

South Central Unicorn Users Group  
Annual Business Meeting  
October 23, 2009  
Beaumont, Texas

The eighth annual business meeting of the South Central Unicorn Users Group was called to order by President Don Dowdy at 8:30am Friday, October 23, 2009 at the Holiday Inn Plaza Hotel and Suites in Beaumont, Texas.

President Don Dowdy welcomed the assembly to Beaumont, Texas. The program began with door prizes being distributed by the President of Lamar University, Dr. James Simmons.

President Dowdy thanked Merry Bortz, Del Mar College, for all of the time and effort she spent on making the conference a success.

President Dowdy asked Secretary Penny Reynolds to distribute copies of the minutes from the 2008 annual business meeting. With no objections to the minutes as written, motion was made to approve the minutes.

The Treasurer's report was provided to each participant. Treasurer Tracy Holtman advised the accounts payable figure cited on the report is the current estimate for this October 23, 2009 conference. The expense figure included the charges for the SCUUG domain name and the web page. With no objections to the Treasurer's report, motion was made to approve the report.

As stated in the November 21, 2008 minutes, with the merger of CODI and UUGI, the Futures Committee was charged with creating the proposed name change for SCUUG. Instead, a resolution was presented by President Dowdy regarding the future of SCUUG. President Dowdy explained that because attendance has gradually decreased, fewer attendees have been willing to present programs and because some elected officers have been unwilling to fulfill their duties, it is time to seriously discuss the future of SCUUG. The Resolution presented to the attendees read as follows:

Whereas, fewer presenters and declining attendance at SCUUG Conferences, and problems with Officers completing their terms, have continued to occur:

Therefore, be it resolved:

- a) That no SCUUG conference will be held next year 2010 ;  
(amendment to this statement will be found in the discussion)
- b) That current officers will serve until the 2011 conference or until SCUUG is laid down;
- c) That the members present agree that the required 2010 meeting need not be held;
- d) The President and the Futures Committee are charged to contact as many SirsiDynix customers in our region as possible during 2010 to:
  - 1) Ascertain if there is interest in SCUUG continuing;
  - 2) Encourage all SirsiDynix customers in our region to sign up for the [members@scuug.us](mailto:members@scuug.us) list, with the understanding that an email ballot on continuing SCUUG will be sent to this list during the Fall of 2010.
  - 3) Ascertain if any institution, preferably one centrally located with an airport, is willing to host a conference in 2011.

Unless both 2 and 3 of these charges are met, the presumption will be that SCUUG will be laid down, with another formal email vote taken to that effect. This email vote will include all necessary instructions as to the disbursement of funds and any other necessary actions as required by the by-laws or directed by the Futures Committee.

A motion was made to adopt the Resolution as read.

Discussion followed the reading of the Resolution. Comments made consisted of the following:

- The economy has not helped. All present today are academics and all are from Texas. Could this group meet every other year?
- Virtual Conference could be a possibility. SirsiDynix could provide a list of all customers including their emails.
- We need to maintain the South Central group. It is easier for us to attend a regional conference. The Super Conference is too expensive.
- If SCUUG goes away, it will never come back – you will execute this organization. It will end the group if you do not continue SCUUG.
- This conference depends upon others to present programs. That has been a major problem. This break will give the officers and institutions time to re-group.
- Have the regional meeting after the Super Conference and present SIRSI's presentations. Talk about what SIRSI discussed, possibly thru a webinar. SirsiDynix will sponsor and help SCUUG as much as possible.
- Possibly enlarge the responsibility – a sheet was passed around to those in attendance who might be interested in forming a Contact Committee.
- Statement was made that we do not have to have a meeting. (Article V, 5.1 Number of Meetings – 5.1.1, states:

There shall be an annual meeting held at a site and time selected by the President. This meeting may be held in conjunction with the SCUUG conference or may be held at a different time and place as deemed appropriate.

- Have a virtual meeting in the Spring.

An amendment to the motion was made and stated as follows:

Amend sentence A of the Resolution to read:

In Spring 2010 (April), conduct an email vote or virtual meeting to determine if a 2010 conference will be held.

The amended motion was seconded and passed.

With no further discussion, the SCUUG Officer Election was conducted with one paper ballot distributed to each institution present, as stated in the bylaw 7.2.3. The nominees, who ran unopposed and were elected by the membership are:

President – Don Dowdy, Dean of Library and Information Technologies, Sul Ross University

Vice President – Merry Bortz, Head of Library Automation Services, Del Mar College

Treasurer – Tracy Holtman, Systems Librarian, Tarleton State University

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Reynolds  
Secretary

