

Suncoast Information Specialists Meeting Minutes Friday, October 14, 2011

Suncoast Information Specialists is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2011. An evening reception was held in Tampa on October 14, 2011 at Stetson University College of Law, Tampa Law Center. The guest speaker was St. Petersburg Times columnist and editorial writer, Daniel Ruth. 57 people attended the event.

Socialization and Networking

- 6:00 - 3M presented a short demonstration of their eBook Cloud Library.
- 6:00 - 7:15. Food and drinks, socializing, talking with vendors.
- 7:20 - Raffle: 3 raffle baskets filled with vendor donations from Lexis Nexis, Thomson Reuters, 10K Wizard, MorningStar, Ask a Librarian, Stetson University College of Law and Westlaw. 3 \$10 gift cards to Publix and CVS and 2 Grand Door Prizes Sponsored by 3M and LIRN (\$50.00 gift card to Publix and \$50.00 gift card to Best Buy)

Business Meeting

7:30 – Introduction by President Hal Harmon

Sponsors:

Hal thanked the sponsors who helped support the event: 3M, LIRN, Proquest, TBLC, Westlaw.

Approval of minutes

Minutes of the August meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report by Judy Cole

- The last balance reported was on 7/29 - \$694.93
- End of August balance \$683.80
- End of September balance \$676.77
- Our current balance is \$461.82, but that does not include the collection of revenue to offset the cost of tonight's dinner or the contributions provided by vendors.

FLA Scholarships by Jessica Riggins

- We have typically offered three student scholarships for FLA.
- Librarians and Staff are facing budget constraints that may prevent them from attending FLA, so the scholarship is now open to two students and one library staff member.
- Details will be announced soon for the 2012 scholarships.

Officer Elections for 2012

- Barbara Wiesenberg, 2011 VP/President-Elect, has resigned for personal reasons. This left the position of President open. Hal agreed to remain as president for a second year. The Nominating committee thanked Barbara for her hard work as Vice President over the past year and her help with the 25th Anniversary Reception. The group gave her a standing round of applause.
- Caroline Reed announced the slate of officers:
 - Hal Harmon for President,
 - Bill Harris for Vice President,
 - Robert Brammer for Secretary and
 - Arlen Bensen for Treasurer.
- All officers were approved by a vote of the membership, and will begin their terms after the December meeting.

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Other Business

- On behalf of SIS, Alica Ellison honored Betsy for her many years of dedicated service. Betsy King was given a trinket box, a card and a gift certificate.
- Hal announced the holiday mixer, date TBA.

Program

8:00 – Daniel Ruth “The Information Explosion.”

He talked about the extraordinary changes wrought by information technology over his long career as a newspaper editorial writer, and then opened the floor to questions.

Respectfully submitted
Robert Brammer, Secretary