

**UUGI Executive Board
April 18, 2008
Conference Call
MINUTES**

I. Preliminaries

The meeting was called to order at 11:06 CST by Carla Clark

Present: Carla Clark, Brian Sherman, Shawn Carraway, Karen Eggert, Scott Thomas, Coleen Neary, Ranny Lacanienta, Merry Bortz, Michael Bowden, Pat Nicholls
Absent: Debbie Martin, Mark Andrews

Minutes from April 5th and 6th were approved with a motion by Shawn and seconded by Karen.

II. Secretary's Report

Carla gave thanks to Debbie for her Q&A session and April 4 minutes notes.

Carla asked if we can combine the April 4th minutes and Q&A and post on the website for our own members to see. She said she will write it up and send to the executive committee.

III. Old Business

SuperConference

Michael Bowden presented information on the conference wrap-up. There were a lot of good comments and ideas from the feedback. There were 294 responses from the 774 attendees. Access to SirsiDynix management is one of the bigger issues.

Merry asked for a summary of the feedback for the website.

A discussion was held on whether the executive and user track needs to be separate. Also, a discussion was held on having all SD sessions on 1st day and user sessions the rest of the conference.

There was a discussion about moderated sessions at Superconference. There have been issues with moderators handing off the sessions to SirsiDynix representatives and this is an issue when the moderators are receiving a moderator discount at registration. There needs to be a more structured format for moderators to get the discount. Shawn and Michael stated they would look into the matter.

Michael proposed that we look into vendor's that will underwrite flash drives with presentations on them. There is a need to work with CODI on this as to make sure all of our presentations will be on the drives. Shawn and Michael will give a summary on what they find.

Carla commented on how fast and well the Superconference survey was delivered.

IV. New Business

Committee Approach

Carla addressed this year's committee approach to the three major areas of work and asked if there is any opposition to it. There was none.

2009 Conference

The 2009 conference planning was addressed. Michael, Shawn, Ranny and Brian will get together with a plan for the conferences and pre-conferences.

Merger Negotiations

Carla commented about doing a wiki about it. Shawn asked why there is an urgent need to merge at this time. Carla stated that CODI has been encouraging us. It was agreed that the committee needs to speak with one unified voice.

Scott observed that in terms of the enhancements process, the merger is already happening.

The committee agreed that in the near future a closed session to discuss the merger issues and agree on a plan of action is desirable.

Carla proposed that a subcommittee should draft a document for the pros and cons of merging and what manner it should be done. She also suggested that the attorney she has spoken with should join the committee for a call to address the member's concerns.

Shawn agreed that we should address why we are merging and for what reasons.

RUGS AND SIGS

Merry has sent notes out to RUGS and SIGS. The next meeting will have the results.

Karen said she was approached by an UUGI member that stated there is a systems admin API summit and they are looking for support for the conference. Ranny stated that she believed the API summit should be treated as a RUG. Carla asked what "support" is going to be. There was discussion that there need to be a formalized document on recognizing RUGS AND SIGS.

Improving Communication

Mike would like us to take the Q&A comments and get updates from the SIRSIDYNIX execs.

Shawn stated that she would like to see more two way contact with users and let them make follow up comments.

Carla asked if we want to stay with our current website. A subcommittee was recommended to look at prices. Scott, Merry and Michael stated they would work on this.

Planning The Next Meetings

June call – Discuss RUGS AND SIGS

July – Discuss Conference Planning

Enhancement Forums

Scott stated SIRSIDYNIX solved the problem of which enhancement process to maintain by choosing the Unicorn enhancement. There will be a vote in May on whether to postpone allowing Horizon users to participate in getting on the enhancement forums.

O'Reilly

The discussion of whether UUGI should join O'Reilly was addressed. The main concern is whether SIRSIDYNIX would object because as Merry stated, in order to join it might be stipulated that SIRSI would have to provide O'Reilly with our membership list.

Possible meeting in Dallas

There was discussion on whether we should meet in Dallas in late summer. Michael commented that at last year's site visit to Detroit, SirsiDynix comped his room.

Representation to the European Unicorn User's Group

There was discussion on user groups overseas and whether they consider themselves RUGS or independent user groups. On the SirsiDynix website, it indicates that UUGI is the primary user group. Discussion commenced on which overseas user groups have merged their Unicorn and Dynix groups. Michael stated we need to clear up the issue of who is a RUG and SIG for the European User group.

The motion was made by Pat and seconded by Merry to send Carla to the European Unicorn User Group's annual conference. After Karen called for discussion on the matter, all present voted nay with Carla abstaining. The motion was not approved. Michael suggested that we name a special ambassador on our behalf that would report to us and would meet with European user group's executive committee.

Shawn moved and Michael seconded a motion to ask Elizabeth Chamberlain or another person of the committee's choosing to be a special Ambassador for UUGI to the European Unicorn User Group's annual conference. The motion was approved with no discussion.

The motion was made to pay for the registration fee of whomever the committee chooses to send as the special ambassador to the European Unicorn User Group's annual conference. Shawn moved and Michael seconded. The motion was approved. There was no discussion.

Pat stated that she will contact Tom Gates to check on the reconciliation of finances.

V. Action Items

Carla will write a summary report of the two Q & A sessions for the Exec Committee approval and posting to the UUGI web site.

Pat will contact Dave Slater and Tom Gates to talk about the reconciliation of finances from the conference.

Carla will contact Elizabeth Chamberlain to ask her if she will be an UUGI Ambassador at the EUUG Conference.

There is a motion to adjourn by Shawn and seconded by Michael.

Meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

---Minutes respectfully submitted by Brian Sherman