

SOCIETY OF INFORMATION MANAGEMENT
SOUTH FLORIDA CHAPTER
MEETING MINUTES

October 23, 2008

A meeting of the Society of Information Management, South Florida Chapter, was held on October 23, 2008 at 8:00 am in the Blue Heron Room at Dolphin Stadium, Miami Gardens, Florida.

Members Present:

Executive Committee Members:

James Osteen, President
Tery Howard, Vice-President
Diane Della-Pietra, Program Director
Irma Becerra-Fernandez, Program Director
Elaine Collett Buza, Secretary

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

Derrick Arias, City of Miami, Florida
Gary Bahadur, KRAA Security
Tom Beres, Telefonica
John Cavert, ConsultEdge
Karlene Cousins, FIU
Marlene Gomez, University of Miami
Bert Hucks, For Eyes Optical
Eugene G. Lukac, Deloitte Consulting, LLP
Toni Pollock, Jawood Business Process Solution
Lavern D. Smith-Lawrence, Miami Parking Authority
Greg Taffet, U.S. Gas and Electric
Monica Tremblay, FIU

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, James Osteen, welcomed everyone to the meeting. At his request, each attendee introduced themselves.

Mr. Osteen reminded all attendees of SIMposium 08, the annual SIM conference that is being held this year in at the Disney Contemporary Hotel in Orlando, FL, November 9-12, 2008. Detailed information was made available on the table in the lobby.

James Osteen also announced that a Holiday Party is in the planning stage. The location, date and time is to be announced.

Mr. Osteen announced that the next SIM South Florida event will be held on January 22, 2009 at Dolphin Stadium. There will be numerous featured speakers and the topic will be "Managing Risk and Crisis Preparedness".

Mr. Osteen also reminded attendees that elections for South Florida SIM will be held in December.

Speaker/Presentation

The speaker at this meeting, who was introduced by James Osteen, was Eugene G. Lukac, Deloitte Consulting, LLP. Mr. Lukac addressed the meeting on the topic "Mergers and Acquisitions and the role of IT". Having been involved in many mergers/acquisitions, Mr. Lukac shared his experiences.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Collett Buza

Elaine Collett Buza, Secretary