc and endanger lives. Advance warning of severe weather conditions can help to minimize their catastrophic effects.

The Emergency Managers Weather Information Network (EMWIN) was developed by the National Weather Service (NWS) in conjunction with FEMA to provide emergency management personnel real-time access to NWS warnings, watches, forecasts and other products at no cost. Primarily public safety and emergency management use the system, but the EMWIN data is available to anyone with the means to receive the live stream of weather and other critical emergency information via satellite, VHF radio broadcast and the Internet.

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## March Meeting Reminder

<b>When:</b>	<b>Tuesday March 23, 2004</b>	<b>Cost:</b>	Members.....\$17.00 Non-Members.....\$ 20.00 Presentation Only (no dinner)....\$10.00 AITP national student members..\$12.00 (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		

**BE SURE TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY FRIDAY, MAR. 19, 2004 12:00 NOON**  
**Make your reservations online now!**  
 Go to <http://aitp-ncfl.org/reservati>

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SKYWARN is an organized system of trained volunteers that operate under the NWS Severe Storm Reporting Networks. Storm spotters are activated whenever severe weather threatens the area, and can observe or confirm reports of thunderstorms so that weather alerts can be issued or modified. Alachua County SKYWARN, the local group of severe weather spotters, is also able to transmit the EMWIN weather data to area residents over the air or through an Internet direct-connect method.

Todd Sherman, the coordinator for Alachua County SKYWARN, will be the speaker at the next AITP dinner meeting on March 23. He'll be telling us more about the EMWIN project and the technologies involved with disseminating this important information to the public, and will demonstrate how YOU can receive the EMWIN data directly.

*Sandy Trapp*———

## WANTED

Next month we hope to include some new features in the Newsletter for our membership and the local IT community. Currently we are gathering information for an IT Events Calendar. If you know of an event that you feel would be of interest to our membership, please forward details prior to the 15th of the month.

Also, under consideration, is the construction of an "Ad Page". Help or positions wanted, training, hardware, or anything of an interest to the IT community. Ads are free, would run in the current issue and should be submitted prior to the 15th of the month.

Finally, we are still in need of member participation in various committees. To insure the continued success of our chapter we need to promote individual contribution and commitment to our organization. Contact any Board member...we *need* your talent.

## **the Presidents Page**

This is an exciting time to be a part of AITP. Beneficial changes are happening at every level. AITP National has become very proactive about enabling communication throughout the organization, and the professional revamping of the National Web presence (aitp.org) demonstrates commitment to navigate us through the rough seas and into greater prominence than ever.

At the Region level there are also great efforts being made to break down barriers to communication. You can expect to see a new Region 7 Web presence in the near future, and I hope you will take a moment to see what our fellow chapters are doing in the (mostly) sunny South.

And right here at home we're looking for your input! We want to make your AITP experience the best it can possibly be. To do that, we need to know what your interests are, so take a moment to browse the National and Region 7 sites for ideas, then go to our own [aitp-ncfl.org](http://aitp-ncfl.org) and drop us a note.

Michael

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# Board Meeting Minutes—February

## AITP Board Meeting Minutes February 4, 2004

Meeting Location: Albert's Restaurant, Hilton Hotel, Gainesville, FL

In attendance: Michael Lucas, Stephen Flowers, Tom Gumber, John Tucker, Sandy Trapp, and Jean Clark.

**Meeting called to order** at 6:27 pm.

**Minutes:** January minutes – change in wording of Region Web paragraph, Chapter Liaison section from “local control of our web site” to “local control of the Region 7 web site.” Steve moved to approve (with change), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael, all in favor, none opposed.

### Officer's Reports

#### **President (Michael):**

National AITP Conference call 1-23-04 – call run by National, seeking input from chapters on how National Org is doing as far as needs of chapters.

National has made arrangements with Kinko's for members to receive 30% off all services – not yet final, unknown details on how will be administered, whether just for personal use or members' business services as well. Michael will follow up with details.

#### **Treasurer (Tom):**

Some speakers bringing guest to meeting have not been getting charged, but we had not budgeted for covering a guest meal. Cost of meals \$15.30 after tax, gratuity, etc. After some discussion about whether guests should pay for meal and how much, John moved that we charge \$15.00 for a guest meal, Sandy 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, none opposed.

Jean moved that we approve the treasurer's report, John 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, none opposed.

### Committee Reports

#### **Programs Committee (Jean):**

Speaker at February dinner meeting is Tony Barr, president of Barr Systems. He also wrote SAS, well-known statistical analysis software.

