



SCHHCC STAFF/BOARD MEETING
September 23, 2025, at 1:00 p.m., Hidden Cypress

In attendance: Dennis Shea, Jerry Jeffrey, Noah Rosenstein, Stu Mace, Jim Bowden, John Meeker, Sherry Conrad, Brian Osgood, Laura Giametti, Joanne Connel, Mark Davis (phone), Tom Lovelidge.

President's Remarks: Sherry Conrad

Thank you all for giving up your afternoon to attend our meeting.

Secretary's Report: Kathleen Baine

Motion to approve minutes of August staff meeting by: Brian Osgood, seconded by John Meeker. Approved by all.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Lovelidge
(published at the end of these minutes)

Social Committee: Chris Chase, Lori Fritzky

SIG Reports

Apple: Noah Rosenstein/Toni Valenstein/Leslie Foster

Our membership continues to climb. The ISLC list is over 1980. The Monday membership meeting was very well attended, with over 100 counted.

All the Club's Macs have been updated to macOS 26, Tahoe.

Help has been very busy, and we are very appreciative of the volunteers who give of their time and knowledge.

Genealogy: Jim Bowden/Susan Dobbs

Our October 2nd meeting will feature Sue Mueller, from APCUG, speaking on "Immigration Records for Genealogy." Help Sessions will be on October 8th and 22nd. Susan will be teaching on "Using Newspapers in Genealogy" on October 15th.

Computer Club Hour: Bill Altman

Here is the current schedule for 2025-26.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Oct 24	Pinckney Hall	Linux Mint Installation
Nov 21	Pinckney Hall	What to look for when buying a new computer
Dec 12	Pinckney Hall	Technology and Gadget Swap
Jan 9	Pinckney Hall	EV Update
Jan 23	Pinckney Hall	Video Security
Feb 13	Pinckney Hall	Keep It, Find It, Share It: Personal Digital Archiving in the AI Age
Feb 27	Pinckney Hall	CoPilot and Others
Mar 13	Pinckney Hall	Chromebook Overview
Mar 27	Pinckney Hall	Tracking Your "Stuff"
Apr 10	Pinckney Hall	AI is Here: What It Means for You

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Apr 24	Pinckney Hall	Free Version of Microsoft Office
May 8	Pinckney Hall	Build Your Own AI Research Assistant with Notebook LM

Facebook: [SCHH Computers, Tablets, and Smart Phones](#)

Interior Decor: John Meeker

We have finished hanging posters in the open room and the classroom. I would like to rotate the current posters out a few at a time every 4-6 weeks. If you have a picture, poster or other type of wall hanging and think it is appropriate we would love to see it and consider it. We are always open to suggestions for wall hangings.

Microsoft: Dennis Shea/Maureen Kilcoyne

Next meeting: November Ted Steinhauser will present a cyber overview. Brian Osgood presented Linux Mint in September. The presentation went quite well. We are actively soliciting presenters for future meetings.

Skywatchers: Jerry Jeffrey. The meeting on September 9th was well attended with head count at 31. Next meeting is on October 14th. No meetings in November and December.

Standing Committee Reports

Education: Mark Davis/Laura Giovanetti

Our Fall Semester will begin on or shortly after Wednesday. October 8th! At present, we have 10 classes scheduled beginning on October 10th, and open time slots for 12 more. Mark and Laura will be working to fill as many of these slots as possible. If we can't, this is still a good start with a nice combination of Apple, PC, and other classes. Thank you to one and all of our behind-the-scenes volunteers and instructors for getting us to this point. In the next few weeks, we will be moving forward with scheduling our November

class.

We would like to thank Sue Holland for joining our behind-the-scenes team as a Calendar scheduler with Jeff Dembiec.

Facilities: Brian Osgood

The ceiling projector in the classroom has been taken down and replaced with a wall mounted 98” TV. The TV is a TCL QM6K, if anyone wants to look up the specs. We are still working on finishing the installation and configuration.

Membership: Stu Mace

The Computer Club began accepting new and renewal membership applications for 2026 starting September 1. Including applications received in August, a total of 1,065 members have joined for 2026, comprising 123 new members and 942 renewing members. The club’s current total membership stands at 3,486.

By this time last year, 786 individuals had registered for the 2025 membership year.

On September 18th, the day of the General Membership meeting, 51 individuals completed their membership forms.

A 3”x5” information card has been printed and is available for distribution. The card includes easy instructions on how to join the Computer Club or renew a current membership.

Monitors: Bertha Fudgen

General Membership Meeting Programs: Bill Altman

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Oct 16	Ted Steinhauser	Cybersecurity and Scams
Nov 20	Toni Valenstein	Streaming Basics

Jan 15	Kathy Turco	IRS 2025 Tax Filing Season: Go Electronic (Kathy)
Feb 19	Bill Altman/Jason Klempner	Wearable Technology for Health Monitoring
Mar 26	Toni V/	Scams

Publicity/Communication: Bonnie Potter/Mark Davis

Bonnie has been working closely with the Social Committee to establish graphics for our various emails. Additionally, she has spent time updating our materials for the Club Fair.

Website Review/Revise Report: Mark Davis

Bud Brooks continues to work in the background to fix or improve aspects of our revised website. Thank you, Bud, for your time and efforts even while summering in Massachusetts.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report Details as of August 31, 2025:

Treasurer's Report:

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Our opening balance for the month of August was \$35,121. We had minimal income for the period (\$779). \$425 was received for membership dues this year. We had estimated \$12,000 receipts for membership dues for 2025 and we surpassed that by \$1,395. Money received from dues going forward will be shown as money received for 2026. During the period, we had \$354 open room cash sales.

