

**Minutes of UUGI Executive Committee conference call  
Friday, February 29, 2008**

Present: (UUGI) Mark Andrews; Carla Clark; Dave Slater; Karen Eggert; Michael Bowden; Coleen Neary; Shawn Carraway; Scott Thomas

(CODI) Chair Amy Terlaga, Chair-elect Chris Hauser, and Tammy Baker

Absent: Debbie Martin; Debby Conrad; Lissa Potter; Ranny Lacanienta; Merry Bortz

Meeting called to order at 11:03 CST

Minutes of the February 8 meeting were approved with no corrections.

**Treasurer's Report**

Dave Slater reported that UUGI currently has \$50,015 in checking and \$10,257 in savings. Dave reported that membership dues are coming in more quickly now that people are registering for the conference and realizing that their dues are not up-to-date.

About 600 people have registered for the conference so far. Dave is working on verifying UUGI members versus non-members. He will speak with Pia again about identifying the CODI members. He will send a message to the executive committee with the approximate number of current UUGI members.

**Old Business**

**Meetings for the remainder of the time prior to the SuperConference.** Mark moved and Carla seconded that the committee will trim its remaining conference calls to March 14 and 28. Carla noted that the committee can certainly re-schedule a call if one is needed. Motion passed unanimously.

**2010 conference location.** There was discussion about the outcome of the e-vote on Thursday to approve the Coronado. Debbie Martin was not available to indicate whether there was a majority, and since Pia needed an answer before the end of the day, Mark rescinded his e-motion (no pun intended) and the committee agreed to a new vote. Mark moved and Coleen seconded that the committee approve the Disney Coronado in Orlando, Florida as the venue for the 2010 joint conference. Coleen commented that it would a great opportunity for attendees to bring their families. Motion passed unanimously.

**Text of blurb re/Q&A w/SD.** As with the previous e-motion, the attempted e-vote was rescinded, and the committee agreed to a new vote. Mark moved and Michael seconded that the survey to solicit questions from the UUGI membership be approved. Motion passed unanimously. The survey text will read:

The UUGI Executive Committee has decided to try a different approach to the Q and A with SirsiDynix executives this year. The closing session will not include the scripted Q and A with SirsiDynix executives. Instead, the UUGI Executive Committee will meet with SirsiDynix executives on Friday, April 4, prior to the SuperConference.

We feel this format meeting will be more conducive to frank conversation with the SirsiDynix executives. The planned outcome is to create an outline stating the UUGI membership's concerns, and to provide a formal basis for our interaction with SirsiDynix over the coming year. We will submit your questions, discuss desired outcomes, and require some plan of action with a projected date from SirsiDynix.

The UUGI Chair will present these questions, the responses, and agreed-upon outcomes, to SuperConference attendees at the UUGI business meeting. A formal document with this information will also be posted on the UUGI web site after the conference.

Please complete the form below to submit a question to be answered by SirsiDynix. You do not need to be a member of UUGI to submit a question. You may submit multiple questions - please keep each question to one topic.

**Merger resolution.** Mark opened the conversation about whether we should poll the membership about a merger at this time. He asked Carla and Scott to summarize the most recent conversations about how to word a request for approval of a merger.

Carla started by saying that Scott suggested that a vote might not be necessary at this time. Scott observed that there are two ways to approach the merger. He said that although dissolving just one group and merging it with the other might be the most legally expeditious, the membership might prefer that a whole new group be formed.

Amy Terlaga, CODI's chair, said that initially CODI's attorney said it would indeed be easier to fold one group into the other, but that after further discussion with their attorney, she believes that forming a new group is not unmanageable.

Mark polled each UUGI representative to ask if forming a new group is preferable. The response was unanimous that the preference is for a new group to be formed, and for the two existing groups to dissolve and contribute their assets to the newly formed group, and to accomplish this by the 2009 joint conference. Amy Terlaga will report back to CODI's board that this is UUGI's preference.

