



year 2007. Nominations from the floor will be needed since we do not have a full slate to present at the meeting. Slate being presented is:

President:

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Jerry Moore

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Frank Szmere

Secretary: Bernice Cramer

Treasurer:

We will feature a Christmas Newsletter and Card Design Contest. We encourage all members to apply last month's presentation information and create an entry for the contest. Bring a copy with you and also make a note of what software programs used. Contest details are added to the end of the Prez article.

The 2007 membership dues of \$20.00 per household will be collected at the **January** meeting and go into the 2007 financial records. The new treasurer and membership chairman will be responsible for collecting them.

The Prez, *Lois Vosmera*

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## **ECCS -December 2006**

### **Christmas Newsletter & Card Design Contest**

All ECCS members are invited to submit an entry in one or both of the categories  
**Your Original Christmas Card Design**

Or

**Your Christmas Letter Design**

Bring your entry with you to the December Christmas Party Meeting December 7<sup>th</sup>. They will be displayed and judged with the winners announced that evening.

Create an original design in either or both categories using any of your software programs such as Word, Word Perfect, Print Shop, Print Master, etc. Include an information sheet along with your card or letter with the following information: Your name and the Software Program or Programs you used, plus any helpful hints you discovered while creating that card that might be beneficial to other members.

The cards and letters will be judged on the following basis:

Originality

Overall layout and appeal:

Creative Use of graphics

Font Selection and size appropriate for card or letter style

**EMERALD COAST COMPUTER SOCIETY**  
*Minutes of the General Meeting*  
*November 2, 2006*

On Thursday, November 2, 2006, in the Ft Walton Beach Library, after a social time of refreshments and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the meeting of the Emerald Coast Computer Society came to order at the call of President Lois Vosmera at approximately 7:00 PM.

President Vosmera welcomed all those present, thanking them for attending. There were 23 members and 4 guests attending, Allen Clittor, Jennifer Kepple, Jerry Melvin, and Jim Hohl. Jennifer is an analyst with the Library, and Jerry has been for many years a prominent local political figure.

Minutes of the October 5 meeting were accepted as published in the *Mainframe* and sent via e-mail to members.

Library computer classes this session will conclude on November 11. New sessions will begin again in January 2007.

Harvey Hall gave the Treasurer's Report including reference to the check written for the Website. It was also explained that Domain Registry of America<sup>®</sup> has processed the check sent to them. We are awaiting cancellation of service with DRoA and a refund to be made on 11-10-06.

Hugh Gautier has resigned as Web Master via email to board members; Dan Bubis will continue working in that capacity. Techs are working to access and eliminate the earlier ECCS website with ARC.net.

Jack Culwell believes he has enough cartridges again to mail them to The Empties4Cash Cartridge Recycle Program for a refund to ECCS.

*Smart Computing* has told us they are well pleased with the turn-out at the Expo. We had the highest number of persons attending it. Next Expo is planned for October 6, 2007 ... possible luncheon for NWFACUG in February.

Bill Howard disclosed the cost of water furnished at the Expo and has made that a donation.

November's Pot-o-Gold (\$15) winner was Walt Kitchin. Many door prizes were available with winners happily gathering their choice from the lay-out.

A Board Meeting for November for the following Monday or Tuesday was finding conflict with schedules of the board members.

Thanks again to Bernice Cramer and Charlene and Bill Howard for supplying ice and beverages. The Refreshments Fund is resting at \$46.36.

Election time is nearing for the 2007 Officers. Lois made a call for members to recommend a candidate for the person who will lead the Society through the approaching new fiscal/calendar year. A president for ECCS is not among the names that have volunteered to carry on the great work of the past years. [Your secretary has done an about-face and will "do it again" (if you so allow her) for the third year.]

The Board members acting as the Nominating Committee announced as candidates Jerry Moore and Frank Szemere for First and Second Vice President, respectively. Nominations will be considered up until the time of voting during the December meeting.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried that ECCS pay \$15 as our part of NWFACUG dues to APCUG, the National Computer User Group Association, for membership with them. This

membership will make it possible for the NWFACUG to receive free web hosting. The domain name can be obtained from a company in Defuniak Springs for a nominal fee. The By-Laws for the NWFACUG, when completed, will be placed on the ECCS newly renovated website.

Jennifer Kepple, Library representative, stated that Okaloosa County Library Co-op would be receiving 25 brand new computers from the *GATES FOUNDATION* with eight of them for the FWB Library.

President Lois announced plans for the Potluck Dinner for the December meeting / Christmas party, beginning at 6:30 PM. Needed are volunteers to plan and coordinate the affair and decorate the conference room. ECCS will furnish beverages. Please contact Lois or Bernice.

There will be a contest and prizes for the best and most original “homemade” Christmas letter or card, using any software of choice or Dan’s program instructions to make a creation you *could* send to family and friends.

Lois adjourned the meeting and passed the floor to Dan Bubis who presented the Program for the evening.

Dan’s presentation: Creating a double-sided Christmas Letter complete with automatic addressing by utilizing Microsoft Word and Excel. How-to Instructions and a sample letter were handed out. Jax Bubis read the “newsy” conjured-up letter from the Bubis’. Winter and Holiday scenes were a major part of the creation on the single-sheet mailer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bernice Cramer

