

**SOCIETY OF INFORMATION MANAGEMENT**  
**SOUTH FLORIDA CHAPTER**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**January 10, 2008**

A meeting of the Society of Information Management, South Florida Chapter, was held on January 10, 2008 at 8:00 am at Dolphin Stadium, Miami Gardens, Florida.

**Members Present:**

Executive Committee Members:

James Osteen, President  
Tery Howard, Vice President  
Joe Hutchins, Treasurer  
Jacqueline Zelman, Membership Director  
Diane Della-Pietra and Irma Becerra-Fernandez, Program Directors  
Elaine Collett Buza, Secretary

Chapter Members/Guests (as recorded on sign-in sheets):

Maria Wynne – Microsoft  
Sylvia Garcia - Stiefel Laboratories  
Rich Berger, Gil Guerre, Brandy Fulton - Citrix Systems  
Mehran Basiratmand - FAU  
Michael Corbit – Icoast  
Marilyn Guenot, Jaime Roldon – Boston Scientific  
M. Lewis Temares, Lynne Brenner, Rafael L. Toll – Univ. of Miami  
Jen Boyer – Computer Aid  
Richard White, Maria Poviones-Bishop – Miami Dade College  
Cristina Varga, Sandor Varga – Foster Care Review  
David Zelman – Kerdyk Real Estate  
German Valencia – DHL Express  
Monica Tremblay, Min Yao – FIU  
Bert Hucks – For Eyes Optical  
Ruben Garcia – Brightstar Recruiters  
Derrick Arias - Gulliver Schools  
Chuck Cook, Yefim Folkenflik, Mel Rothberg – API  
Jorge Fernandez – Miami-Dade Public Schools

## **Call to Order**

After a breakfast, President James Osteen called the meeting to order at 8:35 am and Secretary Elaine Collett Buza recorded the minutes. The meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

## **President Report**

President welcomed everyone to the meeting. At his request, each member of the Executive Committee introduced themselves.

## **Speaker/Presentation**

The presentation was a panel discussion on the topic of Digital Inclusion. Brandy Fulton, Citrix, facilitated the discussion. The Panel consisted of James Osteen, City of Miami; Maria Wynne, Microsoft; W. Lewis Temares, University of Miami; and Richard White, Miami Dade College.

The discussion centered around the goals and objectives of the City of Miami's Elevate Miami Program and the issues that society will face in the future if the inclusion of under served segments of the population in advancing technology is not addressed. Special emphasis was made of the unique needs of senior citizens. A description of the partnership between the City of Miami and Miami-Dade Public schools was introduced. This partnership will provide computers to children entering middle school. A challenge was issued to all members to assist in whatever way they can, including sponsoring interns to staff the training centers, funding, hardware, software or any other initiatives.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 10:01 am.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elaine Collett Buza*

Elaine Collett Buza, Secretary