

Minutes of the October 10, 2007 New Jersey Computer Club General Meeting

The regular meeting of the NJCC of October 10th was held at the North Branch Reformed Church, starting at 6:30 PM, with 36 attendees.

John Beck led the “Random Access – Q&A” period to answer computer related questions from the audience from 7:00 – 7:15 PM. Numerous questions were asked about Microsoft Vista vs XP, and how to backup and reinstall the Microsoft operating system.

Fred Sabin ran the business meeting from 7:15 – 7:30 PM, which included the following:

- Visitors introduced themselves and told how they learned of the meeting. Most attended due to personal contacts with current NJCC members. They were welcomed and given a brief description of the NJCC and the benefits of membership.
- Fred announced that the NJCC Executive Committee had set NJCC dues for 2008 at \$25 (with NO exemptions or exceptions) per “Article 10 – Dues” of the NJCC CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.
- Fred also announced that the NJCC Executive Committee had agreed to present the following slate of nominees for election at the November 14th regular meeting per “Article 7 / Section 1 - Election Of Officers (Except Chairman And Webmaster)” of the NJCC CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS:

President	Fred Sabin
1st VP	Rich Byrne
2nd VP	John Beck
3rd VP	Lenny Laich
Secretary	Len Kopf
Treasurer	Art Tracton
Librarian	Rich Byrne

- A Motion was Made/Seconded & Approved to approve the Minutes and Treasurer’s Reports as posted on the <http://njcc.org/> website.
- Fred announced the following future programs:
 - November 14th Meeting presentation by Tom Kirk of Creative Labs.
 - December 12th Meeting will be the annual NJCC Holiday Party / Chinese Auctions, plus a VOIP presentation by Tom Kehoe.

- The following news items were then mentioned:
 - Microsoft Windows XP sales have been extended to June 2008.
 - Microsoft Windows XP mainstream support will end April 2009, and extended support will be available into 2014.
 - Microsoft has a Windows Vista to XP “downgrade” disk for select unsatisfied Vista users.
 - The “**One Laptop per Child - OLPC**” program (at <http://laptop.org>) is by a non-profit association dedicated to research to develop a low cost laptop computer for children around the world. The NJCC would like to find someone to do a future presentation on this.

Two presentations were then made:

USB Smart Drives - Fred Sabin, NJCC President, described and demonstrated how USB thumb/flash drives can function as storage devices, “smart drives” that can store and run applications in addition to just storing files, and “boot drives”. The latter two offer excellent alternatives to traveling with a notebook computer. For more information go to:

- U3 Smart Drive: <http://www.u3.com/>
- Portable Apps Suite™: <http://portableapps.com/>
- Boot Drive: <http://www.informationweek.com/windows/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=177102101>

Also, a webpage from Sol Libes June presentation to the PPCUG is at: <http://www.libes.com/sol/u3>

GOOGLE Explored - Doug Beck, NJCC Webmaster, demonstrated Gmail, iGoogle and several other Google features. Doug utilizes many of these Google features everyday at work, at home, and even on the road. Google is one of the Internet's most robust research and productivity tools. For more information go to: <http://www.google.com/support/>

- The meeting ended at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Sabin
NJCC President