



Proposed Bylaws Amendments

By Sr. Dorothy Robinson
Newsletter Editor

changes are being proposed, and be prepared to vote on them.



Shirley was not able to write her usual article due to the tragedy in her family. We were sorry to hear about the recent death of Whitney Bellinghausen, Shirley and Bob's granddaughter, who had been in an auto accident and sustained severe injuries. We know this is a devastating blow to their family, and our thoughts are with them. See page 5 for a note from Shirley.
—Sr. Dorothy, Editor

At the February 27 (rescheduled from February 21) OMUG business meeting, the board agreed to recommend to the membership the Bylaws Committee's proposal for amendments to OMUG's Bylaws.

Our Bylaws require that "notice of the vote with the proposed amendment's text have been published in the OMUG newsletter."

The proposed amendments will be presented at the March 13 General Meeting, a member of the Bylaws Committee will talk about reasons for any changes, and a vote will be taken.

Following is the text of each proposed amendment. Any text to be deleted is shown with a strikethrough, e.g. ~~text~~. Any text to be added is underlined, e.g. text.

The **entire text** of the Bylaws with proposed changes is available on our website at <http://www.oly mug.org/bylaws.htm>

Please read and consider the proposed amendments carefully. Then come to the meeting, hear more information about why the

Text of Proposed Amendments to OMUG Bylaws

OMUG BYLAWS
Adopted by the Executive Board February -, 1997; amended April 8, 199-; February 10, 2005.

BYLAWS OF THE OLYMPIA MICROCOMPUTER USERS GROUP
As Amended February 10th, 2005 [this date will be updated after proposals are accepted]

ARTICLE IV *Officers*

Section 3. All officers will be elected by ballot for a term of one year, or until their successors are elected, by simple majority of Primary Members voting at the April general meeting. The terms of the new officers will commence ~~with installation at the conclusion of the~~ the first day of the month following the election, usually May 1 April General Meeting. The April Board meeting, normally in the week following the election, shall be a transition meeting with outgoing and in-coming Officers expected to attend.

Section 6. Each officer is encouraged to appoint an assistant to assist in the duties of the office. The assistant may vote in the officer's stead at Executive Board meetings when requested by the

officer. Officers shall notify one of the other officers ~~within~~ 24 hours ~~of~~ prior to a general or executive meeting if he or she is unable to attend.

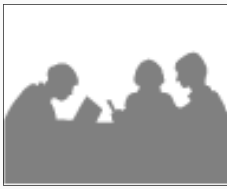
ARTICLE VI *Duties of Officers*

Section 3. Secretary:

- b. Shall maintain the official copy of the current Bylaws and Standing Rules.
- c. Shall make the minutes available to the Newsletter Editor and the Webmaster for publication.

Section 4. Treasurer and Membership Data Base Manager:

- e. Shall provide access to OMUG's financial records for the Audit Committee within 14 days of the ~~annual election of officers~~ assumption of duties of new officers, and at such other times as the Executive Board may direct.



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Historian:
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Newsletter Distribution Coordinator:
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h. Shall be responsible for maintaining a database consisting of names, addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and other relevant data of OMUG members and Associate members.

Section 5. Newsletter Editor:

b. Shall be responsible for production and distribution of the newsletter, which may be done electronically.

ARTICLE VII Key Members

Section 1. Special Interest Group Coordinator:

b. Is responsible for coordinating among various SIGs, and for starting new SIGs when sufficient interest is shown. Be responsible for various SIGS and for closing SIGs when interest wanes.

Section 2. Special Interest Group Leaders:

c. SIG Leaders are responsible to work with the SIG Coordinator to arrange for SIG meeting place, required special audio/video equipment, handouts, and other materials that may be required.

~~Section 3. Database Manager:
[Moved to Treasurer]~~

~~a. Is appointed by the President and approved by the Executive Board.~~

~~b. Shall be responsible for maintaining a database consisting of names, addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses and other relevant data of OMUG members and family Associate members.~~

~~Section 4 3. Historian~~

~~Section 5 4. Committee Chairs~~

ARTICLE VIII Committees

Section 9. House Committee
 Shall coordinate General Meeting locations, set up, and break down meeting room.

~~Section 9 10. Such other committees...~~

ARTICLE XI Amendment of Bylaws

These bylaws may be amended at any OMUG General Meeting by a two thirds vote of Primary Members present, provided that the proposed amendments have been referred by one of the procedures outlined below, and that notice of the vote with the proposed amendment's text have has been published in the OMUG newsletter.

NOTE: Copies of the Bylaws with all proposed amendments marked will be available at the March 13 OMUG General Meeting.

Director at Large Phil Vogel will do a PowerPoint presentation of proposed changes (prepared by Director Marilyn Hanna) and explain the Committee's thinking.


