

AITP—North Central Florida

Newsletter—April 2005

"Linux for Suits- but Polos and Tees Welcome Too!"

Chapter member [Steve Ware](#), of the University of Florida's Computing & Networking Services ([CNS](#)), will be speaking on the topic of "Linux for Suits- but Polos and Tees Welcome Too!" at the April 26 chapter meeting.

Ware graduated from the University of Florida in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He has been involved with AITP since about 1981. Ware has twice served as chapter president, has also acted as treasurer, and has held board positions. He also setup the original chapter website and email distribution list.

With a background in application programming, Ware has been working in systems programming for CNS for almost twenty years. He began working with Linux in 1993 with the Softlanding Linux System (SLS) on a 386 system with 8 megabytes of memory and 60 megabytes of disk space.

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Chapter Meeting
Tuesday
April 26, 2005

Social Hour: 5:30-6:30 PM
Dinner: 6:30-7:30 PM
Program: 7:30-8:30 PM

Make your reservations
by Friday, April 22,
4:00pm.

[http://aitp-ncfl.org/
reservations.php](http://aitp-ncfl.org/reservations.php)

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.. \$12.00 (includes dinner)
Menu: (choose One)	Chili Lime Marinated Flank Steak Jerk Marinated Chicken Breast Grilled Mahi Mahi with Mango Chutney Salsa Pasta Primavera with Marinated Vegetables Dinners include: Tossed garden salad, vegetable, starch, rolls and butter, dessert, coffee, iced tea and water

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How Would YOU Like to Help?	You

A special thanks to
new AITP member
Sherry Wetzel, who
has offered to help
with the newsletter!!



Board Meeting Minutes—April

Linux For Suits... (continued from page 1)

According to Ware SLS is considered the 'parent' of Slackware, the oldest Linux distribution that is still actively maintained and supported.

Originally developed by a Unix programmer as a hobby, Linux was designed as an inexpensive operating system kernel (the low-level software that manages your computer hardware, multi-tasks the many programs that are running at any given time) for PC users. Linux is best known for the fact that it is freely available, and no one is required to register with any central authority. Several businesses survive solely on selling and supporting Linux, and Linux newsgroups are common.

Ware's presentation will examine Linux and an important component of production information technology infrastructure. The topic will include information on Linux as a viable desktop alternative, as a software development environment, and a prevalent embedded devices operating system.

Sherry Wetzel

Tour of 352 Media Group

On April 12 we were treated to a tour of the new campus of [352 Media](#), a company specializing in web design and development, CD and DVD production, flash animation and interface design, web marketing and search optimization. AITP member Claire Lindberg-Bakr recently joined the 352 Media team as their Web Marketing Director, and AITP members George Arola, John Tucker, Sandy Trapp, Jean Clark, Chris Simoneaux and 6 guests accepted her offer to show us their headquarters.

Midway through the tour the exuberant President and CEO of 352 Media, Geoff Wilson, joined the group and shared enthusiastic insights into the creative energy and technical expertise evident in all their projects. Geoff founded the company as Silverscape Technologies while he was a student at the University of Florida and the name was changed in 2002 to 352 Media Group. Project managers, web designers, programmers, creative and technical directors also took the time to tell us about their roles in the organization.

Located in Jonesville, the office for this rapidly growing company is a splendid mix of cool professionalism and a comfortable work-at-home atmosphere. Their clients include Microsoft, Verizon, Ben & Jerry's, Pizza Hut the Florida House of Representatives and Shands.

Sandy Trapp



Board Meeting Minutes—April

AITP Board Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2005

Meeting Location: GRU, Gainesville, FL

In attendance: Jean Clark, Frank Duncan, Dianne Hope, Sandy Trapp, George Arola, Michael Lucas, John Tucker, Shari Duncan.

Meeting called to order at 7:24pm.

Minutes: Dianne moved to approve as written, 2nd by George, all in favor, none opposed.

Officer's Reports

Treasurer (Dianne): Spreadsheet with income and expenses to date distributed at start of meeting. February shows a net loss of \$107.75. The dinner meeting was 5 short of the Paramount's minimum reservations, partly because of cancellations due to illness, plus 1 no-show guest who will be billed for their reservation. One of the recent new members missed the meeting in Jan, said they'd cover the dinner in Feb, did not come Feb but we hope they will come in the future. Sandy moved to approve, 2nd by George all in favor, none opposed.

Committee Reports

Programs Committee (George): March speaker is Jorge Campos from Gainesville Police Department speaking on computer crimes. Steve Ware has agreed to speak in April, topic will be Linux for Suits, But Polos and T-Shirts Too.

Membership Committee: Phoebe e-mailed her report to the board prior to the meeting. There are 33 current members, including new members Stephen Kozakoff and Timothy Buchner and David Williams. Michael Schneider, John Ashcraft, William Weisner and William Mattson have not yet renewed; No word whether or not they will renew. Jean says on the Wed after the dinner meeting she is meeting with Mr. PC regarding forming a satellite chapter in Ocala.

Chapter Liaison (John): E-mail sent to board prior to meeting with upcoming deadlines: Newsletter Contest materials due 3/31, Chapter Incentive forms due 3/31 and COPA and PCS are both due 4/15.

Student Chapter Coordinator (Sandy): Sandy went to a UF Chapter Meeting, but it turned out to be a meeting in combination with other business organizations, was not strictly AITP. Met several members but did not get to meet with them as a chapter. No UF students attending the Collegiate Conference, partly because of the restrictions of graduate students participating in the competitions. They asked about sending undergraduates from a different organization, but were told that they would need to become members in order for us to sponsor the trip.



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SFCC still has not met yet this year, no sign of interest in continuing; John will send a note to HQ to inquire what the process would be to dissolve a student chapter if that should become necessary.

Education Committee: Shari e-mailed Steven Stipling @ the Ortho Center to see about tour possibilities, has not yet heard back. Tour still tentatively set for 352 Media, but have not gotten confirmation yet from Claire; Jean will contact her this week.

Website Committee (Michael): The domain name has been renewed; the bill received and is being processed. Now that he has the password functionality set up, Michael is continuing to explore the possibility of an on-line directory. He is also approaching HQ regarding using the HQ password checking to get to a directory site. He is also trying to automate the home page so that it can be easily updated by any member of the board.

Unfinished Business

COPA – Liz will come to the next board meeting and tell us about our COPA requirements for this year, and enlighten us about COPA in general. She does not currently have access to the reports on line, need to add her as the awards chair on the officer report so she can access them.

Discussed ways to stir interest in current membership; each board member will call 2-3 other members to chat about attendance at meetings and suggestions for activities or speakers.

Suggestion made that anyone bringing a guest to meetings will get an additional ticket for the prize drawing. John moved to approve this suggestion, Frank 2nd, all in favor, none opposed.

George gave out copies of the Audit Report, someone will send a copy to Liz as she'll need it for COPA.

New Business

We were sent a gift certificate for a free pizza and coke by Columnis; Michael moved that we use them as a door prize at the next dinner meeting, Frank 2nd, all in favor, none opposed.

Next Meeting

April 12 2005, at 6 PM. Location to be determined, dependent on whether we get tour at 352 Media confirmed.

John moved to adjourn, 2nd by Frank, all in favor, none opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.



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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

*Happy
Birthday*



Jim Hagans April 9

Sandy Trapp April 13

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.

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.