The question of whether UUGI is a 501(c)(6) arose. Carla read from UUGI's Articles of Incorporation, which makes reference to UUGI as a 501(c)(6). Dave added that he has an affidavit from UUGI's former attorney stating that UUGI is a 501(c)(6).

Michael raised several questions about how the new bylaws will be approved, and how new officers will be elected, and wondered if one year is enough time to accomplish the process. Carla observed that the Australian users' groups had recently merged, and that they said the process was not too difficult once they decided how to proceed. Amy Terlaga mentioned that the Ex-Libris and Endeavor users' groups recently went through the same process. She knows someone who was involved, and they are willing to share their experience.

The discussion turned to whether any vote is needed at this time. The committee decided that the best course of action for now is to draft a memo of understanding with the CODI board to begin planning for a merger. A vote on a merger would be presented to the respective memberships as the plan is more concrete. The memo of understanding will be drafted and signed by both executive committees prior to the SuperConference, and we will present this to the membership at the conference.

Carla moved and Michael seconded, that UUGI and CODI produce a memo of understanding that the two groups will plan a merger; and that said merger will involve the creation of a new group and the dissolution of the two groups; the two groups shall contribute their assets to the new group; and that the merger will be accomplished in time for the 2009 joint conference.

Voting in favor of the motion were Mark, Carla, Karen, Michael, and Coleen. Dave had to step out briefly during the conversation and so he abstained from voting. No one opposed.

**SuperConference '08 Report.** Michal said that the program is now available online. He has been talking with Pia about some of the last minute details. Pia will be looking into some options for transportation from/to the airport, since the cost of a cab is rather high. The API after dark session will be Monday from 6-8 PM. Lissa is working on a list of local restaurants for attendees. There will not be a separate registration desk for the Executive Conference. Michael will talk with Pia about whether UUGI volunteers will have to help with badges, etc. for the Executive Conference.

Michael expressed his concerns that the web page design seems to subvert the SuperConference information in favor of the Executive Conference. Carla agreed, but she observed that since SirsiDynix is still hosting and designing the page that UUGI probably doesn't have much leverage here. She added that she and Amy Terlaga have spoken with Tom Gates about a meeting at the SuperConference to address all of the items concerning the 2009 joint conference. Carla stated that she would like for all of the people who will be involved with the planning to be at this meeting to discuss which group will do what. She and Amy are in agreement that UUGI and CODI should take over as much of the planning and execution as possible. Tom is very agreeable to this.

Mark asked Carla about the pre-conferences. Carla reported that registration for the two pre-conferences is going very well. The last report she received from Pia indicated that there were 66 people registered for the full-day session and 50 for the half-day

session, so we are in good shape in terms of profit. She said that Slavko had contacted her with some requests for AV setups, which she has forwarded to Pia. Stephen asked for two additional laptops and Internet drops for his session. Carla said that since registration numbers are good we can afford these additional expenses.

**Nominations.** Coleen said that although she had a few more people express interest in running for office, when she followed up with each person, no one was willing to commit. She will send out the ballot with a write-in option for each position, since right now every person is unopposed. She needs a few pictures, and then she will have the candidates check their personal information one last time. She thanks Shawn for all of her work helping to get the information together. The ballot should be ready the first week in March.

Agenda items III d, e, and f were covered in previous conversations, so no further discussion was needed.

### **New Business**

**Volunteers for the registration desk at the conference.** Pia sent Michael a spreadsheet with the times that we will need volunteers. Michael will create a survey with the times so people can sign up. The committee agreed that volunteers might be allowed to attend a session or two since they are helping us out, but paying attendees might object to a full “day pass” for volunteers who are not otherwise registered. The committee agreed that these requests could be considered on a case-by-case basis should the question arise.

Agenda item IV c was covered in previous business, no further discussion was needed.

Action items:

- Mark will inform Pia that the committee has approved the Coronado for the 2010 conference.
- Mark and Carla, along with Amy and Chris, will begin drafting the memo of understanding regarding the merger.
- Dave will send the number of current UUGI members

Meeting adjourned at 12:03.