



SCHHCC STAFF/BOARD MEETING

January 27, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., Hidden Cypress

In attendance: Bill Altman, JoAnne Connell, Tom Lovelidge, Stu Mace, Brian Osgood, Chris Chase, Sherry Conrad, Kathleen Baine, Susan Dobbs, John Meeker, Dennis Shea, Jim Bowden, Mark Davis

President's Remarks: Sherry Conrad

Welcome to our January staff meeting. Thank you for including this in your afternoon schedule.

Secretary's Report Kathleen Baine

Motion to approve minutes of the November staff meeting by: Bill Altman,, seconded by Brian Osgood.

Treasurer's Report: Tom Lovelidge

(published at the end of these minutes). Tom reviewed the expenses and income, noting that printing costs have gone up significantly. We will raise the cost for members to print. We will investigate by how much before raising the price.

The club officers need to go together to the Truist bank to sign the signature card for 2026 and because Jim Bowden is now the VP, replacing John Meeker.

A motion to pay \$100 for ListServ use for each of the four SIGs was made by Bill Altman and seconded by Brian Osgood. The total \$400 for 2026 was approved. During 2026, we will research a more user-friendly listserv. This payment is due by February 14, 2026.

We are looking for a liaison to APCUG. JoAnne Connell will do this going forward, maintaining contact. The APCUG is a computer speaker's bureau that also holds conferences and workshops.

Committees

Social Committee: Chris Chase, Lori Fritzky. The committee will be meeting on February 2nd, to start plans for the Appreciation dinner, which will be on April 18 from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Interior Decor: John Meeker

Would like to consider additional decorations for the computer club rooms. All approved.

SIG Reports

Apple: Noah Rosenstein/Toni Valenstein/Leslie Foster

Our Zoom meeting on the iPhone was very well attended with almost 100 in person and at least 40 online. The event was recorded thanks to Brian Osgood. We would like to offer the 2nd installment later this year. Our help sessions are well attended. We can use more volunteers. I purged the ISLC SIG list and am going over the remaining emails to make sure I have everyone accounted for. As I mentioned in an earlier email, the club needs to set ground rules for the conduct of members when in classes and help sessions. Volunteers should not be abused by frustrated members. All our Apple equipment appears to be working well. No equipment upgrades are needed.

Genealogy: Jim Bowden/Susan Dobbs

Our next meeting is on February 5th with Rebecca Shamlin presenting on "Family Book Creator with FTM." Help Sessions will be on February 11th and

25th. An Intro to Ancestry class has been scheduled for Feb. 17th.

Computer Club Hour: Bill Altman

Here is the current schedule for 2026.

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

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

Microsoft: Dennis Shea/Maureen Kilcoyne

Chris Knotts' meeting on Windows Accessibility went well. At the next meeting, Carl Scheitrum will present PC Manager. We are actively soliciting presenters for future meetings.

Skywatchers: Jerry Jeffrey.

The January meeting was well attended and garnered many questions. The subject was the 3-dimensionality of the MilkWay galaxy. Our next meeting will be on 10 February, and the subject will be Orbits of asteroids.

Standing Committee Reports

Education: Mark Davis/Laura Giovanetti

The new semester has begun. We have six classes in January. Our first class on January 12th was cancelled due to under-enrollment. We are offering five classes during the remainder of January. So far, we have 13 classes scheduled in February with hopes of more being added in the next week or so. We will

continue to recruit new instructors.

With the removal of the Education questions in our current yearly survey, Laura and I will begin work on a separate survey. We will modify the questions that were asked in the 2025 survey and add additional questions. We are in the process of establishing a small committee of Classroom instructors, an editor, and a graphics person to assist us. Maureen Kilcoyne has volunteered to be a part of the committee as an instructor. We will ask Carol Malcolm to be our Editor & Chief, Bonnie Potter be our graphics person, and possibly an additional one or two additional instructors to complete the committee. Our current plan is to develop the 2026 Education Program Survey by the end of February and send it to our membership for input in Early March. Suggestions are welcome. Please send them to: suncityhhcceducation@gmail.com Recordings?? Multiple OS in a class

Facilities: Brian Osgood

A monitor had reported a few days ago that the heat appeared to not be working. I was in the club and the thermostat read 69 deg, set at 70 degrees, and providing heat. That looks like it is working. This morning the club was down to 66 degrees. Work order submitted.

Recently installed some video conversion software and ordered two VHS-C adapter cartridges in support of Dennis' digitizing efforts.

A monitor reported that more of the 64GB USB drives were needed. We have some in the closet that I'll put out, but I checked current prices. The ones we have were purchased at \$4.58 per drive. They have gone up in price to \$6.20 per drive. If we can't catch them on sale we may have to raise our price.

