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March Chapter Meeting Presentation

IBM's Academic Initiative

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The March 28th Chapter Meeting will feature solutions expert Richard Chambers of IBM, speaking about the company's Academic Initiative, designed to help educational institutions teach enterprise system skills. He will also share examples of some real-world solutions to enterprise needs.

IBM is devoting resources to educating students about enterprise-scale computing, which includes the hardware, software and server (mainframe) architecture of the highest reliability, security and most advanced technology and which embraces open standards.

The growing demand for mainframe skills means high-paying jobs for students. The salary ranges from 40K to over \$100K.

These skills also enable computer professionals to pursue good career paths, including system programmer, application developer, administration, operation and IT architecture, while working in a heterogeneous I/T environment that includes Unix, Windows, Linux, etc.

Richard Chambers will go into more detail on this topic and give real-world examples of how these skills are being used at educational institutions here in Florida.

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We are always looking for sincere motivated and dedicated individuals to support our Chapter and its programs, operations and to just help out. Contact any Board Member or Committee Chair for more information.

**AITP Board Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2006
AITP Board Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2006**

Meeting called to order at 6:40 PM.

Meeting Location: Chop Stix, Gainesville, FL

Officers in Attendance:

Frank Duncan, President
Sherry Wetzel, Secretary
John Tucker, Chapter Liaison

Not Attending:

Diane Hope, Vice President
Claire Bakr, Treasurer
Jean Clark, Past President

Committee Chairs in Attendance:

Michael Lucas, Media Chair
Shari Duncan, Membership Co-Chair

Officer's Reports

Secretary:

Officers reviewed minutes before the Board Meeting and recommended no changes. Move to approve minutes by John; 2nd by Frank; carried, all in favor.

President:

Suggestions in lieu of programs at future monthly meetings: 1) Select a topic and run an open discussion with each member given 5 minutes at the podium, or 2) To draw members, get sponsorship (or sell ads in the newsletter) to cover the cost of a meeting so members and guests could attend for free. Discussion following these suggestions centered on improving membership and the strength of our chapter first, and that some members might not be comfortable at the podium.

Frank reported that Steve Kozakoff had expressed an interest in the Chapter Director position. After discussion, Sherry so moved, John 2nd, and the motion passed.

Treasurer:

Claire has not been heard from for three months and has let her membership lapse. John moved that Frank email her regarding the lapse, motion 2nd by Sherry, and carried. Frank also stated that he would contact Jean and Diane regarding calling if they could not be in attendance and giving their proxy to another BoD member.

John volunteered to take this position. After discussion, Steve so moved, Sherry 2nd, and the motion passed.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee:

Shari reported that we currently have 36 members and 6 potential members.

Media Committee:

Michael reported that the calendar on our website has been updated, and all BoD members may enter new events.

Chapter Liaison:

The region has not selected a site for this year's conference, though Jacksonville seems likely.

John reminded the BoD that each member must complete a Conflict of Interest form (found on the AITP site). He also reported that in March the Awards Chair reports are needed. He has submitted an Officer Change form, and will email Sherry with the information needed for future updates. Finally, an audit of the treasurer's books needs to be done before they are passed to the next officer.

Newsletter Committee:

Sandy has resigned as Newsletter Chair, and Shari has volunteered for the position.

Student Chapter Coordinator:

Position is currently open.

Audit Committee:

John reported that he is awaiting the old records from the out going Treasurer. Once he receives these he will audit the books, but will need an office to witness and sign off on the audit since he will be taking on the position of current Treasurer.

Programs Committee:

The February 28th program will be presented by Jennifer Cobb on the subject of "Developing Technical Leaders from the Grass Roots."

A future program is being planned on the subject of "Implementing an IT Disaster Recovery Plan."



U n f i n i s h e d B u s i n e s s

Meeting Location:

The original quote from Savannah Grande has been altered, and puts the facility out of the price range of the Chapter. Frank has finalized arrangements with the Paramount for another year. The Catering Manager has promised to work on improving the quality of the services provided to the chapter.

New Business

None.

Next Meeting

March 7, 2006; Emiliano's Cafe, 6 PM.

Move to adjourn by John; 2nd by Steve; carried, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Chapter Dinner Meeting
Tuesday
March 28, 2006
Paramount Plaza Hotel & Conference Center
2900 SW 13th Street

Social Hour : 5:30-6:30 PM
Dinner : 6:30-7:30 PM
Program: 7:30-8:30 PM
Please submit your reservations

by Friday
March 24, Noon
<http://aitp-ncfl.org/reservations.php>

Cost:	Members	\$17.00
	Non-Members	\$20.00
	Presentation Only (no dinner)	\$10.00
	AITP National student members (includes dinner)	\$12.00

- Menu:
- 1) Sliced Roast Beef w/Aujus and Creamed Horseradish
 - 2) Pan Seared Northwest Salmon w/Honey Soy Glaze
 - 3) Roasted Vegetables; Portabella, Eggplant & More

No Poultry Selection this evening.

Dinners include: Choice of entrée, tossed garden salad, starch, vegetable, rolls and butter, dessert, coffee, iced tea, and water.

For those who know him; LCorp. Frank F. Duncan, USMC, is expected to return from Iraq, April 9– April 14. Date is tentative and dependent on conditions in his operations area. His unit sustained heavy casualties. From the original deployment, he is one of eight left in his unit.

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Members

