

Mainframe

April 2007

Attention ECCS members!

April 5, 2007 Meeting Notice

Ft. Walton Beach Library

Downtown Ft. Walton Beach

Thursday April 5, 2007

6:30 PM Social and Snack Time

Come for the social time and enjoy a special presentation of videos presented by Bill Frick. I am sure you will find this both entertaining and educational plus enjoyable.

7:00 PM Business Meeting & Program

Main Presentation: By Bill Frick and Jerry Moore

Browsing the internet for videos for education and entertainment.

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Dear ECCS Members,

Spring is here and the azaleas are absolutely beautiful. This time of the year always reminds me of the Masters Golf Tournament at Augusta, Georgia. It is played on one of the most beautiful pieces of real estate there is at spring time.

Last month, Lois traveled to Kissimmee to the FACUG Spring Conference. She will be sharing with the membership information about the conference at one of our meetings soon. I am not sure she will make the April meeting at this time. For those of you that did not know, Lois had a complete knee replacement on Wednesday, March 21st, and is doing fine. She should be released from the hospital tomorrow. Now back to the spring conference. Please come to the meeting after having given this some thought. Lois traveled to Kissimmee to represent us, ECCS, at the conference and paid all of her own expenses. All of the other clubs in the area pay their representative's total expenses. We should give some thought to reimbursing Lois for as much of her expenses as is reasonable. She has not asked for any help with expenses but it would be the right thing to do. So I will discuss her travels at the meeting and I hope we can help her.

Now for the big item of business at the April Meeting. Come prepared to vote on the revised constitution that I sent you earlier and will include in this mainframe. It is time to put this item of business behind us and move on. I personally want to thank the Constitution and By Laws Committee, Bill Howard, Alex Ginzburg, and Harvey Hall, for the hard work they put in to revise/rewrite the constitution. As I stated earlier, the content is basically the same as what we had before, just reorganized and some of the wording changed. I know it is not a perfect document but we are finished with the editing and rewriting. So it is now time to accept or reject the document.

Here is the revised Constitution and Bylaws:

<p>CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS Of The EMERALD COAST COMPUTER SOCIETY</p>

Article I - Name. The name of this Organization shall be known as the EMERALD COAST COMPUTER SOCIETY [ECCS], herein called the Society.

Article II - Purpose. The purpose of this society shall be to promote computer literacy in the local community.

Article III - Membership.

Section 1. Membership is open to all persons interested in personal computers.

Section 2. A member is defined as a person who has paid membership dues for the current year.

Section 3. Membership in this Society by one member of a household shall include all members of that household, and only one dues payment is required which entitles each and every member of the household an individual membership and the right to vote. Memberships are not transferable.

Article IV - Organization and Duties.

Section 1. General: The Society is organized as a not for profit organization and shall be governed and administered by the elected officers consisting of a President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2. Nominating Committee: A Nominating Committee Chairperson shall be appointed by the President. The Chairperson appointed shall select two additional members of this Society to serve on this Committee. Names of the Chairperson and his two recommended Committee members will be announced at the October Meeting.

Section 3. Duties of the President. The President shall chair all General Meetings, appoint an Educational Officer, a Parliamentarian, a Newsletter Editor, a Web Master and Chairpersons for standing and special committees. Call special meetings, and be responsible jointly with the Treasurer for the expenditures of the Society's funds. The President shall perform other duties that are in the best interest of this Society.

Section 4. Duties of the 1st Vice President. The 1st Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in the absence of the President and otherwise assist the President in the performance of his duties when requested. This Officer will be responsible for ensuring that the meeting room is set up and ready for our business meetings and programs, this includes setting up the club computer if required. He/She should make themselves familiar with the duties of the President as he/she is next in line to be President and needs to be familiar with the duties of that office and may be required to assume the job of President with very little notice.

