

HAL-PC BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF THE January 18, 2005 MEETING

Attendance

* indicates not present

F.Bobbio	*Don Dillard	*J.Pohlman	<u>Guests</u>
J.Brown	*L.Dillard	C.Sharp	Kay Manning
T.Burgess	*S.Doctor	A.Sipes	Wayne Manning
B.Coleman	*V.Elgothary	*R.Thomas	Marie Jones
D.Coleman	D.Flato	J.Thomas	Jeff Hupp
S.Cravey	F.Fuchs	R. Wilson	Ethan Getz
D.Crook	A.Greene		Eric Getz
*D.Dillard	R. Gunn		David Aldridge (TAC)

Robert called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. with a quorum present. Robert announced the resignation of Brian Walters from the Board due to a new major conflict of interest.

The guests attending the meeting were recognized. They are instructors and the owners of Cyberium Game Center, the location of the new West Houston learning center.

David Crook made the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. They were approved with no objections. Al Greene presented the Treasurer's report which will be available on the web on 1/19/05. Al reported positive income as of 12/31/2004. Al's report was thorough and compared data from 12/2003 to 12/2004. Even though HAL-Net budgeted a loss, we are currently showing a profit. Discussion focused on the comparison of 2003 and 2004 and where the money is being spent.

Robert reported that we have sold about 25 virus protection cards for desktops. The card for the laptop is not available yet. The cost is \$50 per card.

In an ongoing effort to keep in touch with members, David suggested that we set up a call bank to contact our members. Due to Brian's resignation, Dell Coleman was nominated by Robert and seconded by Al Greene to assume the duties of Membership Secretary. Dell did not object.

Accordingly, Dell presented the membership report that showed an increase in the membership as of 12/31/04 of 7969 members. The Board was handed a hard copy of the report.

Jay Thomas presented the Communications Report, also handed out as hard copy to the Board. He reported that there had been a net loss of 409 HAL-Net user accounts since August, 2004. Currently there are approximately 5038 users of HAL-Net. He also reported that there are no programs planned as well as no revenue or loss.

Fred Fuchs presented his motion, seconded by Cathy Sharp, to form a standing committee to review the reasons why people are leaving HAL-PC. This would also include people who have let their account expire. The motion is as follows:

Motion to form a standing committee, chaired by the Membership Secretary, to review reasons why people leave HAL-PC/HAL-NET, that will report to the Board on a regular basis with those reasons and/or recommendations for new services to the Board. The composition of the committee shall not include employees of HAL-PC/HAL-NET.

The motion was approved. Other motions that were brought to the Board's attention were tabled until the February Board meeting.

Discussion followed on the CAP program, and it was decided to roll that program into the new membership committee. David then withdrew his motion regarding the CAP issue.

Joe and Al addressed the Board regarding the relationship of HAL-PC and HAL-NET. The ad hoc committee was instructed to prepare and distribute information to the Board within 45 days on this issue. The Board will then meet in 60 days to act on the committee's recommendations. Tim is to prepare and distribute the report.

Anne Sipes presented the issues concerning the Education Committee. She further reviewed the timeline that resulted in miscommunications with the HAL-PC staff concerning the insurance issues that delayed the agreement with Ethan and Eric Getz of Cyberium Game Center, the location of the new West Houston Learning Center. There have been difficulties in getting the required Certificate of Insurance that our carrier required to protect HAL-PC. That has been resolved, and the Center is scheduled to open shortly. The instructors spoke positively about the location, and the additional students that were able to get to that location versus headquarters. Concerns were stated about ADA compliance and those were addressed.

In addition to the insurance issue, other issues concerning the relationship of the education committee and the Staff were discussed. Jay suggested that the Board should meet to establish specific parameters for the Education Committee and the Office Staff. Cathy Sharp thanked the Ethan and Eric Getz for being supportive of our moves.

Anne moved that we adjourn the meeting, Joe seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 pm with the request that we meet again in February to further address outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Coleman,
Recording Secretary