

**HOUSTON AREA LEAGUE OF PC USERS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
AGENDA FOR March 4th, 2004 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**I. CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM**

1. Recognize any non-member guests

**II. REPORTS**

1. Presidents Report ( Robert Gunn )
2. First Vice President - SIGs
3. Vice President - Communications ( Jay Thomas )
4. Vice President - Programs ( Mark Flato )
5. Treasurer ( Victor Elgohary )
6. Membership Secretary ( Brian Walters )
7. Presentation of the United Way's Retreat Program ( Joe Brown )
8. Election Committee Report(**Agenda Attachment 2**)

**III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Motion** to approve the minutes of the December 4th, 2003 Board of Directors Meeting. (**Agenda Attachment 1, Anne Sipes**)

**V. ADJOURN**

Approved minutes of the March 4th, 2004 Meeting of the Board of Directors

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

**ATTENDEES:**

Officers:

President	Robert Gunn
First Vice President - SIGs	
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	Absent
Joe A. Brown	
Tim Burgess	Absent
Dell Coleman	
Stephen Cravey	
Joseph DiFlavio	Absent
David Dillard	Absent
Don Dillard	Absent
Scott Doctor	
Al Greene	Absent
Chip Hubbard	Absent
John Pohlman	
Cathy Sharp	
Robert Thomas	
David Walter	Absent
Reuben Wilson	Absent

Parliamentarian: Marilyn Gore                      Absent

## **I. CALL TO ORDER AT 7:28 PM**

The President, Robert Gunn reported that HAL-PC's Marketing Representative, Carl Mann is developing some exciting possibilities. (Attachment **CarlMann.pdf and ElectricInternet.pdf**)

He also reported that HAL-PC Director, Joseph DiFlavio has resigned. He recommended that the Board appoint David Crook to fill the position.

The Vice President Communications, Jay Thomas offered his report as follows:

Vice-President/Communications Report  
to the HAL-PC Board of Directors  
March 4th, 2004

### \_Internet\_

As of Wednesday, the 3rd of March, there were approximately 5,536 users on the HALNet system. Of that number, approximately 690 are users of our ADSL service, 19 more than on this day last month. Additionally, over 1,940 of our users are taking advantage of the e-mail virus and spam screening service, up from 1,900 last month. Sadly, over the same period, we sustained a net loss of 58 users.

In light of the reduced demand for dialup ports and in response to considerable urging on my part, SBC Corporation has agreed to allow us to disconnect several PRI lines, without penalty, which should result in a monthly cost reduction of approximately \$4,167, effective the 3rd of March.

### \_The HAL-PC Magazine\_

The most recent Quarterly -printed- edition of the HAL-PC Magazine, copies of which are available in the lobby, is now on its way to our Members. There was a slight delay in distribution due to a mixup with the US Postal Service which is being resolved. Please keep in mind that the HAL-PC Magazine is still published every month in electronic form via the web at: <http://www.hal-pc.org/journal.html>

### \_Advertising\_

No advertising has been placed since the last meeting of the Board of Directors. Our most effective means of reaching new Members and new HALNet users has always been word-of-mouth from our many enthusiastic Members and satisfied HALNet users. Please make an effort to tell your friends, relatives, associates & acquaintances about Houston's Best Kept Secret, HAL-PC and our award-winning HALNet Internet Service which is now available throughout the nation and our new competitively priced ADSL service.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Thomas / Vice-President Communications

The Treasurer, Victor Elgohary, reported that there had been some improvement in HAL-PC's financial condition but that there was more to be done. He offered the following variance report: (Attachment: **IncomeStatement.pdf**)

The Membership Secretary, Brian Walters reported that HAL-PC is still losing members.

Executive Committee Member, Joe Brown reported that the United Way board retreat that he had suggested to the board previously would cost \$100 and could be scheduled within about two weeks of our submitting the request. He said that he knew of other boards that had benefitted greatly from these retreats. It was his opinion that we should have a commitment to attend from at least twelve board members before we scheduled the retreat. He offered to contact the members of the board in order to insure sufficient participation.

Joe Brown made a motion authorizing the expenditure of \$100 to schedule the United Way Board Retreat after he had contacted the members of the board and determined the best date for the exercise.

The motion passed.

Election Committee Member, Jeff Hupp presented the Election Committee Report as follows:

Similar procedures as during the last few years, with these dates--

1. The Call for Candidates article will run in the printed March issue of the Mag. The candidates can submit their intent and their campaign statements until April 10. The order of intent doc received determines the order the candidate appears on the ballot. The campaign statements and ballot will appear online beginning in May and in the June printed Mag issue.
2. That the new/renewal memberships be closed after April 30. The certified voter roll would be as of May 1, as soon as the office staff has finished processing memberships through April.
3. The actual date of the election be Saturday, June 5, 2004, with in-person voting from 1-3 pm. On-line voting can begin on May 5, and run thru 3 pm on June 5, 2003.
4. Same procedures for mail-in voting as last year. Voters can use the ballot, or its photocopy, from the Magazine, or they can use a \*.pdf copy from the website. (I recall from last year's election that we determined there was a need to advise the voters in our printed article as to how to handle difficulties they may incur in online voting problems. This was the only reason a few voters came to vote in person, as they could not vote online for some reason.)

The Board of Directors will need to declare June 5 as the meeting and election day.

Stephen Cravey made a motion to accept the Election Committee Recommendations as presented with the exception of setting the date of the election.

The motion passed.

Dell Coleman made a motion to appoint David Crook to the Board of Directors.

The motion passed.

Anne Sipes made a motion to adjourn.

The March 4th, 2004 Meeting of the Board of Directors adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Anne Sipes  
Recording Secretary