Section 5: Duties of the 2nd Vice President. The 2nd Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in the absence of that Officer and the 1st Vice President. He/She will serve as the chairperson of the Membership Committee, solicit new members and any other duties that the membership should pursue. A current membership list will be maintained and distributed to the members in the manner best suited to the time and occasion. The Chairperson shall appoint Host/Hostesses who will be responsible for greeting members and visitors at the general meetings. Host/Hostesses shall pass out to the members any written or verbal information that will inform new members and visitors of the attributes of the Society. This Officer will work with the Treasurer to collect the dues, render a proper receipt and deliver monies collected to the Treasurer for deposit in the bank.

Section 6: Duties of the Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all General Monthly meetings, submit a copy of the minutes to the Editor of the Monthly Newsletter and one to the Web Master for publication on the Society's Web Page. Prepare as requested by the president an agenda of business to be used at each general and administrative meeting. Record the number of members and guests present at each meeting and maintain the Society's correspondence and perform other duties as assigned or requested by the President.

Section 7: Duties of the Treasurer. The Treasurer will receive all monies, rendering a receipt thereby, properly identifying them and promptly depositing them in the Bank Account, giving a short report of the monies collected and spent during the month and the total of the Bank Account as of the end of the month. The Treasurer will disperse funds only when authorized by the President and/or Membership if appropriate. Information concerning the amounts of the Society's funds will only be published in the official minutes of our General Meetings and the report given at general meetings. Receipts and bills for expenditures will be kept in a file by the Treasurer and turned over to the Secretary after audit of the records at the end of the year. The Treasurer shall prepare an annual report for the fiscal year to include expenditures during the fiscal year and make a report to the members during the December Meeting. This shall occur before the books are given to the Auditor for the annual audit and shall be done in conjunction with turning over the books to the incoming Treasurer at the end of the year.

Section 8: Duties of the Education Officer. The Education Officer shall serve the Society by promoting Education to all members. This Officer shall arrange and coordinate classes and talks on specific topics as deemed appropriate to meet the requirements of the Membership. The Education Officer shall also arrange for Instructors to lead those classes and discussions wherever they may take place. This Officer will also notify the members when and where classes will take place. He/She will assist the President in determining what the members desire/need to be discussed or presented at the General Meetings.

Section 9: Parliamentarian: It shall be the duty of the Parliamentarian to advise the presiding officer on points of parliamentary law, and also give similar advice to the Administrative Board when requested. The proceedings of the Society will be in accordance with the Roberts Rules of order unless by a vote of the members a different approach is desired for a specific item. The Parliamentarian should be familiar with the Roberts Rules of Order.

Section 10: Administrative Board. The Administrative Board shall consist of the elected and appointed Officers with the President as Chairperson. Other members of the Society may be added to this board as deemed necessary by the President. This board shall make recommendations and suggestions to the membership for adoption, therefore, minutes of actions/recommendations should be kept describing their actions at each meeting and a report will be made to the members at the next general meeting.

Section 11. Fiscal Year. The fiscal Year of this Society shall be from 1 January through 31 December of each year.

ARTICLE V - Meetings and Voting

Section 1: General Membership Meetings. The Society will hold a general meeting each Month at a time and place arranged by the President and approved by the Members.

Section 2: Administrative Board. The Administrative Board will normally meet once each month or more often if necessary to formulate recommendations and attend to such business in behalf of the Society. All members are welcome to attend if desired.

Section 3: Special Interest Groups. Special Interest Groups [SIGs] may be formed by and from members of the Society when there is an interest in a particular program or subject relating to Computers. These SIGs must be open to all members of the Society however, because of the nature of the SIG and the number desiring to attend, there is a limit in the number that may attend. In such an event a second SIG shall be considered. This action must first be coordinated with the Education Officer and the President for a second SIG.

Section 4: Quorum. A quorum consisting of 10 members is required to conduct the business of this Society. A vote of the majority of those present is necessary to favorably carry a motion unless a higher percentage is required by another source of which we must abide.

Section 6: Elections. Annual election of Officers will take place at the December General Meeting and be by Paper Secret Ballot, unless by unanimous agreement a different method is agreed to by the members present for the occasion. Members elected will be installed at the January General Meeting.