There will be a tour of the Campus Networking System (CNS, was NERDC until recently) before the March Board Meeting

<<<< Break for Dinner >>>>

Discussed need for new ideas for programs. May put a program suggestion box out at the dinner meeting. Brainstormed possible ideas for future programs including: Billy Donovan on putting together a team, Super Bowl (or any other major event) security issues, home networking, supporting our own PC's.

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## **Membership Committee (Steve):**

The Region Membership Report and the AMA Report do not reflect our correct membership data – supposed to count renewals that have not been counted – notifying HQ of the errors.

Best assessment is that we meet COPA Level 3 membership requirements.

Discussed ways to increase membership and/or increase the activity level of the current membership. Agreed would be a good idea to keep track of supporting activities members do: bringing someone new to a meeting or activity (BONUS for getting them to become a new member), present a hobby or interest area before the dinner meeting, be a panelist for student forums at UF or SFCC.

## **Chapter Liaison (Steve):**

The Region 7 meeting will be held in Nashville October 15 – October 17, 2004.

Written report submitted, includes minutes of Region 7 Officers Teleconference January 24, 2004.

Topics include:

- ?? Chapter Officer lists rec'd from NCFL and 4 others, 7 chapters still needed
- ?? Region 7 Officer list on HQ web site not correct – contact to HQ needed
- ?? Steve announced that Michael Lucas now managing Region website – gave links
- ?? Region finances – net loss of \$2358.39 in 2002; 2003 balance \$10,018.39
- ?? Student conference – September too early, will be Oct 16 or Oct 23
- ?? Chapters that are dissolved – region staying out of decision on treasuries for those chapters – leaving up to Association to handle
- ?? Goals for the year: Improve Communication, Have a successful student conference, Increase membership, Strengthen the chapters, Improve the Region's financial situation.

## **Student Chapter Coordinator (John):**

The Spring 2005 Student Conference will be held in Atlanta.

Panelists for UF and SFCC IT Career Panel Discussion – both schools interested in having several members of the parent chapter come to the student chapter meeting to discuss thoughts on careers in IT field. Hope to get general membership involved in these panels.

National Student Conference – SFCC will not be attending the conference, UF noncommittal about whether sending reps or not.

Discussed whether much possibility of conversion from student chapter to parent chapter. General belief is that not many graduates stay in Gainesville area. Sandy will contact DIS department for statistics on student retention in the area.

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## **Education Committee:**

Tour of CNS before the March board meeting.

## **Website Committee (Michael):**

There are some links on the chapter web site for companies that no longer have members in the local AITP chapter. Allen already removed – asked us to review links to see if others need to come down. 2003 Conference Links have been removed. 2004 National Collegiate link has been added

## **Unfinished Business**

*Approval of 2003 final Treasurer's Report* – Not available for immediate review. Jean will e-mail it to us and we'll then vote by e-mail so that the audit can commence.

*Waiting for Server 2003 CD-ROMS (Postage)* – Were received just prior to board meeting (once postage paid). One will be raffled this month, one next month. There was some discussion as to whether to allow additional chances to be purchased by members or non-members, no final decision made.

*Committee Assignments for all Members* – Unknown whether bylaws would allow for mandatory committee assignments, board mixed on whether to pursue this suggestion. No formal vote, but proposal dropped. Discussed other ways to bolster membership or increase the activity level of current members (see Membership report above). Sandy will make a short presentation at the next dinner meeting about the positive aspects of active membership and to encourage committee involvement.

*Door prize selection* – As we have the Server 2003 software to give away for February and March, no additional door prizes needed those 2 months. It was agreed that a single \$25 gift certificate for future meetings would be preferable to 2 smaller ones, and we'll hopefully have some additional vendor donations for future as well.

## **New Business**

*Network Tools Demo (Pre-Dinner meeting activity)* – John will prepare a mini presentation on network tools, will have it set up at a table in the meeting room for during the social hour. We will encourage others to have a similar mini-presentation before each meeting – can be a hobby, not necessarily technical.

*Revised Budget* – Stephen moved to approve the revised budget, Jean 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, none opposed.

*Region Director* – Michael nominated John to be the new Region Director. Sandy moved to approve the nomination, Jean 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, none opposed.

## **Next Meeting**

March 2, 2004, at the Orange and Brew in the Reitz Union, 6 PM (or immediately following the CNS tour.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.**



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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.

### ***March Birthdays***

<b><i>March 10</i></b>	<b><i>Les Auerbach</i></b>
<b><i>March 12</i></b>	<b><i>John Ashcraft</i></b>
<b><i>March 14</i></b>	<b><i>John Tucker</i></b>
<b><i>March 27</i></b>	<b><i>Steven Ware</i></b>

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