

MINUTES

prepared July 3, 1992
by Roger Eaton, Secretary

1992 Annual Board Meeting of Collective Communication, Inc.

The meeting was held at Roger Eaton's apartment, 807 N. Hyperion, the evening of June 16, 1992. Chairing the meeting was Roger Eaton, President and Secretary (here preparing these minutes.) Attending were Treasurer Christina Cuevas, and Board members Ronald van Ammers, Leigh Baker, John Crane, and Joe Simpson. Gene Levine has moved to New Mexico and could not make it. Jean Shmitka wanted to attend, but had family business out of town. Al Marston was a little under the weather so he called saying he could make it if needed for a quorum and that he wanted to stay on the Board. With six members in attendance we had a quorum. Also participating was Tim Gordon, who was elected to the Board at the end of the meeting.

The 1991 minutes were approved as written.

Christina gave the Treasurer's Report. There was some confusion about the form of the report. Roger said it was his fault. He and Christina will work together to come up with an amended Treasurer's Report that will be more informative. In any case, the basics were eventually covered: 1991 beginning balance was \$19,318.91. We had budgeted \$24,000 of income and actually deposited \$20,332.98. Another \$4,024.05, which came in at the very end of the year was not deposited until 1992, but counts as 1991 income giving a total income of \$24,357.03 for the year. We had budgeted \$37,000 of expenditures, but actually spent \$29,148.10. Of this amount, about \$28,900 went to Crane Consulting for John Crane's programming work and the rest for miscellaneous expenditures. Coming into 1992 we had \$14,473.49 on hand. Expenditures and income for 1992 so far are both about \$12,500, all to Crane Consulting, leaving a balance of about \$14,500 as of June 16, 1992.

John Crane gave a demonstration of MixNet II. The program is impressive, with a pleasing and professional look about it. Roger reported that a careful feature by feature analysis puts the first online version off to November. Version .85 will be able to function as an offline reader for fidonet and Qmail. It should be ready for the public mid March 1993 with a suggested donation of \$35. Version 1.0, with a suggested donation of \$235 looks like November 1993. Tim was concerned that the design might require too much disk space. Roger thought we were a little ahead of the curve, but not so much as to worry. Disk prices keep dropping.

Roger Eaton then chaired the meeting through the rest of the agenda:

1) Progress report:

- customized ratings - no Rand hiree - a new idea
- the churches - Martin Luther King Center for Non-violence
- a new working document - latest issue dated May 7

President's report: We did not go ahead with the idea of hiring someone from Rand to do statistical work towards the customized ratings because the person we had in mind was suddenly swamped by extra work from Rand. The plan now is to implement a simpler scheme ourselves with keywords as intermediaries for user profiles to predict ratings. Roger said he thought he could code it.

Roger also reported having attended an American Friends Service Committee Anniversary dinner, where he was able to have a fairly lengthy conversation with Dr. Elise Boulding, a well known figure in the world peace movement. She agreed to take a copy of the new working document Roger had prepared and said she would respond. That was mid-May, though, and there has been no word.

Another contact was with Glenn Smiley of the Martin Luther King Center for non-violence here in Los Angeles. Mr. Smiley says his Center will be able to respond to a request for training in non-violence. Our need is for training for Humanity 2001 volunteers, who will be taking direction from the online Humanity 2001 section of MixNet.

There was some discussion about this concept of a volunteer group. Leigh wanted to know what they would be doing. Roger suggested as an example that they might arrange a face to face meeting of persons who had only met online before. The idea that volunteers should be trained in non-violence was approved by the Board. The expectation is that such training will serve as an inoculation against any possible vigilante tendencies on the part of the online community. Also the non-violence ethic should serve as roundabout protection for the volunteers, giving them a special status in the community, and it will promote high spirits among the volunteers to know they are expressing the finest ideals of humanity.

