

**HOUSTON AREA LEAGUE OF PC USERS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 4TH BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

I. CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM

1. Recognize any non-member guests
2. Collect Conflict of Interest Statements

II. REPORTS

1. Presidents Report (Robert Gunn)
2. First Vice President - SIGs (Stephen Whitt)
3. Vice President - Communications (Jay Thomas)
4. Vice President - Programs (Mark Flato)
5. Treasurer (Victor Elgohary)
6. Membership Secretary (Brian Walters)
7. Recording Secretary (Anne Sipes)

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion to approve the minutes of the April 3rd, 2003 Board of Directors Meeting. **(Agenda Attachment 3, Anne Sipes)**
2. Motion to approve the minutes of the June 30th, 2003 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors. **(Agenda Attachment 4, Anne Sipes)**
3. Motion to hold a Special Meeting of the Members for the purpose of voting on the Bylaws changes (**Agenda Attachment 1, Anne Sipes**)
4. Motion to extend the budget(**Agenda Attachment 2, Anne Sipes**)

V. ADJOURN

Approved minutes of the September 4th Meeting of the Board of Directors

HOUSTON AREA LEAGUE OF PC USERS, INC.
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
4543 Post Oak Place
Houston, Texas

ATTENDEES:

Officers:

President	Robert Gunn
First Vice President - SIGs	Steve Whitt Absent
Vice President - Communications	Jay Thomas
Vice President - Programs	Mark Flato Absent
Treasurer	Victor Elgohary
Membership Secretary	Brian Walters
Recording Secretary	Anne Sipes

Directors:

Fernando Bobbio	
Joe A. Brown	
Tim Burgess	Absent
Dell Coleman	
Stephen Cravey	
Joseph DiFlavio	Absent
David Dillard	Absent
Don Dillard	Absent
Scott Doctor	Absent
Al Greene	
Chip Hubbard	
John Pohlman	Absent
Cathy Sharp	
Robert Thomas	Absent
David Walter	Absent
Reuben Wilson	Absent

Parliamentarian: Marilyn Gore

I. CALL TO ORDER AT 7:13 PM

The President reported that HAL-PC is currently facing severe budget problems. He said that the Treasurer would present the situation to the Board as part of his report.

The First Vice President - SIGs was not present and no report was given.

The Vice President Communications reported that there is a trend of losing dial-up clients and gaining DSL clients. He stated that DSL is not growing enough to make up our losses. He stated that we can not afford blanket advertising but would probably try some targeted advertising. He also said that we would probably have to reduce the number of magazine runs and increase web content.

The Vice President - Programs was not present and no report was given.

The Treasurer reported that he had some distressing news. He said that while HALNet revenues were increasing HAL-PC's overall revenue has been declining. He said that the subscriber base is falling and that the gross margin is declining. He said that we have realized a 50% decline since 2000. He stated that the Magazine lost \$174,000 last year alone. He also stated that we have already spent 40% of our reserves. He recommended that we use HALNet to promote HAL-PC and that we go to a quarterly printing of the magazine. He said that there is a lot of work to be done if we are to have a balanced budget. (Report is included as a separate file: 2003_Financial_Status.pdf)

The Membership Secretary reported that Membership is declining and has declined for all of the last year.

Anne Sipes made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 3rd, 2003 Board of Directors Meeting.

The motion passed.

Anne Sipes made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 30th, 2003 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors.

The motion passed.

Anne Sipes made a motion to hold a Special Meeting of the Members for the purpose of voting on the Bylaws changes:

Motion to hold a Special Meeting of the Members for the purpose of voting on the Bylaws changes Anne Sipes

Whereas: the HAL-PC Board of Directors has charged the Rules Committee with preparing revisions to the HAL-PC Bylaws, and

Whereas: the Rules Committee completed it's charge and prepared Bylaws changes to report to the Membership in March 2002, and

Whereas the new Rules Committee members were asked for their changes to the proposal on August 4th, 2003, and

Whereas: the new Rules Committee having had 30 days during which to make any revision to the proposal has not made any revisions to the previous proposal, and

Whereas: The online voting system is in place and has been tested, and

Whereas: All members of HAL-PC have been assigned membership passwords and will either be using those passwords, or will have those passwords printed on their December/January Magazine mailing label or on their new member letter, and

Whereas: All members of HAL-PC will be in the voting database, and

Whereas: the Bylaws changes will be published in the December/January Issue of HAL-PC Magazine.

Be it hereby resolved: that the Board of Directors of HAL-PC calls a Special Meeting of the Members for the purpose of voting on the Bylaws changes to be held on Saturday, January 3rd, 2004, and

Be it further resolved: that electronic voting will commence on December 3rd, 2003 and continue until the close of the record time for the vote: 3:00 pm, January 3rd, 2004, and

Be it further resolved: that the Election Committee be charged with administering the voting on this matter, and

Be it further resolved: At the close of voting on January 3rd, 2004, the Election Committee will generate and present to the membership a report of votes cast and Bylaws revisions approved.

The motion failed.

Anne Sipes made a motion to extend the budget:

Motion to extend the budget, Anne Sipes

Whereas: HAL-PC's Fiscal Year ends on May 31st, 2003, and,

Whereas: HAL-PC's Board of Directors approved a motion that the budget in place for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2003 be continued at the same monthly rate until a new budget is approved no later than the adjournment of the September 2003

Board of Directors Meeting, and,

Whereas: the previous motion to extend the budget was passed during the April 2003 Board of Directors Meeting, and

Whereas: there is no new budget included in this Board Packet for the members of the Board of Directors to review, and

Whereas: The authority of the organization to make disbursements Relies on a budget being in place.

Be it hereby resolved: That the budget in place for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2003 be continued at the same monthly rate until a new budget is approved no later than the adjournment of the October 2003 Board of Directors Meeting.

The motion passed.

Stephen Cravey made a motion to adjourn.

The September 4th Meeting of the Board of Directors adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anne Sipes
Recording Secretary