**SLO Bytes Computer Users’ Group**Minutes of the February 1st 2015 BOD Meeting

**Officers present**: Alan Raul, Bob Styerwalt, Earl Kaplan, Ralph Sutter and John Waller  
**Other volunteers present**: Peter Stonehewer, Linda Styerwalt, Ed Lynn, Ray Miklas and Bob Mires.

President Earl Kaplan called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm.

The minutes from the January 4th meeting were approved as submitted.

Training Officer Alan Raul announced that he has dropped Digital West hosting and Mailman for SLOLUG. Alan will host the SLOLUG web site on his personal GoDaddy account. SLOLUG will use MailChimp instead of Mailman for meeting announcements, etc. One of the Digital West tech people who set up the whole thing for SLOLUG has left Digital West and neither the Cal Poly LUG nor SLOLUG Mailman is working. It was time for a change after 5 years of using Digital West. Digital West did give this service for FREE and was very helpful setting up everything. The SLOLUG web site is set to expire on January 14, 2017.  
<https://who.is/whois/slolug.com>

Alan complimented incoming Treasurer, Bob Styerwalt on his updating of the SLO Bytes membership lists. ~~Treasurer~~ Bob ~~Styerwalt~~ asked why the records include members’ date of birth since the club does not acknowledge birthdays at its meetings or otherwise use that information. The BOD discussed the matter and decided to eliminate the DOB column.

Alan also asked why the archived membership spreadsheet listed members who had died. After discussing the matter, the BOD decided to retain that information in order to maintain a historical record of membership.

There was a brief discussion of the differences between the Active Member list and the Newsletter e-mailing list. Ralph suggested that keeping inactive members on the mailing list is desirable because some of the former members might find their interest re-kindled and decide to rejoin. No objections were raised.

Alan announced that former member Bob Ward will attend SLO Bytes’ General Session today. Bob was a long time SLO Bytes club officer and newsletter editor.

Program Chair John Waller indicated that he has not decided upon the topic for the Second Session at the March 2015 meeting. He may draw from the APCUG videos. Alan cautioned that the club should avoid screening content that members can view for themselves without attending the club meetings.

Alan Raul indicated that he is preparing a presentation on the use of True Image 2015, a backup and recovery program from Acronis.

Secretary Ralph Sutter mentioned that another APCUG group publishes in its newsletter the names of those members whose renewal date is coming up in the following month. The same group offers a 6 month free extension to any member who brings a new member to the group. The BOD chose not to follow this model.

Alan Raul commented that SLO Bytes member Pete Stonehewer has purchased a Sony DSLR and should be encouraged to present his experiences at an upcoming Second Session.

The meeting ended at 12:40 pm.