

Minutes of the RCRV Annual Meeting 11/19/2008

Note: These minutes were approved at the Annual meeting 11/18/2009.

Board Vice Chairman Rod Thorpe called the meeting to order at 1:35 P.M.

Twenty-three RCRV members and community service agency representatives registered on the attendance list.

The Chairman determined that a legal quorum was present.

Approval of Previous Annual meeting minutes

Minutes of the last Annual Meeting, held November 14, 2007, at the Red Cross building, have been posted on the RCRV website for review for twelve months. Don Grimm moved those minutes be approved as posted. Jim Spencer seconded the motion. The motion carried with no one opposed.

Approval of Previous Board of Directors meeting minutes

Heidi Soethout moved that the minutes of the previous Board of Directors Meeting, held October 15, 2008 be approved as posted on the RCRV website. Don Grimm seconded the motion. The motion carried with no one opposed.

Presentation: Roll of the Advanced Technology Center, Rockwell Collins Inc.

Guest Speaker John Borghese, Vice President of the Advanced Technology Center (ATC) began his topic by asking what the ATC does and how is it funded.

Their part of the business ranges from writing “white papers”— which define technology issues and the potential for development— to building prototypes demonstrating the feasibility of particular ideas. ATC also seeks outside funding for project of mutual benefit to industries and government agencies. They work with many agencies, including the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) of the Department of Defense, the Office of Naval Research, the National Security Agency (NSA), the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and the National Aeronautics and Space Agency (NASA).

Approximately 10% of Rockwell Collins’ research and development budget is devoted to ATC programs. Addressed markets consist largely of aviation and mobile communications applications in both military and commercial business units. The broad goal is to accommodate the fast pace of technology development and to bridge the “valley of death” that separates discovery of new technologies from the development of commercially viable products within the business units. Improvements are measured in terms of size, weight, power, cost. Current technology target areas include initiatives in secure communications, flight control, simulation technology, and cyber security.

Our speaker discussed three areas of endeavor under way now. Each of the three areas was illustrated with a brief video presentation showing some results of studies in process:

- for commercial systems: enhancement of air navigation in unfavorable weather and darkness is expected from projects in terrain awareness, collision avoidance, weather radar, and situation awareness were presented in a video showing use of “synthetic vision” methods.
- for military systems: Quiet Networking Technology (QNT), is a modular network data link program focused on providing a multi-band modular capability to close the seams between five nodes - Aircraft, UCAV, Weapons, tactical UAV and dismounted ground forces.
- Simulation: the objective is to develop full capability systems for training. Live, virtual, and constructive (situations created by computer) capabilities are included.

Old Business:

No old business was pending.

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New Business

Report of the Nominating Committee: Don Grimm

The nominating committee consisted of three members: Don Grimm, Vern Jackson, and Judy Wirth. On behalf of this committee, the proposed slate of members and officers of the RCRV Board of Directors (as attached to these minutes as appendix 1) was distributed to the members present. Two verbal corrections were specified, and members were asked to mark these corrections on their handouts.

1. Nomination for the WRAP representative on the board is Angela Berns.
2. The title of *St. Lukes Hosp. Volunteers* was changed to *Saint Lukes Hospital*.

John McDonough moved to accept the report as corrected and to cast a unanimous ballot for those nominated. The motion was seconded by Jim Spencer.

Three issues in connection with the nominated slate were discussed:

1. Members and Community Service Agency representatives who did not attend any meetings in 2008 were not re-nominated. Several commented that members with distinguished service to RCRV were thereby excluded. It was agreed that appropriate recognition was due these members. Whether board membership was the best way to do so was not decided.
2. The representatives for the Red Cross and for Aging Services had not been named. It is expected that qualified candidates for those positions would soon be determined.
3. At least one other potential Community Service Agency representative had been proposed but was not included in the slate offered.

For these reasons, it was agreed that the January RCRV Board Meeting should include an agenda item to consider possible updates to Board membership.

Election of Members and Officers.

The motion to approve the report and cast a unanimous ballot for the slate was approved by voice vote, with no dissenting vote.