2) important issues ahead

- the voice of Los Angeles - how to make it fair
 - one man one vote, or weight ratings? (latter my choice-RE)
 - according to what - number of voters? people? adults?
 - require concomitant assent of those actually online?

discussion by the board: Previous discussions with Board members had suggested there might be a problem with using weighted ratings. Roger argued that it would be impossible to secure the support of East and South Los Angeles for a collective voice for L.A. without a weighting system. He said that Dr. Boulding had at first objected to the idea of a computerized collective voice because it would be unfair to the poor, but that when advised we would weight the ratings she dropped her objection at once.

There was some discussion about zip codes, census tracts and the possibility that if too few persons were allowed to represent many, then there might be a serious misrepresentation. Finally we agreed that these important details will have to be left for later.

Since we expect to set the weighted threshold for collective messages at two-thirds approval, Roger suggested we could allow for concurrent majority approval using the unweighted ratings. The weighted approval at the two-thirds level will represent the city better than the unweighted approval at the one-half level, but any manipulation of the ratings is bound to seem highhanded to the actual participants. The unweighted concurrent approval should reassure them of the fairness of the process. Yet there will be very little practical difference because any message that has two-thirds weighted approval is extremely likely to have one-half unweighted approval.

The Board agreed that for the collective voice of Los Angeles we will use a weighted two-thirds approval threshold with a concurrent unweighted majority requirement. Exact details of the weighting method will be developed later. This is a very important decision. Input from non-attending Board members is welcome, also any second thoughts.

- current directions
 - a) Glenn Smiley & Martin Luther King Center for Non-violence
 - b) the Interreligious Council of Southern California
 - c) UCI, USC, UCLA
 - d) all the other directions suggested in the working paper

discussion by the board: The Board ok'd these directions without much discussion. Ronald suggested Occidental College should be included in the list. It is currently very active in the "multi-cultural" area.

3) 1992 Calendar year budget

- income - budget: \$25,000
- outgo - budget: \$36,000
 - Crane consulting - budget: \$30,000
 - equipment - budget: \$5,000
 - miscellaneous - budget: \$1,000

discussion by the board: Here the discussion centered on the equipment budget. Roger said he was considering getting a laptop computer that he could use for demonstrating MixNet II when it got to that stage. Ronald suggested that a carefully made video would work to demo the system already. Everyone liked the idea. Joe said he had the whole setup -- videocam, lighting, etc. First we will have to see if we really can capture an adequate image of the computer screen.

IV) General discussion and decision

discussion by the board: Roger asked that anyone with objections to any part of the new Prospectus / Working Paper please be sure to speak up or let him know later. So far no serious reservations.

V) election of new Board and Officers

discussion by the board: Roger suggested that thanks go to John Crane for filling in as Board member, but that it would be better he not be on the Board because he is being paid. John agreed and there was general assent. Roger proposed Tim Gordon for the Board, but that

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Gene Levine, now in New Mexico, should be dropped, and again everyone agreed. Both Jean Shmitka and Al Marston had excuses and wanted to stay on the Board. There was no desire to change officers. The election was put as a single question and carried unanimously. The new Board members are: Roger Eaton, President and Secretary, Christina Cuevas, Treasurer, Ronald van Ammers, Leigh Baker, Tim Gordon, Al Marston, Jean Shmitka and Joe Simpson. We are one short. Roger said he would try to find someone during the year. We need someone from East Los Angeles. Nominations are welcome.

Altogether, the meeting was lively and quite cheering. MixNet II is looking good and what before was purely imaginary begins to seem a real possibility.

Roger Eaton, Secretary

Collective Communication, Inc. Income Statement 1991

Treasurer: Christina Cuevas

<i>Acct #</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>YTD Actual Balance</i>
 <i>EXPENSES</i> <hr/>		
<i>510</i>	<i>Computer Equipment Related</i>	<i>951.76</i>
<i>523</i>	<i>Government Fees</i>	<i>5.00</i>
<i>528</i>	<i>Contract Labor</i>	<i>25,041.34</i>
	<i>Total Expenses</i>	<hr/> <i>25,998.10</i>
 <i>INCOME</i> <hr/>		
<i>440</i>	<i>1990 Balance</i>	<i>16,168.91</i>
<i>441</i>	<i>Interest Earned</i>	<i>332.88</i>
<i>442</i>	<i>Donations</i>	<i>24,000.00</i>
		<hr/> <i>40,501.79</i>
 <i>NET INCOME</i> <hr/>		
		<hr/> <i>14,503.69</i> <hr/>