Section 7: Agenda. An agenda will be prepared by the Secretary each month for the use of the President at the General Meeting and all Officers who from time to time will be presenting something at the meetings will need to get on the agenda. The agenda will be closed out the day before the meeting is to take place. The Secretary will be called and requested to place the particular item(s) on the agenda. The agenda will consist of but not be limited to the following items.

Agenda:

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| 1. Pledge to the Flag of the USA | 6. Membership Report |
| 2. Prayer while standing (optional) | 7. Other Committee Reports |
| 3. Welcome to all & acknowledge Visitors | 8. Unfinished Business |
| 4. Approval of minutes | 9. New Business |
| 5. Brief Treasurer Report | 10. Guest Speaker/Program |

ARTICLE VI - Dues

The amount of dues for membership in this Society is \$20.00 annually or as changed from time to time by a vote of the membership. Annual dues will be pro-rated for new members only by the 4 quarters of the year. Dues will be computed by the quarter beginning in the January-March quarter, charging 1/4th the dues amount for each quarter remaining in the year. Computation of the amount of dues begins with the quarter in which the individual joins.

ARTICLE VII - Newsletter

Section 1: Newsletter. A newsletter shall be published monthly, either in hard copy or electronically on the ECCS Web site approximately one week before the monthly general meetings. Changes in method(s) may be necessary as determined by the President and Committee chairpersons involved.

Section 2: Content. As a minimum, the newsletter shall contain minutes of the last meeting, the location and time of the next meeting and the financial report, except that the financial report will not be published on the Web Page. The newsletter shall contain other items such as pending elections, results of elections, special events, reports of Committees, tips concerning computer usage, information to be covered and programs to be presented at the general meeting plus any other information that the Committeemen and members feel would be appropriate.

Section 3: Newsletter Editor. The Newsletter Editor is appointed by the President who shall be responsible for obtaining information appropriate for the Newsletter. The Newsletter Editor has the responsibility of all the aspects of publishing the Newsletter, however, since this is a great opportunity for those who desire to learn more about computers, not only in putting the Newsletter together but other aspects of computer operation, encouragement of other members to help is recommended.

Section 4: Web master. The Web master shall be appointed by the President and shall be responsible for obtaining materials and proper information, organizing and posting them to the Web Site. The Web Master shall select the contents of the Web site coordinating the information with the President when appropriate.

ARTICLE VIII – Proprietary Software and Society Obligation

Section 1: Proprietary Software. This Society shall not promote or condone the exchange of any proprietary software between our members and non-members nor any illegal computer activity.

Section 2: Obligating the Society. No individual may obligate this Society in any way without first getting the approval of the membership. Any opinion or statement otherwise given must be that of the individual alone unless the member is acting on an approved action of and for the members.

ARTICLE IX - Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of this society, all assets remaining after payment of all obligations of the Society shall be donated to an educational organization promoting the use of computers or to a charitable organization. The favorable vote of the remaining members will be used to authorize the expenditure.

ARTICLE X - Amendments and Revisions.

Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws are done by resolution. When any member of the Society believes that an amendment or Revision is required, the individual should put his suggestions in writing to the President, sighting the change and giving the paragraph number of the Constitution and By Laws where they believe the change or revision should be added. The President will present it to the members for action as to a change to the Constitution and By-Laws and if found by the members that the change should be considered, he will appoint a Committee to produce a resolution for that purpose. If a resolution is appropriate, it will be submitted to the Members in the proper format and manner and a two-thirds vote of the members present is required for approval or disapproval. Changes approved by the members will lay over until the next meeting for final approval. All members will be notified of the pending change(s) so that they may be present to vote. A Constitution and By Laws Committee will be appointed by the President as needed. A record of the dates of previous changes to these Constitution and By Laws are listed below for general information.

This revision was presented to the members on the 1st day of March 2007. The changes were read and any and all changes presented were considered by the members. Those agreed to by the members are included and this revision will lay over for final adoption to be voted on at the next meeting of 5 April 2007. In the meantime all members of this Society were notified of the proposed action and encouraged to be present.

