

UUGI Executive Board
January 10, 2008
Conference Call

MINUTES

- I. Preliminaries: The meeting was called to order at 10:01 CST by chair, Mark Andrews.

Present: Debbie Martin, David Slater, Mark Andrews, Carla Clark, Coleen Neary, Shawn Carraway, Michael Bowden, Ranny Lacanienta, Karen Eggert, Debby Conrad, Lissa Potter, Merry Bortz, and Scott Thomas.

Absent: Tammy Baker and Natalie Palermo.

There was one correction to the minutes. Merry Bortz did attend the December 6th conference call. Carla moved & David seconded to approve the December 6, 2007 minutes as corrected. The minutes were approved unanimously.

- II. Treasurer's Report:

David reported that UUGI memberships are still coming in. There are currently 276 paid members and 80 who have not yet paid. David reported a bank balance of \$45,890 in checking and \$10,257 in savings. \$3675 was paid to ICM in December. David felt we should be OK financially for the 08 and 09 conferences.

Last year, UUGI received the additional registration fees paid by non-members. Tom will need to be reminded of this. David reported that two libraries who were members last year indicated they would not renew their memberships. The reason was not known. Mark may contact them.

- III. Old Business:

A. SC '08 Closing Session Format (Mark)

The Executive Committee would like to solicit input from UUGI members and Sirsi libraries on issues/areas of concern. They would then meet with SirsiDynix executives prior to the '08 conference to discuss these issues. Updates could then be given to the membership at both the UUGI business meeting (which may need to be slotted for more time) and the closing session. The closing session could be shorter, with non-scripted questions. It was decided to try to arrange this meeting either over dinner, or followed by dinner. Mark will draft a tentative schedule and then work with the Exec committee and Tom Gates on the details. Lissa had suggestions for excellent restaurants in the area. Someone needs to confirm with Pia to see if our meeting room will be available on Friday. Other Exec committee business meetings will be held prior to, and during the conference. Some will include the current committee, some the current committee and the incoming nominees, and some the new committee members. A schedule will be developed.

B. SC '08 Pre-Conference Planning (Natalie – reported by Carla)

Carla reported that everything is moving along. Natalie will get a weekly list of registrants from Pia. She can then track the numbers and confirm that the registrants are UUGI members since that is a requirement. Natalie and Pia will look at the numbers and budget to decide if funds are available for extra computers in the full-day preconference room.

C. SC '08 Conference Planning (Lissa, Michael and Mark)

Currently there are 45 confirmed and 5 tentative sessions submitted. They would like at least 10 more. Michael will send a list of current topics and presenters. The SIGs/RUGs will be contacted to try to round up more presenters. It was reported that the SD graphic designer quit and that Karen Albright is swamped. The PowerPoint template and presenter discount codes were sent out today.

IV. New Business

A. Meeting Frequency (Mark)

It was decided to have meetings more frequently from here on out. The general schedule will be every other Friday at 11 AM Central time. Coleen will arrange the conference line.

B. UUGI & CODI Merger Meeting at ALA (Carla & Ranny)

Carla & Ranny will meet with Amy Terlaga and Chris Hauser from CODI to discuss a future merger and other areas of mutual concern/interest. Other Exec members are invited as well if they are at ALA. Carla & Ranny explained how Australia handled a similar situation by dissolving both groups & immediately forming a merged group with new bylaws. They will talk with CODI reps about timelines, possible names for a merged group and tentative steps. Scott mentioned that he will be having a conversation with Berit Nelson and CODI reps on January 30th to discuss the enhancement process.

C. Merge UUGI & CODI Early (Lissa)

Lissa suggested that UUGI should dissolve after the Detroit conference and let CODI take over since they have more financial resources and perhaps better bylaws. A discussion was held. Since we represent as many customers as CODI others felt this would not be in our best interest.

Lissa moved to dissolve UUGI as of the close of Superconference 08 and then have the remaining group hold elections from the entire membership so reconstitution would be bottom up and not top down. Coleen seconded. Some other opinions/concerns were that UUGI members would not automatically be CODI members if UUGI dissolved and that this would be a legal issue. The IRS and Alabama revised statutes would preclude this. It was suggested to bring some preliminary guidelines to the UUGI business meeting and to gather more input from members there. It was also suggested to have a blog/wiki to gather member feedback. A vote was held. One aye (Lissa) and the rest nay.

D. Colleen Meddling's Presentation (Michael)

At the CODI conference, there was a presentation about incorporating Library Thing into the library catalog. Colleen offered this presentation for UUGI. Since SirsiDynix underwrites the UUGI/Superconference they can and did veto this presentation since it

involves a third party vendor who is not a current SD vendor/partner. Pia is checking on some details. Amy T. from CODI may present a different session at the conference.

E/F Presenter's & Volunteer Discount Code (Lissa, Michael & Mark)

The code has been sent out to presenters and other folks eligible for the discount.

G. Opening '08 SC to CODI Members (Carla)

Tom Gates suggested opening the '08 SC to CODI members. A discussion was held. Carla moved and Lissa seconded to immediately open registration to other SirsiDynix customers to register for the '08 Superconference. There were 6 ayes and 0 nays or abstentions. Mark moved and Carla seconded to extend the UUGI member discount to CODI members in good standing, provided that someone from CODI verifies members in good standing. All registration monies collected over the conference expenses to go to UUGI. Carla, Coleen, David, Michael and Debbie voted aye. Lissa voted nay. 0 abstentions. Carla will notify Tom and Michael will notify Pia.

H. UUGI Executive Committee and SD Exec Summit Meeting on April 5th (Mark & Carla)

As discussed previously, Mark will work with Tom to find an agreeable time.

I. \$25 Gift Card for 1st Time Presenters (Mark)

Lissa had previously suggested some sort of thank you for first time presenters. Everyone agreed this was a good idea. Lissa is bringing baklava. In a future call we will decide what additional thank you to offer.

J. New Client Care Portal, Listservs and Forums (Mark)

Discussion was tabled for a future call.

K. Nominations (Coleen)

Nominations are trickling in. Coleen will send out another reminder.

V. Action Items

Action items from the agenda were:

Let candidates for office know to arrive in Detroit by April 5th for meeting (Coleen)

Check Karen's project plan at regular intervals (Mark)

Anything for Karen, Pia or Tom?

Meeting was adjourned at 11:26 AM CST by Mark Andrews. Next call is scheduled for Friday, January 25th at 11 AM CST.

--Minutes respectfully submitted by Debbie Martin