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Jim Dinkey - Notes From the Prez

Hank Skawinsky, our July Speaker, is returning by popular demand. Hank is on the bleeding edge of computer support; he has about 800 that he is taking care of on a daily basis. While there will still be a Random Access at the meeting, Hank will be invited to comment on those brought forth by the membership and so the meeting may just drift into an extended session.

The Board is still hassling with some fine points of the modified by-laws; which is all the better. However, this means that the officers will have to stand for election all over again about November, even though we just finished an election. Such is progress.

Concerning the trips, this time the response rate is not nearly as high as before. It may well be that the turnout will be better when the actual dates are released. I am checking out the Computer Museum this coming Wednesday to assure that all is well. None of the trips seem to have turned on the entire membership.

- 4 Hornet Aircraft Carrier Alameda
- 5 Bevatron U of C at Berkeley
- 6 Intel Museum of Chip Manufacture
- 8 Ames Museum of Computer History
- 5 Palo Alto Power Distribution Control Center

Many of our members have a number of computers at home

with various capabilities and printers. Moreover, I'll be that when you want to get files from machine to machine, you employ 'sneaker net' e.g. carrying floppies (Zips) from machine to machine.

Wouldn't it be nicer to merely click on the icon of the other machine, point to the file(s) you want on your machine, and then drag them over to your machine at electronic speeds?

Further, how many times have you wished that the printer that is on the other machine would be just a click away? Why shouldn't the color printer be available to both (or more) systems and why are you not able to get to all of the laser printers that you need?

If you are still flipping switchboxes, then you are a candidate for a course I have been thinking about for the full utilization of Windows 98 networking.

Also ask me at the meeting about how effective the cable modem speeds are from the Palo Alto Cable Co-op - a further utilization of the networking capabilities of Windows 98. Up to 20

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times the speed of downloading is mighty nice. We have 20+ on cable modems at a senior center I support.

One of the things that I have been working on for the past few months is to sharpen my skills on the ability to network computers together under Windows 98. All of the capabilities I have mentioned above can be activated in your home for the cost of some network interface cards.

Indeed, there are complete plug and play kits that also will allow the capabilities I have mentioned above. If there are switchboxes around at all, you are obsolete and missing some real built-in capabilities.

The Board authorized the purchase of a video projector to replace the LCD panel and overhead to permit the effective presentation of not only the DOM but also any other requirements of guest speakers. So far I have done nothing with the requirement, but your are requested to see if your employer has a unit that they consider salable at a reasonable price; else we will see what is available in the low-end market. The unit will be used for teaching and for the monthly meetings when the speaker needs but does not have one.

Mention needs: Our speaker for October needs a carousel projector for his slides. Do we have an attendee that could loan the use of one for an hours or so?

The lineup of speakers is:

Wednesday July 28 – Hank Skawinsky – Mid Year Review – All the latest problems and hacks from the bleeding edge of customer service of 800+ computers.

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 ★ **Elks Lodge** ★
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 ★ **Hank Skawinski will survey the PC field and** ★
 ★ **what the future may hold.** ★
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Wednesday August 25 – Rick Altman
Getting Grahical

To some, the mere hint of including a picture or illustration in a document is enough to create hives. Publishing specialist and former SPAUG president Rick Altman joins us for an evening to discuss how to add a bit of punch to your work without getting arrested by the design police.

Topics are likely to include:

- Vector and bitmap? Say what??
- It takes two to tango in the import/export dance
- The miracle of the portable document
- Everyone wants to be a Webmaster...
- Achieving absence of ugliness

This talk is geared for any PC user who has dabbled with creating graphics and wants to understand more.

Wednesday, September 29 – TBD

Wednesday, October 27 – Seth Shostak –Researcher, SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence). Seth will review the objectives and computing power needed for this type of research. He will also elaborate on another computing project in Berkeley.

Wednesday, November 24 – TBD

**PROPOSED CHANGES in the SPAUG
BY-LAWS:**

These changes will be voted on at the next general meeting.

