

Potomac Area Technology And Computer Society, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 16 September 2024

Location: On-line (Zoom)

Starting Time: 19:00

In Attendance:

x Paul Howard, President	x Nick Wenri, 1 st VP	x Mel Mikosinski, 2 nd VP
x Jim Rhodes, Secretary	x Roger Fujii, Treasurer	x Bill Walsh, Director
<input type="checkbox"/> Mike Emery, Director	x Leti Labell, Director	x Mel Sachs, Director
x Geoffrey Goodrum, Director	x Henry Winokur, Dir/Editor	x Frank Fota, Director
x Denotes Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Denotes Absent	<input type="checkbox"/> Kathy Perrin, Director

Reports Received (attached):

1. August 2024 BOD Meeting Minutes (Jim Rhodes)
2. September 2024 Treasurer Report (Roger Fujii)
3. September 2024 Membership Report (Mel Mikosinski)
4. September 2024 APCUG Rep Report (Emailed)

Significant Discussion/Actions:

- *President's Remarks:* Paul Howard asked Geof Goodrum on progress of nomination for officers; Geof indicated that Mel Mikosinski was willing to stand for 2nd Vice President. Jim Rhodes indicated he would run for re-election as Secretary. Nick Wenri and Roger Fujii both indicated they were willing to continue in their respective offices. Geof, election committee chairman, commented he was looking for election committee help for independent corroboration of election results. He suggested using an online survey/form process for future elections.
- *Secretary Comments:* None (no corrections offered to August Minutes)
- *Treasurer's Report:* Roger Fujii had nothing to add to his treasurer's report.
- *Membership Report:* Mel Mikosinski noted that membership was going down; one or two per month without new recruits. At Paul's request he has included a little analysis of attendance versus mailed printed newsletters. Mel reiterated his statistics which were followed by an extensive discussion of possible causes and effects. A membership survey of reasons for not attending meetings and/or discontinuing or charging for the printed/mailed newsletter was proposed. Roger to work-up proposed questions and send to Geof for developing a google form which Geof will pass by the board before conducting the survey.
- *Newsletter Report:* Henry Winokur stated he had gotten a couple of votes on newsletters for the APCUG contest. September has gotten two votes. He will review other back issues for consideration as the second submission.
- *APCUG Representative Report:* Gabe Goldberg submitted his report by email.
- *New Business / Updates:*
 - Paul Howard reported that we still need new programs for October, November, and December for the Saturday meetings
 - No progress on Mel Sach's suggestion on improving the rate of return on PATAC's idle funds.
 - Treasurer (Roger) and 1st VP (Nick) to develop a proposed budget for FY 2025.
- All reports received were approved.

Recorder: Jim Rhodes

Adjournment: 19:48