Welcome, New & Returning Members!
 John & Beatrice Brown
 Susan Kibbey
 Carol Barker
 Linda Van Hook-Briganti
 Vincent & Nick Briganti
 Alfred & Nathan
 Williams
 Jeff Brigham

**See page 5
 for Members who
 recently renewed
 Membership!**

Proposed Bylaws Amendments Ready

By **Larry Jensen**
OMUG Secretary

President Shirley Bellinghausen called the February 27 OMUG business meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Webmaster Pat Sonnenstuhl, Secretary Larry Jensen, Treasurer Gary Bigger, Newsletter Editor Sister Dorothy Robinson, and Directors at Large Marilyn Hanna and Phil Vogel. Don Hertzog, a member of the Bylaws Committee, was also present. Director at Large Arlene Kapner was absent.

Minutes from the January Business Meeting and the February General Meeting were approved.

Gary gave a report of OMUG finances. Our income for January was \$300.53 and our expenses \$319.07. Expenses this month included our annual bulk postage permit which was \$175.00. We have 167 primary members and 68 associate members.

The board reviewed the revised proposal for bylaws amendments and decided to present them to the general membership for a vote at the March 13 General Meeting. Prior to that, in accordance with our current bylaws, the text of the proposed changes are to be published in the March newsletter, and the full text of the bylaws with all proposed changes marked will be available at <http://www.oly mug.org/bylaws.htm> Also, **copies of the bylaws with proposed changes marked will be available at the March 13 General Meeting.** Marilyn will produce a PowerPoint presentation for Phil to use in explaining the proposal at the meeting.

Pat reported on the lists she maintains, including the Reflector list.

In new business, Gary reported that John Marshall had to change the projector lamp when it burned out with a backup lamp he had. He requested a new backup lamp. Gary did some research on the cost and found that they run around \$400. We have used this projector and lamp for 7 years, and Gary suggests that rather than putting money into a replacement at this time, we might look at waiting.

For one thing, if the lamp goes out during a presentation, it should not be replaced immediately. The projector should cool for an hour before attempting to replace the lamp. Secondly, the cost of projectors has



gone done a lot, so that by the time the current lamp burns out, we may want to consider just purchasing a new projector—which would give us better resolution and could be purchased (these days) for two to three hundred dollars more than a lamp for the old projector. We agreed to wait on this purchase.

We discussed scheduling for Hot Topics. We thought when we changed its day that Wednesdays were available, but have since found that our information was incorrect. Hot Topics will begin meeting on the 4th Tuesday again in March. Sr. Dorothy will talk to the Linux SIG leaders about this change.

Shirley reminded us that if we buy a new or renewed subscription to Smart Computing Magazine and **mention OMUG**, OMUG will receive one free subscription for every five purchased ones—to give away as prizes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. 

OMUG Income & Expenses January 2008



Income: \$ 300

(Membership Dues- \$260, Raffle Sales \$22, Donations \$15, Bank Interest \$3)

Expenses: \$319

(Senior Center Donation \$50, APCUG Dues \$50, WA State Annual Fee \$10, Bulk Mail Permit \$175, Speaker Gifts \$20, Membership Supplies \$14)

Net Decrease: \$19

OMUG Treasury as of 02/19/2008

Savings Account Balance:	\$1,819
Scholarship Account Balance:	\$3,531
Checking Account Balance:	\$ 333
To Be Deposited:	\$ 114
Treasury Total:	\$5,797

We Learn to Blog!

By Sister Dorothy Robinson
For Larry Jensen,
OMUG Secretary

Vice-President Jim Wiest called the February 14 OMUG General Meeting to order at 7:00 PM. We had a nice Valentine's Day turnout. ♡

Pat Sonnenstuhl announced that she has two Epson print cartridges to give away and that anyone interested should see her.

Jim reminded us about the election in April, and encouraged everyone to show up—lest we end up being nominated willy-nilly from the floor! Director at Large Arlene Kapner, who chairs the Nominating Committee, asked members of that committee to please check in. She said the committee is happily big enough this year to keep the workload small.

Arlene also told the story of her own involvement in OMUG, most recently as a Director and Nominating Committee Chair. She spoke about the satisfaction of helping the group to thrive without taking a lot of her time, and encouraged those present to consider volunteering in some capacity when called on.

Jim asked for reports from SIG leaders:

Arlene said the last couple of times she has scheduled the Beginner's SIG she has not had a waiting list, which is unusual. She does the class only when it's full, so if you know anyone who wants to learn these skills, please refer them. Arlene clarified that this SIG is a beginning MS Word class which includes the basics of how to use a computer.

John Gerecht invited anyone interested in digital photography to join his group for some interesting discussions and problem-solving.

Jim—and John Marshall, Hot Topics SIG leader—reminded us that Secretary Larry Jensen is leading a session on getting started with digital cameras. He may do more sessions if needed.

Windows SIG leader Max Whipps said he and co-leader John Marshall talk with their group about Windows operating systems and also any Windows applications—they'll attempt to help you solve problems. They have Windows XP in the computer lab, and Windows Vista on John's laptop, but are also willing to discuss older versions of the OS; they just can't demonstrate.

Sister Dorothy Robinson, a member of the Linux SIG, talked about the exciting new distributions available today that are very user-friendly even for those of us who haven't attained geekhood yet. The Linux group meets weekly and is open to helping anyone learn more about Linux and will even help you install and dual-boot it along with your Windows OS if you like. Lots of free programs to go along with these free operating systems. [See <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FOSS> for a discussion of “open source” and “free” software. —Ed.]

