

Florida Association for Management Information Systems (FAMIS)

FAMIS Business Meeting Notes: Spring Meeting in Ocala (April 26, 2006)

- a. **Welcome and Conference Recap** by President Bill Bush: very positive feedback on sessions, over 70 attendees, 28 vendors; the Wednesday sessions were among the best attended ever.
- b. **FAMIS SharePoint Web Site:** the association now has a web site, hosted through an independent vendor, that provides a SharePoint portal – including very useful capabilities that can (at least in the longer term) be very useful to the association and its members. Keith Parsons, Volusia County, was responsible for the set-up of this service and the presentation. Threaded discussions, surveys, web site postings and links... were demonstrated. Future capabilities include on-line membership lists, listsrv for those interested in FAMIS, calendars, current and historical repository for documents, files, photos. All agreed that this was a major step forward for the association. Keith was hardily thanked for his success with this project.
- c. **ERP Survey:** by way of getting an updated listing of major systems usage across all school districts, the membership agreed to going forward with a survey on ERP systems currently being used. This survey included an invitation for school districts who might be interested enough in a meeting to jointly select and evaluate new ERP system options. Bill Piotrowski, Leon County, presented the survey to the membership and will serve as the coordinator for this project.
- d. **Retiring Board Members** were recognized by Bill Bush: John Weant (Charlotte), Jim Utley (Alachua), Keith Parsons (Volusia), Brad Schuette (Sarasota). New Board members were proposed and affirmed by the membership: Keith Parsons (Volusia), Jack Hartley (Nassau), Bruce Patrou (St. Johns), Brad Schuette (Sarasota – incoming President), Marsha Cole (Duval – Vice President). The gavel was turned over to Brad Schuette (Sarasota) as incoming President; Bill Bush recognized Brad for an outstanding conference.
- e. **Data Subcommittee:** Robert Land (Santa Rosa), Chair of the Data Subcommittee presented the Employee ID recommendations to the membership. This has been forwarded to the DOE. Lavan Dukes, Florida DOE, who worked with the committee requested that the committee also consider student IDs.
- f. **President Brad Schuette Remarks:** Recognized those involved in planning the conference, and in working the conference over the past few days: ____ with registrations; ----- with fees.... (Brad, please fill these in...)
- g. **Next Meeting:** There was a consensus to have next year's meeting again at the Hilton in Ocala, for 3 days. It was suggested that the FIRN Day might work better as a separate event. Competing sessions were an issue for both the FIRN and vendor presentations in particular.
- h. **Next FAMIS Conference Potential Session Topics:** Brad Schuette requested input and ideas on session topics for the next conference. Ideas that had been forwarded to him included: Intelligent Classrooms (Bill Piotrowski agreed to be responsible for coordinating this session if it were selected); Teacher Standards (a follow-up to the laptops presentation where Manatee shared their guidelines); T3

Follow-up; Sunshine Connections follow-up; Security Best Practices (possibly a pre-session from COBIT).

- i. **Comments from the Members, highlights:** DOE continues to show a culture of service and support, has many dedicated and helpful staff; although the coordination and leadership across divisions creates problems.
- j. **Next Meeting:** it was recommended that there be a meeting at the DOE Database Conference.
- k. **Meeting Coordinator Recommendation:** the Board discussed and recommended a contracted meeting coordinator; with an anticipated term of at least 2-3 years; with in-person support at least for the day prior to and through the FAMIS conference. Proposals will be considered at finalized at the next Board meeting.