Rockwell Collins Report: Cindy Dietz

A delegation of three SHIIP counselors led by John McDonough will visit Human Resources vice president Ron Kirchenbauer December 3rd. They will review and evaluate the RCRV/Heritage senior health care briefing sessions held for Collins retirees.

The approved Rockwell Collins charitable contribution budget is \$7.45m, \$9.5m including flood relief. The RCRV \$10k grant is a line item in that budget. RCRV should plan to select and award next year's grant(s) around March of 2009.

Rockwell Collins is laying off up to 300 in response to the Boeing strike and the current national financial situation. There is also 3-month freeze on merit raises.

The Regional LEGO competition for most area schools will be December 13th at Prairie High School.

The United Way campaign goal for Rockwell Collins is \$2.57m, of which Cedar Rapids employees' goal is \$1.66m. When combined with corporate contributions, the total is \$2.2m.

Expansion of the RCRV concept to other company locations is still under consideration.

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Partner Agencies Reports

Spanda, Inc, Carol Luth:

(Although not a partner agency until 2009, Carol provided this summary of plans for that organization.)

- A fresh water project in Africa
- New technology for vision enhancement
- Working with the Veterans Administration to serve returning veterans
- Synthetic vision devices for attention deficit youngsters
- A conference January 17th on training the brain to see again. This is a neuro-plasticity project with Kirkwood.

Aging Services, (no current representative):

No report.

Four Oaks Bridge, Mary Beth Minges:

The RCRV grant money from the 2007 award was used to buy a laptop and a digital projector. It is in use with the LEGO team and for administrative uses. The Bridge is also planning to buy a video camera.

The bridge is exploring establishment of a relationship with the East Side Arts Association.

The staff at the Bridge is stable and functioning well. Planning is under way for next summer's programming.

The tenth anniversary of the Bridge occurs in 2009. The staff is planning now for celebration.

Grant Wood AEA, Ann Griffin:

No report.

Heritage Agency on Aging, Linda Dearing:

No report.

IBEW, Gerald Vuichard:

No report.

Jane Boyd Community House, Karl Cassell:

Karl announced that Jane Boyd, in cooperation with the Kurt Warner First Things First foundation and with the University of Phoenix, is offering to award two full scholarships. Applications will be accepted until April 2, with the announcement of awards scheduled for May 1.

The H. D. Youth Center is serving a free Thanksgiving Dinner at the Jane Boyd Center November 22nd between 11am and 2:00 PM. A Christmas Dinner is also planned for December 20th. Volunteers are needed to support both events.

New Horizons, Mark Beason:

No report.

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Options of Linn County, Wayne Clayton:

Overview:

Options of Linn County provides vocational training and support services to adults with disabilities. Our staff and consumers appreciate RCRV's contributions to our program. RCRV's innovative assistive tech creations help many consumers be more independent and productive.

Highlights of Activities in 2008:

2008 was proclaimed 'The Year of the River' in Cedar Rapids. The river certainly had an impact on the region. In June Cedar Rapids and the surrounding area experienced flooding on an historic scale. Options of Linn County was one of many affected by this event. Our facility on 7th St S.E. was evacuated and received over 6' of floodwater. Facility operations were shut down for 12 business days and reopened for our consumers and business partners at Hawkeye Downs in southwest Cedar Rapids. Options was able to host a Kirkwood tour at Hawkeye Downs, and to teach a class at Kirkwood using RCRV brochure and devices. We are moving to the old Target building Monday.

Assistive Technology Rebuilt:

The flood destroyed a great deal of the assistive tech items that RCRV created for us over the years. Our emphasis with RCRV since then has been to rebuild some of the key job adaptations as quickly as possible. RCRV members jumped in to help. Within weeks, we received a number of CD-ROM devices and stampers that help consumers on a daily basis. More items are in process at this time.

Outreach:

The people at Options of Linn County enjoy sharing the story of RCRV with others. This year, we have had a number of opportunities to do so.

Assistive tech discussion and demonstration for a Kirkwood College class

Tours were given to college and high school students, featuring the role that job adaptations play in serving our consumers.

The Look Ahead:

Options will undergo a 3-year accreditation evaluation next summer.

