



North Central Florida Chapter 298 NEWS

October, 2007

Upcoming Events:

BoD Meeting

DATE: Tuesday,
Oct. 30, 2007

TIME: 6:00 PM

LOCATION:
GRU Operations Ctr.
555 SE. 5th Ave.

Chapter Meeting/ Vote on 2008 Officers

DATE: Tuesday,
November 13, 2007

TIME: 5:30

LOCATION:
UF Hilton, 2-Bits
1714 SW 34 St

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Vote on 2008 Officers at November Meeting

The Chapter will vote on the Officers and Board of Directors for 2008 at our November dinner meeting. Those nominated for the 2008 year are:

President: Jean Clark
Vice President: John Tucker
Secretary: Sherry Wetzel
Treasurer: Dianne Hope
Board Member: Scott Sheridan
Immediate Past President: Michael Lucas

We hope our members will plan on attending this meeting and cast their votes in person. However, if you are unable to attend the meeting, you may email your votes by midnight on Monday, November 12, 2007 per Article V, Section 2.02 of the Chapter Bylaws. Emailed votes should be sent to Sandy Trapp, the Immediate Past President, at SandyAITP@aol.com.

Net Neutrality

Our November dinner meeting will include a presentation by Gavin Baker on Net Neutrality.

Net neutrality is the principle under which the Internet has operated since its inception as a communication tool, and is about equal access to the Internet without government intervention. The U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate have recently voted on Bills that have the potential for changing the way the Internet operates. Advocates for Net neutrality and working to get language into future Bills to protect consumers from market domination by larger, more powerful entities.

Gavin has been quoted as saying, "Net neutrality isn't going away as a policy issue, so it's time to plan for the long haul. It's time for a deeper level of education, which will allow more people to speak cogently about the issue."

2007 Officers & Board Members

President	Michael Lucas	352-392-1374 ext. 7266
Immediate Past President	Sandy Trapp	N/A
Vice President	Jean Clark	352-393-1126
Secretary	Sherry Wetzel	352-393-1568
Treasurer	Dianne Hope	352-334-3560
Chapter Liaison	John Tucker	352-337-2140
Board Member at Large	Deborah Markham	N/A

2007 Committee Chairs

Accommodations Committee	Dianne Hope	352-334-3560
Audit Committee	John Tucker	352-337-2140
Awards Committee—IPA	Open	
Awards Committee—COPA	Liz Thomas	N/A
Bylaws Committee	Tom Gumber	352-473-8000 ext. 8224
Education Committee	Open	
Media Committee	Michael Lucas	352-392-1374 ext. 7266
Membership Committee	Phoebe Bowers	n/a
Newsletter Committee	Sherry Wetzel	352-393-1568
Nominating Committee	Sandy Trapp	N/A
Phone Tree Committee	Tom Gumber	352-473-8000 ext. 8224
Programs Committee	Michael Lucas	352-392-1374 ext. 7266
	Deborah Markham	N/A
UF Student Chapter Advisor	Sandy Trapp	N/A
Student Chapter Coordinator	John Tucker	352-337-2140

Minutes for the September Board of Director's Meeting

Meeting Location: Steak & Pasta Works, NW 39th Ave, Gainesville, FL

Board Members Attending:

Michael Lucas, President
 Jean Clark, Vice President
 Sherry Wetzell, Secretary
 Dianne Hope, Treasurer
 John Tucker, Chapter Liaison
 Sandy Trapp, Past President

Board Members Not Attending:

Debbie Markham, BoD Member at Lg.
 (Proxy to Dianne)

Meeting called to order at: 7:20 PM with a quorum present.

May Minutes: Typo corrected.

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

Officer's Reports

President: The tour of SFCC went well, with attendance comprised of one speaker, four members, and one guest. The Meet and Greet also went well, and was attended by four members and two guests.

Vice President: Nothing to report.

Past President: Nothing to report.

Secretary: Nothing to report.

Treasurer: The Chapter received a bounced check notice for a \$4 member meeting fee. Jean volunteered to investigate the company and report back to the BoD.

A letter has been received from prior speaker, Jim Werner, thanking us and stating his willingness to speak again in the future.

Financial summaries for the June dinner meeting and the Digital Photography workshop were provided (electronic copies on file with Chapter Secretary).

The financial recap for the year to date was reviewed (electronic copy on file with Chapter Secretary).

Move to approve: Jean, 2nd by Sandy, motion passed with all in favor.

Minutes for the September Board of Director's Meeting (continued)

Committee Reports

Media: Job ads on our Web site will be retired after 30 days if not renewed.

C-Vent company contacted Michael regarding software for managing our calendar, attendance tracking, and etc. Michael will attempt to view the online presentation and report back (time permitting), and will send the Webinar link to the BoD in case anyone else wants to look into this.

A speaker email to collect information from those interested in volunteering to speak at a chapter meeting will be set up on the Web page.

Membership: Phoebe's report was read into the minutes by the President - We currently have 36 members reflecting three renewing members.

Audit: John has volunteered to handle the audit again this year.