Approved :

Attested:

Lendy Edwards March 1, 2007

Bernice Cramer March 1, 2007

President [Date]

Secretary [Date]

This Revision was approved by the members on the 1st day of March 2007 to lay over for final approval on the 5th of April 2007 and was approved on that date.

Approved:

Attested:

President [Date]

Secretary [Date]

Constitution and By Laws Committee

William A Howard, Chairman

Alex Ginzburg, Member

Harvey Hall, Member

5 April 2007

Amendment and Revision Dates 30 August 1985; 18 July 1992; 6 October 1994 December 1996; 3 April 1997; 7 December 2000 2 May 2002; 2 September 2004; 5 April 2007
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I am happy to announce that Dean Covey has agreed to serve you as our Education Officer for 2007. Please work with him and if you have a special request for classes or topics for general membership meetings, we will try to make it happen.

As I announced at the last Administrative Board Meeting, one of my goals for this year is to shorten the business meetings down to the absolute minimum (10 minutes or less) and let us get on with computer education. In order to make this happen, we need to know what you want us to present and possibly be prepared to help us if you have special talents and would share with us. The administrative board should be capable of conducting the majority of the clubs business and we will report back to you, the members, on what transpired.

Have a great spring and I look forward to seeing you on the 5th of April at our next meeting.

Lendy Edwards

President

Minutes of the General Meeting

March 1, 2007

The Emerald Coast Computer Society was called to order by President Lendy Edwards at approximately 7 PM on Thursday, March 1, 2007, in the Ft Walton Beach Library, following 30 minutes of social time, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

President Edwards welcomed all present and thanked those who brought guests. There were 18 members and 2 guests present. Thanks to Lloyd Battiste for serving as Greeter.

The President read a card from Jack Gatewood thanking ECCS for the gift certificate he had received for his contribution to lessons given at Westwood Retirement Resort in 2006.

The treasurer's report and minutes of the February 1 meeting were approved as published in the Mainframe.

Frank Szemere as Membership Chairman urged all current members to pay 2007 dues this evening.

NEW BUSINESS:

Constitution and By Laws Committee Chairman, Bill Howard, took the floor to present and explain the Resolution to Revise current ECCS Constitution and By Laws. The Resolution was accepted and approved. Continuing with the reading of the Proposed Revision to the

Constitution and By Laws, the Chairman received approval on many Items before questions for clarification were asked and some opposition became apparent. However, the remainder of the items in the revision were approved with modifications/clarifications. The requested changes would be incorporated and the document held over to the April meeting for the final vote.

Two other committee members, Alex Ginzburg and Harvey Hall, were thanked for their collaboration and teamwork in the revising of the draft of the new constitution.

Alex Ginzburg reported that the new Library classes are in their 7th week with a graduation just a Saturday or two away. Dan Bubis will continue holding classes at Westwood. He & Jax Bubis plan to hold classes at Westwood Media Center (Rm 607), Saturday, March 17, 2007, from 1000 – 1200, on how to design things for a Website.

Northwest Florida Association of Computer User Groups (NWFACUG) representative Lois Vosmera was in Orlando anticipating the Florida CUG seminar in Kissimmee. She will have much to tell us when she returns.

There will be a Board meeting, Thursday, March 8, 2007, at Westwood Media Center.

The Pot-o-Gold was won by Alex Ginzburg at \$17. Door prizes were a number of donated items.

Without further business, the meeting was adjourned and made way for the Program Presentation.

Lendy introduced Thelma Phillips--a lady of considerable credits as a member of our Emerald Coast locale--the speaker for our program,. Thelma's presentation was a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation she created to display and exhibit photos of birds taken during bird-watching studies.

Respectfully submitted,
Bernice Cramer

Treasurer Report-March-2007

15-Mar	Checkbook Beginning Balance	\$ 724.25
12-Mar	Member Deposits-4 X 20	\$ 80.00
	No Expenditures	
	End of Month Checkbook Bal	\$ 804.25
	Savings Account Balance	\$2,829.46

Submitted by Lois Vosmera, Treasurer