Our G&A expenses for the month of August amounted to \$215; of that, \$175 was for signage and promotion attributable to the new look in the computer Club room.

Facility expenses for the month were \$4,515. We spent \$567 in printing supplies and we had a capital expenditure of \$3,935. We purchased two Apple Minis for our classroom, and we also purchased a mini LED TV to replace our

aging projector. We are significantly lower in our estimates for the facility expenses that we budgeted for 2025. Expenses are less than half of what we had anticipated. We have recorded no website redesign expenditures for the period, which was budgeted at \$4,000. Our Genealogy SIG purchased its annual subscription for the ProQuest software, which cost \$3,969. Other than Genealogy, there have been no significant expenditures in our other SIG areas. Operating cash at the end of the period was \$27,201.

Our two CDs will be renewing in September. I have renewed the smaller of the two CDs in the amount of \$10,000, but I have not renewed the \$20,000 CD and we'll discuss this issue at our meeting.

New Business

Problem with people coming in very early before walk-in help times. Discussion followed and agreed we will try to not sign people up for help until the right time when the session begins.

3x5 membership instructions cards will be created, adding a QR code after the 1st batch of 500 are gone. These will be handed out at the Club Fair and at the monitor's desk.

Old Business

- Club Fair 2025 - Lifestyles has reversed their decision about not having room in the Yemassee Craft Center open during the Club Fair on Saturday, October 4, 2025 from 10 am to 1 pm. The room may now be open so John is going to lead the discussion about how we will do this since I will be out of town and he will be the point person.
 - **Utilize: Pinckney Hall, Computer Club, Sun City Hilton Head Classroom and outer room.**
 - **Pinckney Hall: Two tables, two chairs per table.**
 - **Minimum of two people at each table.**
 - **To be relieved by JEM as needed.**
 - **Solicit members to man the tables.**
 - **Minimum of one person from each SIG in Pinckney Hall.**
 - **Describe the nature and function of the SIG they represent.**

- Each SIG have a document or card to hand out.
- Sign-up new members and renewals in classroom
 - Refer all who are interested in joining or renewing membership to the Computer Club.
 - Judy Raney and Bertha Fudgen to solicit a combination of 10 monitors and class assistants to be in the classroom to sign up new or renewing memberships.
- Open Room –
 - Microsoft / Picture Scanning will have the first row of computers. Genealogy will have the second row as needed.
 - Apple will have the third row as needed.
 - Minimum one person per SIG.
 - Answer questions and provide demonstrations as requested.
- Ensure there is an adequate number of pieces of trifold information in the club classroom, outer room and Pinckney Hall. How many does each group want?
- Money Talks possible request to be a Computer Club SIG - Jim Bowden - Update: Money Talks will continue to be their own club and will not become a CC SIG.
- Nominating Committee - Brian, Sherry and Jim
 - The slate of officers being submitted for 2026 is as follows:
 - President - Sherry Conrad
 - Vice-President - Jim Bowden
 - Secretary - Kathleen Baine
 - Treasurer - Tom Lovelidge
 - Member-at-Large - JoAnne Connell
 - Is there discussion about this slate of officers?
 - Board members vote on slate so it can be submitted to membership at October meeting.
 - We need Members-at-Large to add to the election. Next year we will have to add new names for the club, including a new secretary to replace Kathleen, who will have completed the maximum of 4 years.

Meeting Dates for 2025: Sherry

- General membership meetings will be in Pinckney Hall on 10/16, and

11/20. The mini club fairs will be at 2:15 p.m., and the meetings at 2:30 p.m.

- Staff meeting reservations are for 1:00 p.m., in the Coosaw River Room in Hidden Cypress on 10/28, and 12/2. The room is available to us at 12:30.

Meeting Dates for 2026: Sherry

- General membership meetings will be in Pinckney Hall on 1/15, 2/19, 3/26 (4th Th), 9/17, 10/22 (4th Th), 11/17 (3rd Tues)
- Staff meeting reservations are for 1:00 p.m. in the Coosaw River Room in Hidden Cypress on 1/27, 2/24, 3/24, 4/28, 5/26, 6/23, 7/28, 8/25, 9/23, 10/27, 12/1

Our next Board meeting is on October 27th, at 1:00 p.m., in the Coosaw Room at Hidden Cypress.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John Meeker_and seconded by Brian Osgood. Approved by all.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Baine
Secretary

Attachment:

Membership Recruitment and Club Fair Recommendations

September 1:

- Send the Membership Renewal letter to current members encouraging them to renew their 2026 memberships.

September 15:

Send a follow-up letter informing members of changes to Club Fair procedures:

- Renewals **will not** be accepted during the Club Fair.
- Membership renewal opportunities will be available **before and after** the September 18 General Meeting.
- Renewals can also be completed in the Club Room on Monday afternoon, October 5, and Tuesday afternoon, October 6.

September 18 (General Meeting):

- Provide 3–5 stations, 30 minutes before and after the General Meeting, for new and renewing members to complete their 2026 membership applications.
- Include one station for members to check their membership status.
- Distribute business cards with instructions on joining or renewing memberships.
- Announce that membership assistance will be available in the Club Room on Monday morning, October 6, and Tuesday afternoon, October 7.

October 4 (Club Fair):

- Have a staff member available to check membership status.
- Have 3-5 staff members assist new members in completing the membership application form.
- Distribute business cards with instructions on joining or renewing memberships.
- Display a sign indicating that membership assistance will be available in the Club Room on Monday afternoon, October 6, and Tuesday afternoon, October 7.

October 6 (Monday Afternoon):

- Assign an additional monitor in the Club Room to assist new and renewing members with completing applications.

October 7 (Tuesday Afternoon):

- Assign an additional monitor in the Club Room to continue assisting members with their applications.