

Suncoast Information Specialists

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 15, 2011

CAE USA, Inc

President's Introduction: After a great tour of C.A.E., Hal Harmon opened the business meeting with a round of introductions.

Attendance: We had an approximate turnout of twenty-eight.

Secretary's Report: Robert Brammer presented a summary of the minutes from the SIS Executive Board Meeting held on 1/3/11.

Treasurer's Report: Judy Cole stated that our balance is \$919.04. We also have some outstanding deposits, so this figure should increase.

Membership tally: Betsy King stated that we now have sixty-two members.

FLA Scholarships: Jessica Riggins and Caroline Reed discussed the FLA Scholarships. It was decided to award three scholarships with a maximum award of \$150 per scholarship. The deadline for applications is April 1st. To be eligible, applicants must be enrolled in an ALA accredited library science program and be a member of SIS at the time the application is submitted. The scholarship is intended to defray lodging and travel expenses. Vice President Barbara Wiesenberg stated that we will ask the winners to write an article for our newsletter and supply photos for our website.

Newsletter Editor's Report: Megan called for newsletter contributions and asked that they be emailed to her.

Upcoming Meetings: Vice President Barbara Wiesenberg mentioned that we try to rotate the meeting location and dates to accommodate our member's busy schedules. We welcome any suggestions for upcoming

speakers. Pamela Burdett, Associate Director of Stetson Law Library, suggested that we hold the October meeting at Stetson on a Friday to avoid any conflicts with classes.

Announcements:

- Bill Harris discussed a student organization name change. The new name is S.O.L.I.S. or Student Organizations of Library and Information Science. They also created a new logo, and produced a t-shirt that is available to purchase for \$15. The proceeds will raise money for the student organization. There are only fifty shirts available, so e-mail Bill to purchase one while supplies last. The S.O.L.I.S. website is located here: <http://slisstudentorgs.usf.edu/>
Bill also mentioned that S.O.L.I.S. will provide a conference scholarship. Finally, on April 13th at 6:30 P.M., S.O.L.I.S. will host a panel discussion on the future of libraries. This promises to be a very special event and the panel will include the Director of the A.L.A.
- Arlen Benson has worked to organize a local T.E.D. technology conference that will be held at the New Dali museum on April 22nd. This is a great opportunity to learn about cutting edge technology. Attendance is limited, so please sign up in advance at the website: <http://tedxtampabay.com/> The conference is free, but a donation of \$25 is requested.

Following the business meeting, Jessica Riggins, Betsy King, Al Carlson and Diana Silveria provided us with an outstanding presentation on Google Apps. Unfortunately we experienced a power outage for almost the entire meeting, and therefore the presentations were oral only, with no opportunity to demonstrate the slides or sites being discussed. The presentations will be posted on the website.