

UUGI Executive Board
April 6, 2008

Present: Merry Bortz, Pat Nicholls, David Slater, Debby Conrad, Coleen Neary, Mark Andrews, Karen Eggert, Carla Clark, Brian Sherman, Scott Thomas, Shawn Carraway, Ranny Lacanienta, Michael L. Bowden, Debbie Martin.

Meeting was called to order at 5:23 PM by chair, Carla Clark.

Everyone in the meeting was introduced by name and position. Carla gave an overview of the position description for each elected position.

09 Conference Planning (Carla)

Initial meetings and plans have started already with CODI board members. The 09 will be held April 5-8 in Dallas and the hotel at that time will be a Sheraton (currently Adams Mark). There is not a hotel shuttle but there is a shuttle that runs to the area. This will be well advertised. Pia/ICM will manage registration again. Tom Gates will arrange for the graphics again, UUGI will design the website and CODI will design the program. SD is picking up the hotel liability for 09.

Merger Discussions (Carla)

Merger discussions will be a big item for this year. Should there be an entirely new group or should one group dissolve into the other. Several options and scenarios were discussed. Is needed, possibly a mediator could be hired to work with the groups for a time. The committee will need to decide which items are flexible and which are non-negotiable. The group plans to proceed with good fair negotiations.

Report and Next Steps After Friday Meeting with SD Execs (Carla)

By 23 April a summary report from this meeting is to be posted to the UUGI website. There will be some action items and dates. One of the main/first items to address in the first quarter is improving communication between users and UUGI committee and SD execs and UUGI committee. An additional area of immediate concern is improving communication between SIGs/RUGs and UUGI committee. Some suggestions mentioned were specialized mailing lists and blogs. Merry stated that our current ISP does offer the ability for a secure member login portion. Merry is posting older conference documents on the UUGI site that SD was removing from their site. She and Mark will ask if other older documentation can be posted on the UUGI site also if SD is going to remove it. Since the committee would like to provide more support to RUGs we will need some guidelines to determine what actually constitutes an "official" RUG.

Post-conference Survey (Michael)

Michael will send a draft of the post-conference survey to member of the executive committee for feedback. It will then be sent/posted to gather user responses.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM by Chair, Carla Clark.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Debbie Martin