

Association of Information Technology Professionals
Region 5 Chapter Liaison Meeting
Rockford, IL – October 5, 2001
Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 8:11 a.m. By Region 5 President Mark Gilfand.

2. Roll Call:

Nine of fourteen chapters were represented with two alternates (Rich Barnier for John DeLauriea and Karen Essington for Mark Gilfand). Also in attendance were Ellen Mahoney, alternate liaison for Milwaukee, and Larry Schmitz from Northeastern Wisconsin.

3. Housekeeping

a. Introductions: President Gilfand started by introducing him self and it was decided since everyone knew each other that introductions were not necessary.

b. Appointment of Parliamentarian: Bill Reaugh

c. Host Chapter Remarks: Although not the host chapter Ellen Mahoney from Milwaukee, who organized the meeting, thanked everyone for attending. President Gilfand thanked her for arranging the meeting.

4. Officer Reports

a. President – Mark Gilfand

Mark reported that the Region is growing as opposed to the Association. We have two chapters in the top 10 of the Membership Drive (St. Louis and Windy City). We have three of the 10 largest chapters (Windy City, Northeastern Wisconsin, and Twin City). Although there will be no Region Conference this year, there will be one next year.

b. Vice President – Claire Dubuisson

No report.

c. Secretary – Richard Piunti

Minutes for the May 2001 meeting in Peoria, Il were approved as corrected. Motion made by Bill Reaugh and seconded by Tony LaCrosse.

d. Treasurer – Tony LaCrosse

Presented his report as of 9/30/01. Explained what has happened with Bank mergers, etc.

Also reported the May CL meeting was over budget. Motion made by John Walstrom and seconded by Bill Reaugh to accept the report.

5. Committee Reports

a. Archives - Richard Piunti
No report.

b. Audit – Tony LaCrosse/Ellen Mahoney
The 2000 audit is still outstanding. It was to have been done by the Milwaukee Chapter Treasurer but he was heavily involved with the 50-Year Book and he wasn't asked. He will be asked to do the 2000 and 2001. Motion made by John Walstrom and seconded by Bill Reaugh to accept the report.

c. Awards – John DeLauriea
Report was made by Gary Keller. Northeastern Wisconsin received Outstanding Region Chapter. Two students from UW-Whitewater received the Betty Stevens-Frecknal Scholarship (Association).

d. Bylaws – Bill Reaugh
Received updated Bylaws from Rock River, Illowa, and Windy City. Upon review, Rock River and Windy City had to make more changes and Illowa only had editorial comments. Illowa's were approved pending the correction. Motion by Bill Reaugh and seconded by Gary Keller.

A copy of Milwaukee's has been received but not reviewed yet. On the website Perry Fritz is to delete the first 2 pages of the Bylaws as they are editorial comment. Mark will send reminders to each chapter that they need to revise their Bylaws.

e. Directory – Perry Fritz
Chapters are slow to notify of their changes. If there was not data sent, he stayed with last year. The question was asked about having a discussion page. Perry will check into it.

f. Library – Rick Piunti
Report from Rick Greisser-Libraian to have the info placed on the Website for all to see what we have.

g. Membership – Mark Gilfand
No report. Rich Barnier will work on this Committee as Chair.

h. Nominating – Mark Gilfand
A slate of officers to remain the same as 2001 was presented.

i. Student Chapters - NCC Funding – Bill Reaugh

Discussion on what criteria is used to select the winners was held. Bill Reaugh moved to allocate \$2400 to this use in 2002. Seconded by Rick Piunti and passed.

6. New Business

a. Status of Association and District Elections – Larry Schmitz

Larry reported the Gary Keller lost the Secretary/Treasurer election to Sam Luke by a small margin. George Koscho won the race for Vice President/President Elect. Rick Piunti won election as District Director. The voting from Region 5 was terrible.

b. 2002 Region Officer Elections – Mark Gilfand

The Slate of Officers as presented under the Nominating Committee report was approved by acclimation. Motion made by Bill Reaugh and Seconded by Jim Anderson.

c. Spring 2002 Region Meeting – Mark Gilfand

St. Louis chapter offered to host this meeting. The location is OK by the date of March 28 or 29 is Passover/Good Friday. Mark will ask them if they can change the date to April 25 or 26.

d. 2002 Region Conference (Twin City) update – Mark Gilfand

No date has been set. Trying for 3 tracts. No contracts with any facilities yet. Discussed possible dates.

e. Status of Southern Wisconsin Chapter – Mark Gilfand

Discussion as to what to do to find out anything about them. Mark will send a letter to the members to ask them if they are having meetings or what is happening.

f. Electronic Voting Procedure Review – Reaugh/Piunti

Change 10 days for discussion to 7 and voting from 5 to 3 days. Voting can begin before the discussion is over. Eliminate Calling the Question.

g. Other Operating Procedure changes – Richard Piunti

Nothing to report. Will be reviewed and have changes for next meeting. Each officer should check their areas for changes.

h. Advertising on the Region Website – Bill Reaugh

Bill Reaugh was approached about ads from a Vendor. Discussion was had if we want to have Region ads and what should be charged. Website Committee (Directory) is to investigate the feasibility. We will use the N.E.W. rates and review in 6 Months.

i. Purpose/ role/ expectations of the Region – Mark Gilfand

Discussion held on what is important that the Region should do. How to offer Region Conferences was brought up. Most people are unable to attend National Conferences how can the Region help? It was noted that we must get more members (draw) to Conferences. The newsletter does have value to it. Chapters need to get articles turned in if they want anything in the newsletter. We need to get commitments for the 2003 and 2004 Conferences.

8. Post agenda items

Memorial check for Jim Rosel didn't go out. We didn't have any info to get it to whom. Rich Barnier will write a letter and Tony LaCrosse will give the check to Rich.

9. Adjournment

Rick Piunti moved and Bill Reaugh seconded motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:33 p.m. on October 5, 2001.