Vince Hughes, who leads the Genealogy SIG, had some interesting news about the National Archives at Sand Point in Seattle. They have census and other records, and have been receiving lots of new records, according to Vince. They are open Monday-Friday 7:45-4:15, and also on the second Saturday of the month from 9:00 to 4:00. Vince is planning to take a group there next month on Saturday, March 8. Want to go? Email Vince (see page 7 for email).

Jim introduced presenter Chris Brownell whom he met recently at a political caucus. When Jim learned Chris likes to blog, he asked him to

share this interest at our General Meeting in February.

Chris has lived in Olympia about three years, has a “wife who works for the government and a passel of kids at home.” He blogs in his spare time, and sometimes in his “other” time. He especially likes olyblog.net which he thinks is a very well-done local blog for the Olympia area.

From around 1997-99, web developers were much in demand because making and maintaining a website took a lot of time and skill, and tools were not so easy to use. Until more recently, websites were mostly one-way. Someone put information on a website and the viewer took it in.

Then some easy interfaces began to be developed for user interaction. Guestbooks began to be added. Later on, “chat rooms” showed up—where conversations take place in real time (“live”), but once you leave the chat room, the conversation disappears (or at least is not easy to access). Blogs are more durable. Someone posts something on a blog, and someone else responds—but comments can happen anytime and remain unless deleted; blogging does not happen “live” like chatting, even though someone may make a comment that is close in time to the original post.

Several wanted to know, “How do you access a blog?” Blogs have web addresses like any other Internet offering. Chris took us to theolympian.com and we looked at a list of blogs on the left sidebar which could be accessed by clicking on a link. Blogs can be on any topic—and Chris assured us that if we did an Internet search on any given subject we'd be sure to find someone blogging on it. To illustrate this he searched for a suggested topic, hiking, by putting in “Washington State

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hiking blogs”—and sure enough, there was a long list of blogs!


Many people were really curious about how one would set up a blog, so Chris went to blogger.com and set up a blog called OMUG (which he removed at the end of his talk). It was a very simple process, step by step, completed in a few minutes. First he put in an email address (his own) as the username and entered a password. Then he named the blog and set up the address as omug.blogspot.com

Chris chose a template for the blog, that is, what the background and page format would look like. (This can be changed anytime if desired.) Then we were ready to post some text on our blog, which Chris did by typing into a box. He also added an image. This can be done by clicking the 'add image' icon and navigating to a picture on one's computer, or as Chris did by typing in the URL of a picture he found on the Internet.

We learned that on many blogs anyone can post as an anonymous user, or with a name by signing in if that person has a blog account of his/her own. The blog owner can delete comments if s/he wants, and original posts can be edited or deleted. Some blogging tools allow images to be inserted into text comments, but not all do. If one is interested in a particular blog topic (or thread), s/he can subscribe to it via RSS feeds—receiving an email when a new comment is posted.

Some websites that host blogs for free are listed here:


- <https://www.blogger.com/start>
- <http://www.livejournal.com/>
- <http://www.blogtext.org/>
- <http://wordpress.com/>

If you have something to say to the world—or just family and friends—get blogging! 

Are You in the Top 2%?

According to the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics, <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/volun.nr0.htm>, “About 60.8 million people volunteered through or for an organization at least once between September 2006 and September 2007....The proportion of the population who volunteered was **26.2 percent.**”

The total membership of OMUG is 167 primary members. To run OMUG, we need a number of volunteers. To fill Officers' posts we need a total of 9 volunteers, or a little more than 5% of our membership.

Six officers have stated they will run again...which means we need **under 2%** of our membership to volunteer and keep OMUG alive and healthy. **Say yes!** 

A Note from Shirley

My article will be a short note this month as I mourn the death of our 20 year old granddaughter, Whitney Bellinghausen. After three weeks in a coma her parents sorrowfully had the doctors turn off the life saving support system. She died 10 minutes later.

I was unable to be with you at the General Meeting. And will not conduct the Board meeting on Thursday. Our capable officers will handle things or if we don't have a quorum will meet later in the month.

There are two very important things to be discussed that you will need to be involved with. ONE is to ratify the slight change in the OMUG By-laws that a committee has been working for months.

SECOND, and most important to the survival of OMUG, is the nomination of officers for the coming year. I have been writing you about this for some time—perhaps too many times for you to take it seriously.

WITHOUT LEADERSHIP YOU WILL NOT HAVE ANY MORE HELP FROM OMUG COMPUTER USERS AS THERE WILL BE NO MORE OMUG. It cannot be stated more sincerely or strongly.

I have been involved with OMUG for over 10 years and have held every office at least once. I believe there is no more willing or helpful group than OMUG members.

WITHOUT OFFICERS—NO OMUG.

Your President,
Shirley Bellinghausen



Did you know? When you invite a friend to OMUG and the friend joins, YOU get three free months added to your membership! Invite someone today—you'll both be glad!