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Since the Chapter pays for reserved meals, No Shows will be billed at the reservation price of \$20.00 for Members, \$25.00 for Guests.

Members are responsible for their guests' reservations. *If you are a member and have not been receiving this notification, please contact Mary Simpson at:*

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May Chapter Meeting:
Holiday Inn Select - Vanderbilt
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Carol Smock gave a talk on Networking at the last chapter meeting. The human kind of networking, that is. She defined this networking as a Sphere of Influence communications network -- interaction among people sharing information, ideas, and resources. This interaction takes the form of conversation, talking to people face-to-face. To get conversation going she recommends the FORD model: Family, Occupation, Recreation, Dreams. These are all safe subject matters. You want to find something in common with the person and a 5 to 10 minute conversation will determine if you want to take the interaction further. If so, you hand him your card and on his card you record a note to remind yourself which one he is (dog owner, musician, programmer, where we met). She recommends a handwritten note follow-up unless he expresses a preference for another method like e-mail.

From this beginning you build a relationship. You should gauge yourself to make sure it is not one-sided. It should be mutually beneficial. Here you focus on sharing ideas and resources. Think of others in the network while talking to the person. Think of ways to help the person you are meeting. Reconnect with people in the network. She says networking is not selling. It might lead to selling, but that is not the immediate purpose. She prefers to get to know someone before referring them to others. And once you start networking, she says, don't stop.

Donna Womack, chapter member from High-Tech Institute, joined us at the last board meeting to discuss upcoming student conferences, specifically the proposed national conference to be held in '08. That's right, the national. Donna believes Nashville will be in the running for the '08, given the changes which will allow contests to be held in the hotel rather than requiring host school facilities. Our regional conference last year drew 120 participants. The national conference this past month had 800 students and the next one in Dallas is expected to top 1000. The one after that is also spoken for, in Michigan. When it finally comes around here we might expect 1500 students. The national planners are said to be looking at Opryland Hotel to serve as a venue.

Closer to home, we still hope to put on a one-day student conference for our local affiliates soon. This would be held at the High-Tech Institute and feature contests to get our students comfortable with competing in the regionals and nationals. There would likely be informational sessions as well. Stay tuned.

Sincerely,

Robert Wright
President, AITP Nashville Chapter
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AITP Board Meeting

AITP BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

April 22, 2005

Prepared by Ella McGill

This meeting was held at the home of Paul Saunders.

Attendees: Paul Saunders, Robert Wright, Gerald Marquis, Bob Claxton, Frank Reagor, and Ella McGill. Donna Womack attended as a guest.

1. The Treasurer's Report of income and expenses for 2005 was reviewed. We also had determined prior to April 15, 2005, that it was not necessary for our chapter to file an income tax return for 2004.
2. Frank asked for assistance in getting the number of attendees, including student members, professional members and guests, at the October 2004 Region 7 Student Conference. Gerald will provide him with this information.
3. Paul said he has speakers for the next few meetings, but he is always looking for good speakers. Anyone with suggestions should contact Paul.
4. The Region 7 Student Conference will be held in Birmingham, AL the third weekend in October 2005. All preparations are on track at this time.
5. Donna Womack attended the board meeting and discussed several topics:
 - She and several students attended the National Student Conference held in Atlanta earlier this month. There were some issues with start times, hardware problems, and competitions, but in all it was a good conference. There were lots of breakout sessions. The fee included contest entry (could enter as many as they wanted), attendance at all breakout sessions, breakfast, lunch, and the banquet. It was a very enjoyable trip.
 - High Tech Institute, where Donna is employed, is thinking of bidding on the 2008 National Student Conference. It is her understanding that her school would be responsible for setting up the gaming party, scavenger hunt, and providing volunteers for the event. They would like to know how we as the local professional chapter feel about this and what type support we would be able to provide. Paul made a motion, seconded by Frank, that the board endorse the High Tech Institute proposal to be host school for the 2008 National Student Conference. The board approved this motion. Donna will look into exactly what type effort the school and our chapter would require.
6. The board discussed the possibility of having a one-day conference at High Tech Institute this fall. A committee was formed to look into this in more detail and will report at the next board meeting.
7. The board discussed the possibility of hosting the 2006 Region 7 Student Conference in Nashville. Frank said another chapter had expressed interest in hosting the 2006 conference. He will get further information on the status of their request before any planning begins.

