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You are invited to join the local Association of Information Technology Professionals for a “Meet & Greet” Social gathering, this Tuesday at TwoBits in the UF Hilton, from 5:30 to 7:00 P.M.

Enjoy networking and discussion of Technical and non-technical topics in an casual atmosphere. We are also considering changes for future meetings and we’d like to get your feedback.

Reservations are not required for this free event.

Hope to see you there!

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At our last Board of Directors meeting it was decided to fill the remaining Director positions . Welcome our new Directors ; Michael Lucas and Shari Duncan.

AITP Board Meeting Minutes April 4, 2006

Meeting Location: GRU Operations Center (OC), Gainesville, FL

In attendance:

Frank Duncan, President

Diane Hope, Vice President

Sherry Wetzel, Secretary

Liz Thomas, COPA Chair

Steve Kozakoff

John Tucker, Chapter Liaison

Michael Lucas, Media Chair

Shari Duncan, Newsletter Chair

Not attending:

Jean Clark, Past President

Meeting called to order at: 6:20 PM with a quorum present.

Minutes: No changes were requested.

Move to approve: John, 2nd by Diane, motion passed with all in favor.

Officer's Reports

President: After a discussion regarding the poor service and food quality for the last meeting, the Paramount has promised to do better, and have offered free AV setup and no meal order minimum as a concession.

Vice President: Nothing to report.

Secretary: Attendance for the March meeting consisted of 10 members, 1 UF student member, and 6 guests.

Treasurer: Due to the low attendance in March, the Chapter lost money covering the meal order minimum. A discussion regarding this loss led to a motion by John that those reserving for a meal and not attending be charged the cost of the meal with gentle collection methods used by the Treasurer, 2nd by Sherry, passed, all in favor.

The domain registration of \$25 is due and will be paid this month. This is up from \$10 last year.

The budget for 2006 was reviewed. Income is expected to remain stable, but meal costs are going up. Door prizes, used in the past to encourage attendance, do not seem to be a strong incentive. A new idea was proposed through which each member might elect to buy a chance at a drawing for cash. If a member's name/number is drawn, he/she would draw a key from a bag and try the lock. If the box opened the winner would receive the cash in the box and the Chapter would place \$25 in the box towards the next cash drawing. The cash would continue to accumulate until a winning key was drawn. This would reduce the yearly door prize budget from \$200 to \$100.

The funds previously reserved for the Regional Conference are no longer needed, and were removed from the

2006 budget.

The Awards budget item has been used for a plaque for the Past President. John noted that Jean Clark had not received a plaque and volunteered to oversee the purchase of a plaque for her.

Speaker gifts have been handled by the President in the past. Frank will be looking into ideas, such as AITP coffee mugs, and reporting at the next BoD meeting.

The Professional Services budget item is used to supply an interpreter for deaf members. Though we have been fortunate to find an interpreter for \$25 per meeting, most charge \$150 per meeting. To cover the possibility of needed to hire a more expensive interpreter, this budget item will be increased to \$250.

The duplication budget has not been used, and will be dropped from the budget.

New Chapter name tags will be purchased and a budget of \$250 has been set aside for this purpose.

The proposed changes will be incorporated into the budget and brought to the next BoD meeting for approval.

Audit Chair: John reported that he had audited the books and found no problems other than a minor book-keeping error where an expense was listed in the wrong category. The Chapter's books passed the audit.

Motion to approve by Sherry, 2nd by Jean (by proxy), approved with all in favor.

Programs: The SFCC program will be scheduled for either June or September.

AITP.org Site Update: John demonstrated the Chapter member info, guest list, and email features for the BoD so that each member would know how to perform simple updates and post emails to the Chapter.

Chapter Site Update: Michael reviewed the admin page, meeting menu options, calendar, reservations, upload newsletter, and main page text sections for the BoD so that each member would know how to perform simple updates as needed.

COPA: Liz reported that the Chapter had generated enough points to file for COPA level 3, and the Chapter Awards. With the 2005 placement, the Chapter has received the COPA awards for nine consecutive years. We will need to meet or beat our current points to be eligible next year.

Old Business

Quorum at the February Meeting: Sherry brought up the question previously discussed by Jean regarding whether a quorum was present for the February BoD meeting. To clear up this question she quoted the official Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised Edition (found at <http://www.robertsrules.com/faq.html>), "The requirement of a two-thirds vote means at least two thirds. As a consequence, nothing less will do. If 101 votes are cast, 67 affirmative votes are not at least two thirds. It is less than two thirds, and will not suffice. [[RONR](#) (10th ed.), p. 388.]"

This clarification resulted in nullifying two votes cast at the January meeting, the approval of the January minutes, and the appointing of Steve Kozakoff as Chapter Director. The BoD decided to revote these issues to clear up the situation.

Motion to approve the January minutes by John, 2nd by Diane, approved with all in favor.

Motion to appoint Steve Kozakoff as Chapter Director by John, 2nd by Diane, approved with all in favor.

BoD Membership: Sherry pointed out that, during her research into the quorum question, she had found that the Chapter's current membership allows for two additional members on the BoD, and pointed out that adding more members might alleviate the likelihood of not achieving a quorum in the future. After discussion, it was decided to offer full Board positions to Programs Chair, Michael Lucas, and Newsletter Chair, Shari Duncan since both attended the BoD meetings regularly and are active and enthusiastic members. Both agree to taking on this additional responsibility.

Motion to appoint Michael Lucas to the BoD by John, 2nd by Diane, approved with all in favor.

Motion to appoint Shari Duncan to the BoD by Sherry, 2nd by Steve, approved with all in favor.

Sponsorship Ideas: Frank is still looking into ideas to promote sponsorship from local businesses and will report in greater detail at a later date. Steve has prepared a spreadsheet which he will be emailing to the BoD.

Next Meeting

May 2, 2006, at GRU OC, 6 PM.

Move to adjourn: John, 2nd by Steve, motion passed with all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:30 PM.



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