

AITP—North Central Florida

A monthly newsletter of the Association of Information Technology Professionals—North Central Florida Chapter

Tony Barr Presents EM: A Living Enterprise Model

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Tony will be the speaker at our dinner meeting on Tuesday, January 18, on the topic "EM: A Living Enterprise Model."

Chapter Meeting

Tuesday

January 18, 2005

Social Hour: 5:30—6:30 PM:

Dinner: 6:30—7:30 PM

Program: 7:30—8:30 PM

Paramount Resort
2900 SW 13th St
Gainesville, FL
377-4000



Cost:	Members.....	\$17.00
	Non-Members.....	\$20.00
	Presentation Only (no dinner).....	\$10.00
	AITP National student members.. (includes dinner)	\$12.00
Menu: (choose One)	Beef, Chicken, Fish, Vegetarian	
	Dinners include: Tossed garden salad, vegetable, starch, rolls and butter, dessert, coffee, iced tea and water	

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Auditing Committee	George Arola 334-3400 ext 1125
Education Committee	Chair is Needed
How Would YOU Like to Help?	You

Congratulations,

Frank Duncan!

Our newsletter won
First Place
in the
2004 Class C
Newsletter Contest.

Board Meeting Minutes—December

AITP Board Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2004

Meeting Location: The Sovereign Restaurant, Gainesville, FL

In attendance: Stephen and Michelle Flowers, George and Karen Arola, Tom and Cheryl Gumber, Sandy and Jim Trapp, Phoebe Bowers, Michael Lucas, John and Sherry Tucker, Jean and Bill Clark, Frank and Shari Duncan, Dianne and Mack Hope.

Meeting called to order at 6:22pm.

Minutes: Clarified that Jorge Campos is a detective with GPD, may be speaker in future on protecting children on the Internet. Corrected date of the December meeting, corrected spelling of Evan Eldridge. Steve moved to approve with amendments noted, seconded by Jean, all in favor, none opposed.

Officer's Reports

Treasurer (Tom): Spreadsheet of expenses and income distributed to the board. No bill yet received from The Paramount for the last dinner meeting, so amounts on report are estimates. There was a net loss of \$32.55 for November.

Contract at The Paramount expires at the end of this month, discussed possibly changing to another location; not many options, but will explore possibilities. Probably too late to make change for 2005, but will continue to evaluate.

Michael asked about making a small payment to the Sweet Adelines, Steve moved we table that discussion until new business.

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

Committee Reports

Programs Committee (Jean):

January – Athena Hoepfner, Library technology

February – Jorge Campos, GPD detective – Internet Security

Suggestion for spring – Tony Barr

George Arola will be the Program Chair for 2005.

Membership Committee (Steve): 32 professional and 138 student associates, down from last month of 34 professional and 143 students. Renewals included Tom Gumber, Jim Hagans, Jean Harris and Michael Lucas. Wes Lindberg says his renewal is being processed by SFCC but has not yet shown up on the HQ reports, unknown if it will reach HQ before the end of the year. No indication whether John Ashcraft, William Mattson, Ignacio Sanchez or William Weisner will be renewing.

Because of the loss of professional members, our ability to reach COPA is in jeopardy.

Board Meeting Minutes—December

Treasurer Tom Gumber has received a rebate check from AITP HQ, with notes attached indicating which members renewed (thanks to Phoebe's persistent requests).

Chapter Liaison (Steve): The bleeding has finally stopped. That is the message emanating from the November 2004 AITP National Meeting of the Members held in Newport, RI. The decline in membership we have seen in recent years has reversed, and we are recording modest gains in both student and professional totals. In addition, for the first time in years, the Association currently is in the black, with revenues up slightly for the year. The 2004 Annual Report, available to members online at the AITP Web portal (<http://www.aitp.org>) details these positive trends.

The incoming Association Board of Directors is a hard-working and talented group of knowledgeable, experienced, and dedicated men and women, backed by a responsive headquarters staff.

Corporate support through vendor affiliates is growing, and AITP is continuing to develop partnerships with a number of information technology organizations.

The national committees are active, and determined to translate board policy into action items with real deadlines and accountability.

You should be encouraged about the future of AITP, and I predict exciting new announcements in the months ahead that will add to the many benefits already enjoyed by all associates.

