



October 2004

Hurricane Tracking.....

will be presented by Steve Letro of NOAA (Jacksonville, FL) and Allan Pither from UF.

2005 Board Member Nominations

will be presented by the Nominating Committee.

October Meeting Reminder

Chapter Meeting Paramount Resort Social Hour 5:30-6:30 PM
Tuesday 2900 SW 13th St. Dinner 6:30-7:30 PM
Oct. 26, 2004 Gainesville, Florida Program 7:30-8:30 PM
377-4000

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Cost:	Members.....\$17.00 Non-Members.....\$ 20.00 Presentation Only (no dinner)... \$10.00 AITP national student members. \$12.00 (includes dinner)
Menu: (choose one)	Sliced London Broil Oriental Chicken Stir Fry Herb Crusted Cod Filet Pasta w/Alfredo Sauce <i>Dinners include: Tossed garden salad, vegetable, starch, rolls and butter, dessert, coffee, iced tea and water.</i>



Reserve before Noon Friday, Oct. 22, 2004. Reserve online at <http://aitp-ncfl.org> reservations

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Board Meeting Minutes– September

AITP Board Meeting Minutes September 21, 2004 (draft)

Meeting Location: Harry's Seafood Bar & Grill, Gainesville, FL

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

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm.

Minutes: Spelling of Shari Duncan (page 1) needs changing. Motion to approve as amended made by Stephen, seconded by Frank, all in favor, none opposed.

Officer's Reports

President (Michael): National has sent out communications reflecting some positive changes; appears to have turned around the negative financial and membership trends. Revenues are up, membership nationally is increasing. Dues incentives may have contributed to this upturn.

Treasurer (Tom): We were charged for A/V at June's dinner meeting; unknown why we are sometimes charged, sometimes not, may have been just an oversight on earlier bills, but seem to be charged more often when our attendance is low.

Budget is on track for this point in the year.

Stephen moved to approve the treasurer's report, John 2nd, all in favor, none opposed.

Committee Reports

Programs Committee (Jean absent, Michael reported): The speaker for next week's dinner meeting may not be able to make it, possibly has another commitment, will know for sure tomorrow. Mr. PC has agreed to speak if the scheduled speaker backs out, probable topic is a presentation of the technology platforms for the upcoming presidential election. Board has mixed feelings about that topic – we usually avoid political or other sensitive topics. 9 reservations already, discussed that if speaker and topic changed may need to give them the option to change reservation if desired. Discussed if there is possibly a video available from National or Regional; there used to be tapes, but they were so outdated as to not really be viable options. We will also check with the hurricane prediction guy scheduled for October, see if he can come in September instead.

Other suggestions received recently: Keeping kids safe on the Internet, Presentation by Linux User's Group, entertainment software, automotive engineering. Will check with Orlando and Jacksonville chapters for additional ideas.

Membership Committee (Steve): At the end of August 2004, we have 34 professional members, the same as June. However, we expect to see increased attrition this fall.

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Edward Bailey (University of Florida) joined as a new member in August.

Donna McCraw, Ivan Marden and Frank Latini renewed. Frank shows on the National register as current, but his renewal was not listed on the transaction report from National – there is some concern that on-line renewals are not triggering the \$10 rebate we should be getting for all renewing members.

September renewals due are Jean Clark, Frank Duncan, Wes Lindberg and Sandy Trapp. Chuck Segal, Pat Thompson, Dick Clark, Marshall Donaldson and Ken Simpson are not likely to renew.

Discussed monetary incentives we can initiate for local membership. Can't discount dues, but might offer the cost of a dinner meeting to anyone recruiting a new member.

2 checks recently received from AITP HQ, 1 for \$25, apparently for the June Regular and \$5 Rebate premium, the other is for \$40 for Regular and Rebate premiums for July.

I recommend that our treasurer carefully check new members and renewals against the amounts we have received Y-T-D and be sure there are no discrepancies.

Chapter Liaison (Steve): The Region 7 Student Conference and Region Board of Directors meeting in Nashville is October 14-17. There is still time to register for the conference and book reservations. Go to <http://www.aitpnashville.org> for more info. Steve Flowers, John Tucker, Michael Lucas and others will be at the meeting.

The AITP Annual Meeting will be Nov 4-7 in Newport, RI in conjunction with ISECON. Steve will be participating. Go to <http://www.aitp-edsig.org/isecon.html> for more info.

There are many opportunities for providing financial support or promotional sponsorships to ensure the success of these conferences. I am asking each of you, and your vendor associates, for assistance. Please contact Steve to pledge funds or time to these enterprises.

In 2005 Steve will be stepping down from any active leadership role in AITP, with the sole exception of continuing as Immediate Past President of Region 7. We all hope that new leaders at the chapter, region, and national levels will step forward to take over those important responsibilities.

Student Chapter Coordinator (John): The board recently agreed via e-mail to grant the UF Student Chapter the \$250 budgeted for their attendance at the Regional Student Conference; however, they have not formally requested the money, may be because of the restriction regarding undergrad/graduate students.

UF currently has no faculty advisor, so technically no longer a chapter. An advisor must be both a member of the faculty and a professional member of AITP.

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SFCC is not going to the Regional Conference, they budget their money for a technical conference held each year in Orlando (not AITP).

Education Committee (): No tours are currently scheduled. Asked Sandy if a tour of Nationwide might be arranged, she'll check into it.

Nominating Committee (Michael): Michael Lucas, John Tucker, Phoebe Bowers, Liz Thomas and George Arola met informally and identified candidates for the various board positions. These candidates have been nominated and have agreed to run:

Immediate Past President	Michael Lucas
President	Jean Clark
Vice President	Frank Duncan
Treasurer	George Arola
Secretary	Sandy Trapp
Regional Director	John Tucker
Program Committee	George Arola

Dianne Hope has not yet been approached about being a Director, but has indicated an interest in a leadership role, so she will likely agree to serve as a Director on the board.

Unfinished Business

Need at least 1 more tour or educational event. Suggestions were a tour of Nationwide (Sandy will inquire) or a sample of the SFCC classroom experience (John will explore.)

A/V - Frank has a possible lead on some A/V equipment – very low cost, possibly free.

Calendar - Michael is still gathering dates and deadlines to put in a web-site calendar.

IPA – no update available

\$250 check that was double cashed – Jean had been following up, as she is absent we will check with her at next meeting.

New Business

We won the Newsletter Award – was mailed to Frank, will be officially presented to him at next dinner meeting. Stephen has some membership certificates to be presented at the next meeting as well.

After we have the elections, we should take a picture of the new officers, send to the Gainesville Sun, any other publications in order to promote ourselves.

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Next Meeting

October 5, 2004, Meet & Greet at Lillian's, 5:30pm followed by Board Meeting at GRU at 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.



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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
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www.cybersaints.org

Vision

AITP is the Information Technology professional organization of choice for providing leadership opportunities, professional develop-

Mission Statement

AITP offers opportunities for Information Technology (IT) leadership and education through partnerships with industry, government and academia. AITP provides quality IT related

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.

October Birthdays

<i>Larry Moltedo</i>	<i>October 4th</i>
<i>Donna McCraw</i>	<i>October 17th</i>
<i>Shari Duncan</i>	<i>October 19th</i>
<i>George Arola</i>	<i>October 24th</i>

Happy Birthday!!!

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