Programs: Speakers have been arranged for September and October. November and December are still tentative.

UF Student Chapter: Sandy is planning to attend a student chapter meeting and hopes to improve communications between the chapters.

Michael and Sherry have written the student chapter asking for a copy of the By-Laws. It appears they don't have their own By-Laws and need the assistance of our chapter in becoming compliant with AITP regulations.

The student chapter's current email list is bouncing emails to approximately 30 of the listed members.

Education: Tour of the Murphree Water Plant scheduled preceding the October BoD meeting. Those planning on attending need to contact Jean Clark to be added to the security list.

Newsletter: Phoebe asked that her phone number not be listed.

The "Tech News" addition to the newsletter was approved by the BoD and will be continued as space allows.

COPA: Michael plans to ask Liz for an update for 2007.

Chapter Liaison: We can send two members to the Region 7 Leadership Conference in Atlanta. John and Jean will consider attending.

Minutes for the September Board of Director's Meeting (continued)

Nominating: Sandy will announce at the September dinner meeting that the chapter is accepting nominations for the 2008 officers and BoD positions.

So far nominations are for 2008 consist of:

President - Jean Clark
Past President - Michael Lucas
Secretary - Sherry Wetzel
Treasurer - Dianne Hope
Chapter Liaison - John Tucker

Possible candidates for the remaining positions are being contacted by Sandy.

Old Business

End of Year Gift to Active Members: Further information on the USB drives with the AITP logo as member gifts for the December meeting was presented by Jean. The BoD agreed that this is a reasonable purchase, and that the drives could be used for door prizes and speakers' gifts too. Jean is going to get updated prices and report at the next meeting.

Chapter Directory: Michael presented his research into the costs for a mini-CD directory. The price would be approximately \$1 each. This project is planned for the first of the new year.

Chapter Phone: Jean announced the new chapter phone number will be 352-582-AITP (2487), and that she will present the details at a later date.

Chapter Advertising: Michael has placed a couple of calls, but has received no reply to date.

New Business

None.

Next Meeting

October 9th - 7 PM (after Murphree tour) at Steak and Pasta Works (Main Street & NW 39th Ave.).

Move to adjourn: Jean, 2nd by Sandy, motion passed with all in favor.
Meeting adjourned at: 8:40 PM.

TECH NEWS

Net Neutrality Questioned

Though the term *network neutrality* wasn't specifically mentioned in their letter, Senator Byron Dorgan (Dem., North Dakota) and Olympia Snowe (Rep., Maine) called for a hearing before the Senate Commerce Committee on possible "service discrimination" by cable and telco providers. The senators' letter stated that the committee needs to determine whether actions such as blocking access to text messages and anti-government lyrics were based on legitimate network management policies or unfair and anticompetitive practices. [Source: Eggerton, J. (2007, Oct. 26). Dorgan, Snowe call for hearing on content discrimination. *Broadcasting & cable.*]

Internet Usage Tax

The Senate has passed a seven-year extension to the moratorium on the taxing of Internet access by state and local agencies. The current base, approved in 1998, will expire November 1, 2007. It is expected that the extension will be approved by the President Bush before the expiration occurs. [Source: Senate passes 7-year extension of moratorium Net access taxes. (2007, Oct. 26). *Siliconvalley.com*. Retrieved on October 29, 2007, from http://www.siliconvalley.com/latestheadlines/ci_7285660?nclick_check=1]

Blogs Alter Terrain for 2008 Elections

The popularity of political blogs and magazine Web sites is altering the way campaign officials promote their candidates for the 2008 elections. Feeding consumers a constant stream of statistics and tidbits, as well as disputing negative press, has become increasingly important for getting the message out to voters. Even the politicians themselves are reading and responding to these Internet resources. The Clinton campaign is rumored to be among the fastest and most aggressive in dealing with online media sources. Hilary Clinton is reported to have called veteran political reporter David Yepsen in response to a Des Moines Register blog post he wrote within two hours of the blog entry's posting. Journalists note that information can be all over the Web within an hour, with the online culture linking to each other's work in something like an echo chamber of interlinking Internet resources. [Source: Kurtz, H. (2007, Oct. 26). Mainstream blogs open floodgates for political coverage. *Washingtonpost.com*. Retrieved on October 29, 2007, from <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/10/25/AR2007102502421.html>.]

Opening Cable Markets

In an effort to reduce cable television costs, the FCC is preparing to end thousands of contracts that gave exclusive service rights for entire apartment complexes to individual cable companies. The new ruling could open markets across the country to competition from companies including Verizon Communications and AT&T. The change, the latest in a series of actions by the commission to put pressure on cable companies to lower their rates, is expected to have a particularly profound affect on prices for low-income and minority families since 40 percent of households headed by Hispanics and African-Americans live in apartment buildings likely to have such contracts in place with a local cable provider. [Source: Labaton, S. (2007, Oct. 29). F.C.C. set to end sole cable deals for apartments. *The New York Times*. Retrieved on October 29, 2007, from http://www.nytimes.com/2007/10/29/business/media/29cable.html?_r=1&hp&oref=slogin]