

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

Meeting Date: 15 January 2024

Location: On-line (Zoom)

Starting Time: 18:59

*In Attendance:*

x Paul Howard, President	x Nick Wenri, 1 <sup>st</sup> VP	x Mel Mikosinski, 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP
x Jim Rhodes, Secretary	x Roger Fujii, Treasurer	x Bill Walsh, Director
x 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                      □ Denotes Absent      x Kathy Perrin, Director

*Reports Received (attached):*

1. December 2023 BOD Meeting Minutes (Jim Rhodes)
2. January 2024 Treasurer Report (Roger Fujii)
3. January 2024 Membership Report (Mel Mikosinski)

*Significant Discussion/Actions:*

- *President's Remarks:* Included at top of agenda. Announced Glen Carlin resident seeking help with Photo Mechanic; anyone with knowledge of it please contact that individual. With two new board members Paul spent a lot of time updating the website and reminded all of the new Zoom meeting numbers for first and fourth Wednesdays. Also added that OLLI changes meeting numbers each term which will affect the third Saturday Meetings.
- *Secretary Comments:* Jim Rhodes issued a corrected copy of the minutes; no further errors noted.
- *Treasurer's Report:* Roger Fujii commented that the Glen Carlin Citizens had not yet cashed our check for the Village View ad. Paul will provide him with the CGA's treasurer info and Roger will contact. Mel Mikosinski advised that his numbers now agree with Rogers. Donations were down; Paul noted that "we blew it" at year end in not encouraging members to donate.
- *Membership Report:* Mel Mikosinski reported one new member from the Fredericksburg area upping our number to 82. We have added Frank Fota and the President of the Fredericksburg group to our mail list to encourage recruiting additional members.
- *Newsletter Editor's Report:* Henry Winokur advised "nothing going on" – next newsletter due out the January 24<sup>th</sup> and proof readers are working out quite well.
- *APCUG Representative Report.* Gabe Goldberg emailed his report.
- *New Business / Updates:* Apple Pi looking for a place to meet – looking to form a club at OLLI. Parking at OLLI discussed. For future meetings Paul stated a GMU Professor Peter Baker has done research on solar flares that might bring down the internet. Paul is hopeful he might have a presentation he could give us. Another professor is going to give us a presentation in April on climate change pragmatism. Snacks for meetings were briefly discussed as well as a Luncheon. A March 16<sup>th</sup> -St Patricks Day Meeting/Luncheon was proposed; Paul and Leti to discuss offline after the meeting. Paul and Frank Fota further discussed considerations on getting the word on our meeting out to the Fredericksburg PC User group people. Forwarding a copy of the CoolPo invoice to the Fredericksburg club treasurer for documenting their donation was discussed along with CoolPo setup and configuration considerations. Winter driving considerations for Roberts Road and backup plans for Saturday Meetings were addressed along with status of the PATACS automated calendar without specific resolution.
- All reports received were approved.

Recorder: Jim Rhodes

Adjournment: 19:45