ARTICLE II. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE
Section (1) (a) statespersonal computer users (DOS and other compatible computers)

Proposed change: Delete "(DOS and other compatible computers)"

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP
Section A.
This section defines four (4) types of memberships: Individual, Student, Family, and Corporate. The

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Committee, after much debate, has limited membership to one class of members, i.e., individual members.

Section B.

The grace period for late payment of dues has been extended from "one month" to "three months".

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS

Refers to "Group Bulletin Board"

This has been changed to "Group Internet Home Page"

ARTICLE V. GOVERNANCE

Section A. Board of Directors

[Since the composition of the Board of Directors is not specified in the current By-laws, the Committee has added the following information listed below.]

After "The Board of Directors", add: ", composed of the five elected officers, "

Section B. Planning Committee:

".....Bulletin Board Sysop, Program Chair, Volunteer Program Chair, Software Librarian, and APCUG Representative."

Change "Bulletin Board Sysop" to "Webmaster(s)".

Delete "Volunteer Program Chair" [Program Chair is already listed.]

Delete "APCUG Representative". [No longer relevant.]

Add: "Government Relations Chair" [Arlan Kertz handles our dealings with the State and Federal Tax Boards, but currently has no title.]

ARTICLE VI. ELECTED OFFICERS

Section A. President:

Typo:all meetings of the Board of Trustees.....

Change "Trustees" to "Directors"

Section B. Vice-President:

Delete the last line: "The Vice President will be responsible for arranging all programs including those for the general meetings and special programs including educational workshops, seminars and shows."

[This is too restrictive on the Office of Vice-President. In any case, the position of Program Chair is already listed above.]

Section C. Treasurer

[The size of checks that require two (2) signatures has been increased from \$100 to \$200 to account for inflation

since these By-laws were first written.]

ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES, CHAIRPERSONS AND MANAGERS

"B. Bulletin Board Sysop: The Bulletin Board Sysop shall be responsible for running and monitoring the Group bulletin board system for maintaining the equipment and software in good operating condition, and for upgrading as needed."

Change to:

B. Webmaster(s): The Webmaster(s) shall be responsible for designing and maintaining the SPAUG Internet web site.

ARTICLE VIII. ELECTIONS

Section A. Annual Elections.

[The elections are scheduled for April with the Officers taking office in May, but the fiscal year of SPAUG starts the first of January.

The dates in this Section have been changed so that the Officers will take office on the first of January. In this way the new officers will serve during the time of the new budget year, rather than spanning parts of two budget years.]

ARTICLE X. DISSOLUTION

Typo: Change "section" to "Section"

BY-LAWS of STANFORD/PALO ALTO PC USERS GROUP (Revised 6/17/99)

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the corporation is Stanford/Palo Alto PC Users Group, hereinafter referred to as SPAUG, the Group, or the corporation.

ARTICLE II. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The specific and primary purposes for which this Group is organized includes, but is not limited to the following:

- (1) Providing education to advance the effective utilization of the personal computer by:
 - (a) providing a forum for personal computer users to

Questions and Answers

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Bill Goldmacker	DOS	650 691 0911	6PM - 9PM	gold@svpal.org
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Arlan Kertz - "SPAUG 501(c)"

This is to remind you that SPAUG is a non profit organization registered with the IRS under Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3). In this regard, your dues (except for \$12 for the newsletter) are deductible. Also, any additional cash and or other non-business assets donated to SPAUG are also deductible.

Elks Lodge, 4249 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA 94306-4496

The Elks Lodge is at 4249 El Camino Real on the North side of the street, between Charleston and San Antonio Road, but very close to Charleston. It is next to Ricky's Hyatt House, which is on the corner.

Park your car in the parking lot at the front of the lodge, and proceed to the center door. This is a keycarded door so we will have someone at the door to let you in. Proceed to the Lodge Room straight ahead, and to the left.

If you cannot get in the center door because you are late, press the new wireless

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discuss and cooperate on their common interests and needs;

(b) providing an interface between computer users and the computer industry for keeping abreast of developments and to exchange information and experience;

(c) providing impartial information about computer products;

(d) providing access to computer resources.