RCRV plays an important role in improving the quality of life for people with disabilities in our community. The staff and consumers of Options appreciate your help in restoring many of the assistive devices that are so important to us.

In the coming year, we look forward to working with RCRV to meet the changing needs of the consumers. Thank you for your service.

REACT, Barb Klawiter:

No report.

Red Cross, (no current representative):

No report.

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RSVP, Barbara Hoffman:

1. RSVP has 544 active volunteers as of October 31, 2008, 80 of whom are new volunteers for 2008. Thirty-one of those new volunteers are RCRV volunteers.
2. RSVP total hours: 66,052. FEMA value: \$1,073,345.
3. RSVP has added 5 new volunteer opportunities in 2008:
 - Friends of Noleridge
 - Hospice of Mercy
 - Iowa Vocational Rehab Services- clerical help
 - Miracles in Motion
 - Red Cedar Chamber Music- mailings
4. Disaster Recovery- new reporting category
 - 54 volunteers – 3,250 hours
 - FEMA value @ \$16.25= \$52,806.00
5. RSVP designed a temporary brochure for RCRV
 - Used In mailings
 - Used at SHIP presentations
 - Signed 12 new volunteers from SHIP presentations
6. RSVP on behalf of RCRV sent a letter to all 2008 Rockwell retirees who live in Linn & Jones counties a “Welcome to volunteering” letter. One application was received.

Sixth Judicial District, Heidi Soethout:

Heidi is interested in helping promote expansion of RCRV to other communities, particularly other Rockwell Collins locations.

St. Luke's Hospital, Denise Walker:

No report.

United Way, Mary Klinger:

No report.

WRAP, Angela Berns:

No report.

RCRV Committee Reports

Community Service, John McDonough:

Again, I reviewed the weekly reports and the monthly board reports for the following information. I did not include all the areas or tasks that we performed over the past year. The following is a summary of the highlights. If you want more detail, please visit our web site.

We had over 1000 participants covering the past year at our regular Thursday Morning Community Projects Team meetings. Again, like last year, most of the folks attended most of the meetings. Attendance varied from 14 to 24 volunteers participated in each of the meetings.

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I have recorded volunteer hours since we started keeping track in 2002:

2002 4,500 hours

2003 7,500 hours

2004 12,250 hours

2005 20,500 hours

2006 29,850 hours

2007 31,433 hours, 153 volunteers reporting

2008 24,679 hours thru October, 162 volunteers reporting

Total for 7 years of 130,712 hours or an average of 18,675 per year

Of these hours, 125 RCRV members in 2008 spent about 3,000 hours performing disaster recovery activities in the flooded areas of the city and Palo.

Also, K-12 hours are not included!

We recently had 7 seminars where RCRV SHIP members (Jim Wolfe, and Joe Wells) presented the Rockwell Collins 2009 Insurance program to our retirees. About 800 retirees including spouses and caregivers attended the seminars at KTOS Center in Marion. I would like to thank Rockwell Collins, namely Chris Powers and Inge Kaplan, for the fine support they provided to us in putting together the presentation prior to the enrollment books coming out. We experienced much better support from Rockwell Collins this year than last. I have requested a few minutes of Ron Kirchenbauer's time so we can update him on what we learned during the briefings.

RCRV has provided support to many nonprofit agencies again this year including, but not limited to the following:

- Options of Linn County, RSVP, GWAEA, The Science Station, REACT, Aging Services, Heritage Agency on Aging, St Lukes, TRIAD, WRAP, The Free Clinic, Jane Boyd, Hear of Iowa, AARP Tax Program, The Iowa Cultural Corridor Alliance, the Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service, the Four Oaks Bridge Program, and the Court Mediation folks as well as the many meal delivery folks. The Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIP) in the Cedar Rapids area now have 12 RCRV members who have been trained by the Iowa Department of Insurance as Counselors. They counsel at St Lukes, Heritage Area Agency on Aging, Mercy Hospital, the Witwer Center, and the Jones County RSVP office at Jones County Regional Hospital in Anamosa. If any of you need help with you insurance, please contact one of the 12 area counselors.
- We provided much support to the flood recovery activities this past summer as noted above to the extent of 3,000 hours.
- We are again providing lots of support to the St Lukes Festival of Trees activities this year. They have changed from the large festival at the US Cellular Center to 4 smaller events. A lot of the trees will be donated to the area flood victims.

