

Association of Information Technology Professionals  
Region 5 Chapter Liaison Meeting  
Peoria, IL – May 11, 2001  
Meeting Minutes

**1. Meeting called to order** at 9:03a.m. By Region 5 President Mark Gilfand.

**2. Roll Call:**

Eleven of fourteen chapters were represented with two alternates (Richard Piunti for Perry Fritz and Karen Essington for Mark Gilfand). Also in attendance were Ellen Mahoney, alternate liaison for Milwaukee, Rich Barnier from Windy City, Mike Hall from Capital, Theresa A. Reeder from Central Illinois, Nita Adams (Association President) and Ken Adams from Capital.

**3. Housekeeping**

a. Introductions: President Gilfand started by introducing him self and then proceeded around the table and had everyone introduce themselves including the guests.

b. Appointment of Parliamentarian: Bill Reaugh

c. Approval of Agenda: Approved proposed agenda.

d. Host Chapter Remarks: Although not the host chapter Ellen Mahoney from Milwaukee, who organized the meeting, thanked everyone for attending.

**4. Officer Reports**

a. President – Mark Gilfand

Mark made several comments about the State of the Region. He also asked how he is doing as President. Several comments were made that communications are good, but at times they are doubled up.

b. Vice President – Claire Dubuisson

No report.

c. Secretary – Richard Piunti

Minutes for the October, 2000 meeting in Appleton, WI were approved. Motion made by Bill Reaugh and seconded by Gary Keller

d. Treasurer – Tony LaCrosse

Presented the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2000 results. The 2001 budget was presented.

At the last meeting the checking fees were discussed. If our account dropped below \$5000.00 we were charged. The accounts were moved to Charter One where we get 2.8% on the Money Market Account and 5.7% on the CD.

Mike Welch moved to accept the report and the 2001 Budget as presented. Second by Chris Leja. The motion was passed.

## **5. Committee Reports**

### **a. Archives - Richard Piunti**

Reviewing and reorganizing the records. If anything is found that would apply to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, he will get it to them. Chris Lega explained the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary membership drive.

### **b. Audit – Tony LaCrosse/Ellen Mahoney**

Up to date for all audits. The 2000 records are assembled and ready to be audited. It was suggested by Bill Reaugh that the Milwaukee Chapter Treasurer perform the audit for convenience sake.

### **c. Awards – John DeLauriea**

No submission for the Newsletter award was received. Twin City Chapter said they did, but headquarters said they didn't receive it.

Three chapters received COPA. Northeastern Wisconsin, Twin City, and Racine-Kenosha.

The Traveling Plaques are missing. Replacing them were discussed. Bill Reaugh moved to drop the Membership Growth plaque. Seconded by Mike Welch. An amendment was made by Chris Leja to replace them with a ribbon or certificate at nominal cost. Seconded by Mike Welch. Amendment passed. The Awards chairperson will decide which to give. The original motion was voted on and passed.

Region Outstanding Chapter – Since Headquarters doesn't require documentation with submission of COPA any longer, none was available for John to make a decision on the winner. N.E.W. and Twin City chapters must be prepared to submit any documentation as need. Subsequent to the meeting N.E.W. was named Region Outstanding Chapter.

d. Bylaws – Bill Reaugh

Proposed changes were discussed in October, 2000 to Article IV and VIII. Gary Keller moved to approve the changes. Second by Claire Dubuisson. Motion passed.

Bill pointed out that Chapters are delinquent in getting their By-Laws submitted. They should be reviewed and submitted to Bill Reaugh by the Fall meeting. Racine-Kenosha's have been received. Bill Reaugh moved to accept theirs. Seconded by Chris Leja. Motion passed.

e. Directory - Richard Piunti

Perry Fritz sent Email out to everyone. He made some suggestions to Mark Gilfand for changes to the Directory description in the Operating Procedures. Please send Perry any changes.

Gary Keller's area code in the C.L. list is wrong. John Delauriea has new phone number. Chapter President for Rock River Valley has wrong Email. Email is wrong on Website for Officers La Crosse and Dubuisson.

f. Library – Rick Piunti

No Report

g. Membership - \*

No report.

h. Nominating – \*

No report

i. Operating Procedures - Claire Dubuisson

Rick Piunti agreed to review them for the next meeting.

j. Student Chapters - NCC Funding – Bill Reaugh

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## 7. Old Business

a. Region 5 Web Site – Rick Piunti

Northeastern Wisconsin has two new AITP members maintaining the Region 5 Web Site from their chapter web site. The address is [new.aitp.org/region5](http://new.aitp.org/region5). (Do not use “www” on the front of this address.)

John suggested we add the region bylaws and operating procedures to the site.

b. Association Governance Committee – Rick Piunti

The association has been divided into four districts with two representatives to be named from each district. Region 5 is combined with Region 9. This is proposed to be effective with the 2002 elections that will take place in 2001. There are currently eight association directors, elected at large. One recommendation was for each of the current eight to resign so new reps could be elected. The Region Presidents Council has been charged with designing the implementation of this new structure. (Looking at the 2001 directors and their districts, we have one extra from the western district, and we are one short from the northeast district. A map was included in an email from Rick last spring.) We still don't have a lot of answers on the need for this restructuring. The one proposal that was rejected was for the ABoD and Region officers to elect the Association officers.

## **8. New Business**

### a. 2001 Region Elections - Rick Piunti

We elected the following officers:

President – Mark Gilfand, Twin City

Vice President - Claire Dubuisson, Illowa

Secretary – Rick Piunti, Northeast Wisconsin

Treasurer – Tony LaCrosse, Milwaukee

### b. Electronic Voting – Rick Piunti

Rick had emailed his proposal earlier. It was approved as written with one change, which was that attachments to emails must be in rich text, HTML, or plain text. Word documents cannot be opened on Macs.

### c. Bylaws – Bill Reaugh

See 6.d.

## **9. Other Reports / Comments**

### a. Chapter reports

Please read those provided. Capitol's report will be included in the email with the minutes. (I received it electronically after I left for Appleton.)

### b. Association Committee Reports

Bill appreciated the help he had on the Nominating committee, and feels they have put some good practices in place for future elections.

### c. Guest / Observer Comments

None.

## **10. Post Agenda Items**

Rick expressed his thanks to the board.

Bill reported that the Association Membership Committee proposed mailings to promote interim members. This is a great untapped market.

## **11. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.