(2) Advancing the art and science of computing and information processing through education and the interchange of ideas.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP, ENTITLEMENTS AND DUES

A. Individual Member: An Individual Member can vote in elections, is eligible for all club privileges, and if 18 years of age or older can hold elective office.

B. Membership Term and Dues Schedule

(1) Membership Term: The payment of dues entitles a member to one year's membership. Renewal of membership is due by the renewal date shown on the mailing label of the Member's newsletter. A grace period of three months may be given, but a Member not renewing before the end of this period ceases to be a Member.

(2) Dues Schedule: The rates and amounts of dues, within the guidelines set out above and with a Board recommendation, are to be voted on by the general membership at a General Meeting. The Board may recommend a change of dues no more than once a year.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS

A. Open Meetings: All General Meetings of the Group are open to the members and the general public. Meetings of the Board, Planning Committee and Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are open to all Members.

B. Location and Time of Meetings: Location and time of all regular meetings, including General Meetings, SIG meetings, and meetings of the governing bodies are to be published in the Group Newsletter. Any changes from the location and time published in the newsletter are to be posted on the Group Internet Home Page.

C. General Meeting: The General Meeting is held on the last Wednesday of the month. The Board has the authority to change the meeting time and location on an emergency basis. The general membership has the authority to change the regular time or location of the General Meeting by majority vote at a General Meeting.

ARTICLE V. GOVERNANCE

The Board of Directors oversees the management of the Group and the legal matters of the corporation. The Planning Committee oversees the day-to-day operations of the Group. The governing bodies provide leadership and act as a steering mechanism for the Group.

A. Board of Directors: The Board of Directors, composed of the five elected officers, may exercise all such powers of the corporation and may do all such lawful acts that do not violate these By-laws and do not endanger the nonprofit status of the corporation. All such lawful acts by the Board of Directors are binding on the corporation. The Board has the sole authority to approve expenditures, appoint committees and chairpersons, and call for special elections. The Board has the authority to overrule any action or measure of the Planning Committee if such action or measure endangers the Group's nonprofit status or does not otherwise adhere to the By-laws.

A quorum is three and is required for any vote. A majority is over 50% of the Directors voting. A majority vote is required for adoption of any measure.

B. Planning Committee: The Planning Committee is constituted of all members of the Board of Directors and all chairpersons appointed by the Board. The Planning Committee may have a minimum of four and a maximum of twelve members in addition to the Board members. These may include, but are not

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limited to, Newsletter Editor, Webmaster(s), Program Chair, Government Relations Chair, and Software Librarian.

The Planning Committee shall have the authority to adopt all policies and vote on all measures not reserved to the Board of Directors or to the general membership by these By-laws.

A quorum is 25% of the Planning Committee and must include one elected officer. A simple majority vote is required for adoption of any measure.

C. Measures to be Voted: Introduction of issues and the beginning of discussions shall take place at a regular meeting. Continued discussion and a vote on measures based on an issue previously introduced shall take place at a following regular meeting.

D. Minutes: All governing bodies shall publish minutes or summaries of meetings in the Group Newsletter. These minutes or summaries shall include treasury reports, committee appointments, and the passage or failure of any voted measures.

E. Compensation: No Officer or Director, or Member of the Planning Committee shall receive any salary or other compensation for his or her services in performing that duty.

F. Emergency Meetings: Emergency meetings may be called by the presiding officer of a governing body, and emergency measures voted upon without prior introduction of an issue. Discussion and vote may take place by telephone.

A quorum for an emergency meeting is two-thirds. A two-thirds majority is required for adoption of any measure. The results and tally of any emergency meeting vote shall be published in the Group Newsletter.

ARTICLE VI. ELECTED OFFICERS

A. President: The President shall be the chief executive officer of the corporation; shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and all general membership meetings; shall execute

bonds, mortgages, deeds, leases, and other contracts requiring a seal, under the seal of the corporation; and shall have general and active management of the business of the corporation.

B. Vice President: The Vice President shall, in the absence or disability of the President, perform all duties and exercise the powers of the President and shall perform such other duties as the Board of Directors shall prescribe.

C. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall have custody of the corporate funds and keep full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements. The Treasurer shall disburse the budgeted funds of the Group according to the approved budget, using proper voucher methods for such disbursements. Checks under \$200 shall require one signature; checks over \$200 shall require the signature of the Treasurer and the President. Disbursement of non-budgeted funds may be approved for expenditure by the Board of Directors. A report shall be prepared monthly, showing receipts and expenditures and the financial condition of the Group. An inventory list of all assets showing who has physical possession shall be maintained.

The fiscal year begins the first day of January.

D. Recording Secretary: The Recording Secretary shall be responsible for keeping full minutes of the meetings of the governing bodies; keeps and has charge of all nonfinancial records of the corporation, together with the seal and charter; and has the sole authority to affix the seal of this corporation.

E. Membership Secretary: The Membership Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the membership records of the Group and provides labels for the newsletter and other mailings.

ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES, CHAIRPERSONS AND MANAGERS

A Member appointed Chairperson or Manager of a standing committee shall become a member of the Planning Committee. Committee composition shall be reviewed annually by the Board for the possible rotation of assignments to encourage wider participation. Additional standing committees or ad hoc committees may be

appointed by the governing bodies.

A. Newsletter Editor: The Newsletter Editor shall be responsible for writing, editing, producing and mailing a monthly newsletter that announces all Group business and serves as the official publication for SPAUG.

B. Webmaster(s): The Webmaster(s) shall be responsible for designing and maintaining the SPAUG Internet web site.

C. Budget Committee: The Budget Committee shall prepare an annual budget, audits financial records, and carries out an annual inventory of assets.

ARTICLE VIII. ELECTIONS, VACANCIES, AND RECALL

A. Annual Elections: An annual election of officers shall take place in October. Elected officers take office on the first of January.

An elections officer is appointed in August. All members shall be notified in August of the opportunity to submit nominations.

At the September general meeting, the elections officer shall announce nominations received, and accept additional nominations from the floor. The nominations shall then be declared closed. Candidates shall be given an opportunity to speak from the floor at the September general meeting, and may submit statements to be published in the next regular newsletter.

In the newsletter preceding the October meeting, the slate of nominees shall be communicated to all Members. If there is more than one nominee for any elected office, the elections officer shall provide an absentee ballot in the newsletter. The ballot shall provide a space for signature by the Member and the return address of the elections officer. A member may cast an absentee vote by marking the ballot, signing, and returning the ballot to the elections officer whose address is provided. The ballot must be received by the designated officer not later than the date of the October general membership meeting.

The election of officers shall take place at the October general meeting. All members present are eligible to cast their vote provided they have not returned an absentee ballot. The elections officer is charged with the responsibility of ensuring that each member casts one vote, that absentee ballots are properly tabulated, and that only eligible members vote. The vote tally shall be made by the elections officer, assisted by at least one member, and results announced at the meeting.

B. Special Elections: If there is a normal vacancy in an elected office, a special election shall be held at the next general membership meeting, with a member of the Board acting as election officer. Nominations may be made at this meeting. No absentee ballots may be cast.

C. Recall of Elected Officers: Members may call for the removal of any elected officers by the submission of a petition signed by at least three members. A recall petition and vote shall be handled in the same manner as specified in Article IX for the amendment to the By-laws.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

Members may propose amendments to the by submitting a petition, signed by at least three members and containing the proposed changes, to a member of the Board of Directors. Such a petition shall be sent by mail to all members of the group in the next regular newsletter, and a vote taken at the next general membership meeting. A majority vote of all members present shall be required for adoption of proposed changes.

ARTICLE X. DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of this organization all its assets remaining after payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution shall be distributed to organizations which have qualified for exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and none of the assets shall be distributed to any member, officer, or director of this organization.

End of By-Laws

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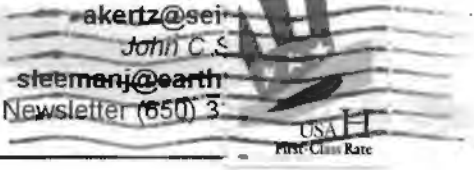
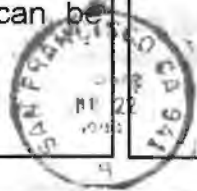
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