

**UUGI Executive Board**  
**May 28, 2008**

Present: Merry Bortz, Pat Nicholls, Coleen Neary, Carla Clark, Brian Sherman, Scott Thomas, Shawn Carraway, Ranny Lacanienta, Karen Oster, Debbie Martin.

Absent: Michael Bowden, Karen Eggert, Mark Andrews

Meeting was called to order at 2:03 PM CST by chair, Carla Clark.

Shawn moved and Pat seconded to approve the April 18<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting minutes as written. This was passed unanimously.

**Reports from officers, appointed representatives, committees:**

**Chair (Carla)**

Carla will sign us up shortly for O'Reilly.

Scott, Brian and Carla had a call recently with Cathy Sicard concerning the possibility of streamlining the discussion and enhancement forum and listserv process. One possibility is to remove the discussion forums and just keep the lists and enhancement forums. Members may be polled concerning their preferences. Carla is trying to set up a conference call concerning these issues with staff at SirsiDynix but has only heard back from John Dickson so far.

Carla reported that Tom Gates is working on the final tally of conferences monies. Karen Albright will probably be hired to work on the Dallas conference. Perhaps her fees can be built into the conferences fees for next year.

CODI reps had requested a meeting with UUGI reps at ALA this year; however no one from the UUGI Executive Committee is going to ALA this year. Carla has suggested CODI reps meet with UUGI reps at the site visit to Dallas in August.

August 25-27<sup>th</sup> are the tentative dates (now confirmed) for the Dallas site visit by the UUGI Executive Committee. This is for planning and preparation for the 09 Joint Conference in Dallas, as well as for conducting other committee business. Carla will ask Pia to reserve rooms at the Sheraton for these dates.

**Past Chair (Mark)**

Mark was not present so there was no report.

**Chair-Elect (Brian)**

Brian and Ranny have started initial work on the 09 preconference planning. They plan to ramp up after the August meeting in Dallas. They will work closely with program chairs Shawn and Michael.

**Secretary (Debbie)**

Debbie had nothing to report.

**Treasurer (Pat)**

Pat has been writing checks and working on final 08 conference closures. She reported a balance of approximately \$60,000 in the treasury.

**Program (Shawn and Michael)**

Michael could not make the call so Shawn presented their report.

Shawn and Michael had a conference call with Karen Albright. They would like to see a written agreement with SirsiDynix on who is responsible for what duties for the 09 conference. They also would like to have a written timeline for planning and implementation.

A review of the conference survey results was e-mailed to the Executive Committee following the close of the survey. Shawn and Michael will e-mail presenters asking if they would like copies of the reviews of their particular sessions. They will send those results to any who would like them. They will post a summary of general session comments on the UUGI site.

Shawn is trying to find someone at SirsiDynix to work with to try to get a mechanism in place to invite new sites purchasing Symphony to join the user group.

Shawn would like a blog as one way to share information for the 09 conference. It was suggested that it would be good for Carla to have a blog as well. Merry believes multiple blogs can be set up with X-Mission. If not, we could use a public blog with a link. The comments would need to be moderated for language and inappropriate content. Dissenting opinions would be posted.

**Member-at-Large (Merry)**

SIGs and RUGs have been contacted by Merry and she is gathering their input. Carla, Merry and some CODI reps had a meeting about RUGs in UUGI and CODI. In both organizations, some are structured and some are not. Merry has created maps of CODI and UUGI RUGs coverages with contact information. An info page for RUG/SIG chairs is being developed. Merry is working on a list of presenters (regional and national) for a presenter clearinghouse. The initial list will be posted on the UUGI site soon and is from SuperConference presenters. This list may be expanded by contacting SIG/RUG chairs and posting a request for interested presenters on the lists. 5 SIGs and 1 RUG have webpages on the UUGI site. The RUG/SIG chairs have been sent a survey on what UUGI has done for them so far and what they would like to see as support from UUGI.

Merry suggested that since our current ISP, X-Mission, can support the current needs that we not move to a new ISP since the two user groups will likely merge before too long.

**Nominating (Coleen)**

Coleen reported that the recent elections went well. There will need to be a lot of guidance concerning elections if the two user groups merge.

**Old Business:**

Carla reported that the report to the membership of the Executive Committee meeting with the SirsiDynix execs was posted on the UUGI site.

The group agreed that August 25-27<sup>th</sup> were good dates to meet in Dallas.

At 2:40 PM CST Pat moved and Shawn seconded to move into executive session to discuss the possibility of an upcoming merger with the CODI user group. The regular meeting reconvened at 3:10 CST.

Pat moved and Shawn seconded the following motion:

UUGI will respond to CODI's proposal that the two groups will maintain the incorporation status of CODI in Utah with the understanding that the Articles of Incorporation, the by-laws, and the mission will be updated to reflect the new organization with a new name.

The motion passed unanimously. Carla will send Amy Terlaga (CODI Chair) the motion. She will then set up a conference call with the merger sub-committee (Ranny, Scott, Karen E., Brian and Carla, along with the CODI reps). This group will start the discussion on how to move forward and what the next steps should be.

**Action Items:**

It was decided that SirsiDynix CEO Gary Rautenstrauch would be invited to attend a portion of the next Executive Committee conference call. Carla will contact him to see if he is available.

The next call is on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 CST. Committee members are reminded that they can update the group calendar on Google calendars.

Shawn moved and Pat seconded to adjourn at 3:20 CST.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Debbie Martin