If you have any questions about the conference in Newport, or the region meetings in Nashville earlier this fall, I would be happy to answer them.

As we launch our AITP activities for 2005, we should congratulate ourselves for a successful performance in 2004. Once again, the North-Central Florida Chapter won the Region 7 Outstanding Chapter Award for 2003!

This is a great honor, and it reflects the fact that our leaders and members consistently meet tough goals, and provide 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 once again have stepped forward to serve as officers and directors, as committee chairs and committee members, and 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 Alachua County and North-Central Florida. AITP should be the place to see-and-be-seen in the IT community.

Board Meeting Minutes—December

We can and should attract members from academia, government, the private sector, and other professions. 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.

In closing, allow me to thank you for the honor and privilege of serving as your link between this chapter and the policymakers in Chicago. Thank you for the opportunity to help our ranks grow.

Although I am resigning from any active leadership role, you should know that I would be available if you need advice or just to talk. In any event, I will be happy to help transition in any way possible.

Above all, thank you for your friendship. I have enjoyed every minute of my 14 years of service on this board, and leave it in good hands.

Student Chapter Coordinator (John): UF still has no faculty advisor, may put their status as student chapter in jeopardy

SFCC chapter has reverted back to CyberSaints, not sure whether they will be maintaining AITP chapter status; they do not take advantage of the benefits of AITP membership, so may not be important to them.

John stepping down as student chapter liaison; Sandy agreed to fill the post for 2005.

Nomination Committee (John): Confirmed that chapter has 30 days from election to send in the sheet with the list of new officers. Dec 16 will be 30 days from election; Sandy will send form to HQ before then.

Education Committee (): 2 tours in 2004 (NERDC and Nationwide). Liz still evaluating whether other accomplishments in 2004 may fill the education requirements for COPA.

Website Committee (Michael): IPA materials have been sent to HQ, no word back yet received.

Unfinished Business

None

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New Business

Sweet Adelines is the entertainment for the December dinner meeting. They are a local group that competes at the State and National levels. They will not be having dinner at the December dinner meeting, but Michael requests we budget \$50 to give to them. Steve moved that we pay them \$50 from our budget, Sandy 2nd, all in favor, none opposed.

Steve sent a reference document to the board of important deadlines, contacts, etc. John noted that the conflict of interest forms need to be signed by all members of the 2005 board, and distributed copies.

Bank signature card could not be picked up by Dianne as she is not currently on the account. Tom will pick up the new card to be signed by the appropriate people at the dinner meeting. They will also transfer possession of the keys to the PO Box at the dinner meeting.

Steve noted that January will be a transitional meeting with the new board members taking their new roles; he suggested that the new board members study the info on the links he provided in a communication to all board members.

Jean received an e-mail from Mr. PC inquiring about what it would take to start a chapter in Ocala. She will follow up with him. John says there is a “satellite group” designation, has less strict requirements for membership. Phoebe says there was an Ocala chapter some time in the past, could not sustain their membership at that time. Jim Hagans had been member there, came back to our chapter afterwards, he may be able to provide some insight to Ocala.

Reviewed the list of 2005 Officers to be sent to HQ, reviewed known commitments, and made adjustments to the form. In addition to the elected board members, Sandy Trapp agreed to be Student Chapter Liaison and Newsletter Chair, Phoebe Bowers will be the Membership Retention Chair, Shari Duncan will be Membership Promotion Chair, Michael Lucas is the Web Site Chair, Nominating Chair and Publicity Chair, George Arola will be the Program Chair, Dianne Hope will be the Accommodations Chair and E-mail Chair, and Wesley Lindberg will be the SFCC Chapter Faculty Advisor. Vacant positions include the UF Student Chapter Faculty Advisor, Auditing Chair, Awards Chair, Bylaws Chair and Education Chair.

Next Meeting

January 4, 2005, at Rafferty's, 6 PM.

Motion to adjourn by Steve, seconded by Jean, all in favor, none opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.



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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 George Arola
 with any ideas or suggestions.*

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 advice.
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.

Happy Birthday

Marcia Greenberg!!



Our membership directory has not been updated for a while, and we regret that we do not have the birthdays for our newest members..... We will be updating soon, and wish everyone the best.