Collective Communication, Inc. Balance Sheet 1991

Treasurer: Christina Cuevas

<i>Acct #</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>YTD Actual Balance</i>
<i>ASSETS</i>		
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<i>102</i>	<i>Cash in Banks</i>	<i>14,503.69</i>
	<i>Total Assets</i>	<hr/> <i>14,503.69</i>
<i>LIABILITIES</i>		
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<i>201</i>	<i>Accounts Payable</i>	<i>0.00</i>
	<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<hr/> <i>0.00</i>
<i>EQUITY</i>		
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		<hr/> <i>14,503.69</i> <hr/>

Collective Communication, Inc. Income Statement 1992

Treasurer: Christina Cuevas

<i>Acct #</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>YTD Actual Balance</i>
<i>INCOME</i>		
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<i>441</i>	<i>Interest Earned</i>	<i>176.63</i>
<i>442</i>	<i>Donations</i>	<i>25,900.00</i>
	<i>Total Income</i>	<i>26,076.63</i>
 <i>EXPENSES</i>		
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<i>510</i>	<i>Computer Equipment Related</i>	<i>228.80</i>
<i>523</i>	<i>Government Fees</i>	<i>5.00</i>
<i>528</i>	<i>Contract Labor</i>	<i>32,695.55</i>
	<i>Total Expenses</i>	<i>32,929.35</i>
 <i>NET INCOME / (LOSS)</i>		
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		<i>(6,852.72)</i>
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Collective Communication, Inc. Balance Statement 1992

Treasurer: Christina Cuevas

<i>Acct #</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>YTD Actual Balance</i>
ASSETS		
<i>102</i>	<i>Cash in Bank</i>	<i>7,650.97</i>
	<i>Total Assets</i>	<i>7,650.97</i>
LIABILITIES		
<i>201</i>	<i>Accounts Payable</i>	<i>0.00</i>
	<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<i>0.00</i>
EQUITY		
	<i>Retained Earnings 1992</i>	<i>(14,503.69)</i>
	<i>Profit and Loss 1992</i>	<i>6,852.72</i>
	<i>Total Equity</i>	<i>(7,650.97)</i>
	DIFFERENCE	0.00

Collective Communication, Inc.
AGENDA - 1993 ANNUAL MEETING

I) 1992 minutes

II) Treasurer's report

- A) 1992 Calendar year finances
 - 1) income - budget: \$25,000 actual: \$26,077
 - 2) outgo - budget: \$36,000 actual: \$32,929
 - a) equipment - budget: \$5,000 actual: \$0
 - b) Crane Consulting - budget: \$30,000 actual: \$32,696
 - c) miscellaneous - budget: \$1,000 actual: \$234
 - B) 1993 expenditures to May 31: \$12,950 to Crane Consulting
 - \$ 4,487 to Kent Kanouse
 - \$ 3,425 for computer related (486)
 - \$ 1,201 printing and miscellaneous
- income \$16,589 balance on hand: \$1,637 as of June 28, 1993

II) President's Report -- each point is open for discussion

- A) Progress report
 - 1) MixNet II demo
 - November 1, 1992 for first online -- not even close!
 - current status
 - 2) the churches - Ecunet
- B) topics for discussion
 - 1) software development priorities
 - a) value as a small BBS -- one, two line BBS
 - b) Internet
 - 2) BBS development priorities
 - a) focus on the ecumenical hub
 - i) what shall we call it?
 - ii) plans: USC Schools of Religion & Journalism - newsletter
 - b) open MixNet hub when we have the recommender ready
 - c) universities
 - 3) funding -- loans
- C) 1993 Calendar year budget
 - 1) income - budget: \$25,000
 - 2) outgo - budget: \$47,000
 - a) Crane consulting - budget: \$32,000
 - b) Kent Kanouse - budget: \$9,000
 - c) equipment - budget: \$4,000
 - d) mailings - budget: \$2,000

IV) General discussion and decision

V) election of new Board and Officers

