

SOCIETY OF INFORMATION MANAGEMENT
SOUTH FLORIDA CHAPTER
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES
September 12, 2008

A conference call was held for the executive committee of the Society of Information Management, South Florida Chapter, on 9/12/2008, 3:00 pm.

Members Participating:

James Osteen, President
Jacqueline Zelman, Membership Director
Elaine Collett Buza, Secretary

Members Not Participating:

Tery Howard, Vice President
Joe Hutchins, Treasurer
Dianne Della-Pietra, Program Director
Irma Becerra-Fernandez, Program Director

Call to Order

James Osteen, President, called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm. Minutes were recorded by Elaine Buza, Secretary. The meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

Financial Review

Jackie Zelman reported that the Chapter currently has a bank balance of \$4,956.

Discussion

The following items were discussed:

1. SIM Chapter Meeting scheduled for September 18, 2008. Suggested topics for discussion include elections, SIM Leader of the Year, dues increase, and SIMposium 08. Jim to introduce Executive Board and Elaine to introduce guest speaker. At the moment, there are 22 paid members, with 5 pending.
2. Chapter vote on dues increase of \$30 for for-profit members and \$15 for not-for-profit members needs to occur. At the present time, it is not clear when SIM International is going to call for vote but we need to be prepared.
3. Chapter Leader Conference calls. Elaine has been participating in the monthly Chapter Leader Conference calls as time permits. She will keep everyone informed.
4. Lew Temares will be nominated at the SIM Leader of the Year from the Chapter. Jackie is coordinating the nomination. Dr. Temares has a long history with SIM of which many members may not be aware.
5. It has been difficult to get members, particularly from Palm Beach. In some instances, we are competing with other organizations.
6. Sponsorships have been offered from Dimension Data and Matt Meyerson from Accuvant. The Chapter needs to decide how to handle these sponsorships. The suggestion was made to use one sponsorship for the Holiday Party and one to sponsor a free event.
7. Date and location for Holiday Party need to be determined. Dates and locations are filling up. The suggestion was made to look for a location near the Miami-Dade County and Broward County line, possibly the Sheraton near the Ft. Lauderdale Airport or the Decota Design Center in Broward County.
8. Financial difficulties being experienced by some organizations such as FIU and FAU are limiting increased membership.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Collett Buza

Elaine Collett Buza, Secretary

