

ANUA

*APECS/Discovery National Users Association*

**ANUA**

**Winter Newsletter**



**2011**



## *Letter from the President*

As a board, we are saddened to report the resignation of long time member, Bill Casey. Bill has played a major role in ANUA for as many years as I remember. Bill's legacy as part of ANUA will be long lasting. With Bill's resignation, it opens a position on the board. Our ANUA constitution states:

***"Any vacancy occurring after the annual elections shall be filled for the unexpired term by an appointee of the President with approval of the Board of Directors. If less than one year remains on the term of a vacated seat, the Board of Directors at its discretion, may choose to leave the seat vacant until the next election."***

Instead of appointing someone to the board for only a few months and then re-elect, we as a board decided to leave the seat vacant until the upcoming elections, which our constitution states must be completed by October 10<sup>th</sup> of next year.

With Bill's resignation, the board also needed to reorganize. This was done as part of our fall board meeting. The reorganization has myself, Dale Roberts as President, and Gary Tendick who was recently re-elected to the board to remain as Secretary/Treasurer. As the new ANUA president, I will try my best to fill the large footprint left by Bill.

We would like to thank everyone that attended last summer's Training and Staff development program in Salt Lake City. We planned a very financially conservative conference because of travel restrictions, and it worked out well for ANUA. Most of the sessions were centered on the 2.0 future products, which many of us are looking forward to. We recognize there were not many sessions around the software that many are currently using. It was apparent from our post conference survey; you want more

sessions on the current software. Many of you also stated you would like to see more user participation. We continue to look for users to participate in sessions.

During the Meet-the-board session a desire was expressed for a Business Meeting as part of the annual conference to discuss the business of the group. In our fall board meeting, we reviewed our constitution and plan to hold a business meeting as part of our upcoming conference next year on the Sunday of the conference.

The board discussed ANUA's role in the relationship with ESD/dbSoft as the vendor of our software. As part of ANUA, there has been a desire that the ANUA board and body have some direction as to what happens in the software. That practice has not been grasped by ESD/dbSoft. The discussions between us, as to how they see ANUA's role in software development, will continue. It does seem apparent that, if ANUA was to participate in receiving and passing on software enhancements, there would need to be major thought and organization to that effort.

Look for news about the location of our upcoming conference, next July, along with surveys and requests for your participation.



Dale Roberts

ANUA President



## *Board Election News*

We had three individuals running for the vacant seat: Gary Tendick/John A. Logan College, Patty Aguilar/Township High School District 214, and Wade Koon/Shelby County Schools. Gary Tendick was reelected to the seat. 28 districts were eligible to vote of which 19 districts cast their ballot.

Your current board of directors:

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and one vacant board position.

## *ANUA Fall Board Meeting Agenda–November 2010*

The ANUA board of directors met Sunday & Monday, November 7–8, in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. For much of the business portion of the ANUA board of directors meeting the three board members, Dale, Gary, and Jim, met individually to discuss ANUA business. Parts of the meeting are held with Larry Plasil and/or Linda Martinec from ESD in attendance. All five individuals take part in hotel facility tours and conference planning. Three prospective hotels were toured.

### *List Serve*

Information is being regularly shared with the membership via the ANUA list serve. If you haven't subscribed to the list serve you can do so by sending an email to: [anua-request@LS.ANUA.INFO](mailto:anua-request@LS.ANUA.INFO).

### *Reaching out to old friends*

In an effort to keep in contact with former conference attendees, a recap of the Salt Lake City conference was emailed to those who were at the 2009 Conference in St. Pete's Beach but were not at the 2010 Salt Lake City conference. The attempt was to not lose touch with past attendees. The message was sent out under then President Bill Casey's email.

### *A possible way to gain input from the user base...*

A blog site has been developed to allow ANUA users to suggest changes to the ESD software. It was felt that members need a better way to request software enhancements and ESD needs a better way to get a broad-based user input. The blog was offered to Larry for his consideration. The board will wait to see if this medium is one Larry is interested in pursuing.

## *WebEx training possibly on the horizon?*

At the board meeting, we discussed the possibility of ESD providing online training sessions via WebEx throughout the year. Larry was interested in the prospect.

## *The 2011 ANUA Training Conference July 17-20, 2011:*

The 2011 training conference will be held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida at the [Ft. Lauderdale Hilton Beach Resort](#).

**Room Rates:** \$129.00/+tax

**Reservations (phone):** call 1-800-445-8667 and note that you are attending the ANUA program.

**Reservations (on-line):** Use the group code of ANUA when registering on-line.

Reservations for our room block need to be made by **June 21, 2011**.

*Speaking of Registration*, members will once again be able to register for the conference on-line at [www.anua.org](http://www.anua.org). Look for the program registration link on the site when it becomes available later in the spring. Click on it, fill in the boxes, hit submit and you'll be registered. An invoice will be sent by e-mail once your registration has been processed by the treasurer.