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Monthly Meeting
of the
Nashville Chapter

Date: Thursday May 12, 2005

Place: Holiday Inn Select - Vanderbilt

Cost: Members = \$25.00

Guests = \$30.00

Students = \$20.00

Early Registration Discount = \$5.00

Meeting Schedule

5:00 -6:15 Social/Networking

6:15 Dinner

7:00 Business Meeting/Speaker

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Date	Event	Location	Information
May 12	Chapter Meeting	Holiday Inn Select - Vanderbilt	Personal Privacy - Ned Ramage, Micro Tech Journey Team

SPEAKERS

We are always interested in good speakers to make presentations at our AITP Chapter Meetings. If you know someone who is interested in making a presentation on a topic, on their company, or company's products, please contact Paul Saunders at (615) 367-1717 or Paul@SaundersSystems.com.



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The most interesting project I was assigned to was _____ because _____

_____.

A day in the life of a(n) _____ at _____ is interesting because

_____.

Our student chapter members would really like to hear about your experiences in the “real world” so that they can be better prepared for life after graduation.

If you would like to help our student chapters by providing a short discussion or presentation on one of the above topics or any other IS related topic please contact the Nashville Chapter’s Student Chapter Coordinator below.

Gerald Marquis
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615-963-7096

Nashville AITP Website

This is just to remind all our readers that information about Nashville AITP is available on our website at www.aitpnashville.org. Please take a minute to visit the web site and learn more about our organization!

Nashville AITP Student Chapter Scholarships

After a month off for our Field Trip to TBI in March, AITP resumed their fund-raising efforts for the AITP Student Chapter Scholarships. Our beloved President Robert Wright was the lucky dog, winning the raffle for this months drawing.

If you are interested in learning more about AITP Student Chapter Scholarships contact Dr. Apigian:

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AITP Member Spotlight

AITP New Member Spotlight: Ahmed Shakil

By James Lotochinski

Have you ever wondered about the folks who will be entering the Information Technology profession in the next few years? **Ahmed Shakil**, a full-time instructor at ITT Technical Institute (also known as ITT Educational Services, Inc.) in Nashville, is making a significant contribution in this area of our industry.

ITT Educational Services, Inc. (ITT/ESI) is a provider of technology-oriented post-secondary degree programs in the United States. It offers Associate's, Bachelor's and Master's degree programs and non-degree diploma programs to more than 37,000 students, operating 77 facilities in 30 states. ITT/ESI designs its education programs to help graduates prepare for careers in various fields involving their areas of study. Since 1976, ITT has graduated over 175,000 students.



Originally from Bangladesh, Ahmed obtained a Bachelor's degree from Dhaka University in Bangladesh in Information Technology. He specialized in Computer Networking Sciences and Software Applications Programming. He minored in Information Systems Security, Software Engineering Technology and Data Communications Systems Technology. Ahmed also secured a Masters degree in Accounting and an MBA from East Tennessee State University.

Proficient in MSCE (NT4.0), UNIX, SQL, PL/SQL, Progress, Cold Fusion and Citrix, Ahmed is also a Certified Network Engineer 5.

His hobbies include hunting and fishing, bridge and researching emerging technologies and setting up networks. (Ahmed is clearly a man who enjoys his profession!) Along that note, he was the Director of Information Systems for the Tennessee Medical Association from January 1999 through December 2003.

Ahmed joined the Nashville Chapter of the AITP for "...professional development and networking with recognized experts in the field of business and education."

It seems that we, like the students whom he teaches at ITT Technical Institute, may learn a thing or two about IT! Welcome, Ahmed!

Each Month we would like to feature a new or recent member in our Newsletter. This gives current AITP members a chance to get to know our new members. If you are a new or recent member and would like to contribute to the AITP Newsletter, please contact me for a new member profile.

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