If you can dream it, we can do it!

Communications, Chuck Wehage:

Work to prepare the January edition of *The Volunteer* newsletter has begun.

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Data Base, Jim Klein and Bill Ellis:

1. Added new retirees to database 6 times with files from Rockwell Collins. There are currently 3893 names in the RCRV database. With the addition of new retirees and the deletion of those who moved out of state and those who have died, this is an increase of 60 members over last year at this time.
2. The database was updated based on:
 - Addresses on returned newsletters, voice mail phone messages and emails.
 - Obituaries collected for us by Wilma Shadle.
 - RCRV/RSVP registrations
3. Provide mailing labels for:
 - RCRV newsletter
 - RSVP to mail RCRV/RSVP information packets to new retirees. There were 108 new retirees in this list for the period of January 1st to August 31st of 2008.
4. A mailing list of the RCRV board members was made and sent to Jenny Becker at RSVP. The data base committee will supply new retiree names to RSVP

Recruiting, Pete Jurgens:

No report.

Other Reports:

Jim Green is working with students at Kirkwood on proposals for new RCRV brochure. Evaluation continues.

Adjournment

The next Board of Directors meeting will be January 21, 2009 at the Red Cross Building. The next RCRV Annual Meeting will be November 18, 2009

No further business was offered, and Chairman Green adjourned the Annual Meeting at 3:26pm.

Submitted by Donald Grimm, Secretary.

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Note: These minutes are subject to amendment and approval at the next Annual meeting.

Appendix 1 Board of Directors Elected for 2008

Ref	Position	#	Name
1	Chairperson	1	Jim Green
2	Vice Chairperson	2	Rod Thorpe
3	Secretary	3	Barb Hoffman
4	Treasurer	4	Arlo Meyer
Standing Committees			
5	Community Projects	1	John McDonough
6	Recruiting/Retention	2	Pete Jurgens
7	Communications	3	Chuck Wehage
8	Agency Liaison	4	Angela Berns
9	Data Base	5	Jim Klein
Rockwell Collins			
10	Rockwell Collins	1	Cindy Dietz
11		2	Jenny Becker
Community Service Agencies			
12	Aging Services	1	(vacant)
13	Four Oaks Bridge	2	Mary Beth Minges
14	Grant Wood AEA	3	Ann Griffin
15	Heritage	4	Linda Dearinger
16	Jane Boyd	5	Karl Cassell
17	Options of Linn Co.	6	Wayne Clayton
18	REACT	7	Barb Klawiter
19	Red Cross	8	(vacant)
20	RSVP	9	Barb Hoffman
21	Sixth Judicial Dist.	10	Heidi Soethout
22	Spanda, Inc	11	Carol Luth
23	St. Lukes Hospital*	12	Denise Walker
24	United Way	13	Mary Klinger
25	St Lukes Health Care Foundation	14	Tonya Arnold
26	WRAP	15	Angela Berns*
Rockwell Retirees			
27	RCRV	2	Bill Ellis
28	RCRV	10	Bob Ocken
29	RCRV	7	Cliff Koop
30	RCRV	19	Don Grimm
31	RCRV	4	Ed Holstrom
32	RCRV	13	Faye Spading
33	RCRV	11	Helen Potthoff
34	RCRV	8	Jack Murphy
35	RCRV	12	Jack Rector
36	RCRV	14	Jim Spencer
37	RCRV	16	John Wauer
38	RCRV	18	Judy Wirth
39	RCRV	9	Kay Nelson
40	RCRV	15	Keith Sutherland
41	RCRV	3	Les Haerther
42	RCRV	17	Mike Wilson
43	RCRV	6	Richard Kittrell
44	RCRV	1	Tom Brennom
45	RCRV	5	Vern Jackson

*These items reflect corrections made during the discussion of the ballot prior to the election. See the minutes for details.