Membership: Stu Mace

After a grace period of 15 days, 683 members who had not renewed their memberships for 2026 were removed from the membership list and the ISLC listserv. Subsequently, 121 individuals either joined as new members or reinstated their lapsed memberships. As of now, our membership stands at 3,066. In comparison, at this time in 2025, we had 2,912 members, reflecting an increase of 154 members.

Among the current club membership, the following number of members have opted to join a Special Interest Group (SIG):

- Apple: 1,764 (1,610 members in 2025)
- Microsoft: 1356 (1,205 members in 2025)
- Genealogy: 569 (599 members in 2025)
- Sky Watchers: 350 (353 members in 2025)

Following the removal of non-members from the listserv, it came to our attention that at least two mass emails to the full membership were blocked by the ISLC. Upon further investigation with the ISLC administrator, it was clarified that the sender of a club-wide email must be included in the membership list or specifically listed within the ISLC system. To address this issue, the email addresses of the two blocked messages have been added to the ISLC to ensure seamless communication moving forward.

Monitors: Bertha Fudgen

General Membership Meeting Programs: Bill Altman

Here is the schedule for 2026.

Feb 19	Bill Altman/Jason Klempner	Wearable Technology for Health Monitoring
Mar 26	Toni Valenstein	Scams

Publicity/Communication: Bonnie Potter/Mark Davis

Bonnie continues to provide exceptional graphics. We both finished up our work with the yearly club survey, and we are now in the process of developing an Education Survey with the involvement and input from others. If all goes well, this survey will be provided to our membership for input in early March.

Website Review/Revise Report: Mark Davis

Bud Brooks continues to do a stellar job of dealing with issues as they come up.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report Details as of September 30, 2025:
Treasurer's Report: [Here](#)

2026 Budget Worksheet [Click here](#)

2025 Financial Comparison [Click Here](#)

Ongoing Business

Procedures Manual: Sherry and Jim have begun to work on a procedures manual for the computer club. The tasks that keep the computer club running smoothly are performed by many different individuals, some who are not included in the staff meeting. We are **not** trying to change anything or oversee what you are doing, but rather just want to have information about how the many volunteer positions in the computer club are being managed so we are prepared should a situation arise in which the information is needed. We will be contacting our volunteers with several critical procedural questions and request that the information be returned as soon as possible. This got put on hold for the month of January, although Bill sent us information about CCH and we appreciate receiving it. We'll work on this more after the distribution of information from the club survey is completed.

Club Survey 2026: The 2026 club survey was distributed on Friday, January 16 and will be closed for responses on Saturday, January 31 at 9 p.m. As of Saturday, January 24 at 4:30 p.m., we had 394 responses.

Noise from Table Tennis: Is there anything we can do regarding the noise from the table tennis room? After discussion about this at our last meeting, those who hear it were asked to try to identify a more specific location where the noise is getting through, e.g. door or wall?

New Business:

New ISLC fee for 2026

Email from Walter Gnann regarding ISLC Charge

From: ISLCListOwners <islclistowners-bounces@islc.net> on behalf of Walt Gnann via ISLCListOwners <islclistowners@islc.net>

Sent: Wednesday, January 7, 2026 4:56 PM

To: islclistowners@islc.net <islclistowners@islc.net>

Subject: [ISLC List Owners] Important mailing list changes coming for 2026

Dear Mailing List Owners,

For nearly 25 years, we have been proud to provide mailing list (listserv) services to our community. From the beginning, this service was offered at no charge, supported by our ISP business and modest advertising included in message footers. Many of you have relied on these lists for years—sometimes decades—and we truly value the trust you've placed in us.

Approximately ten years ago, we discontinued our ISP services but chose to continue operating the mailing lists at no cost, recognizing how important they are to your organizations, groups, and communities. Since then, we have absorbed the full operational and support costs ourselves.

As usage and email delivery requirements have grown, so has the complexity and cost of running the service. Today, our mailing list infrastructure includes:

- Two dedicated servers running the list management software
- Five outbound SMTP relay servers to ensure reliable, timely delivery and to avoid antispam delays caused by message volume
- Ongoing system administration, monitoring, and maintenance
- Virus and spam filtering
- Email and phone support for list owners and users

At this point, the time, infrastructure, and support required to operate the service are no longer sustainable without some level of cost recovery.

Effective Jan 15, we will begin charging an annual fee of \$100 per mailing list.

This fee is intended solely to help cover the overhead associated with operating, maintaining, and supporting the mailing list service—it is not a profit-making measure.

Grace period for newly created lists:

Any mailing list created during calendar year **2025** will receive a grace period.

Billing for those lists will **not begin until 2027**.

We understand that any change like this requires consideration on your part. If you choose to continue with the service, we will provide straightforward billing and uninterrupted operation of your list. If you decide that this no longer fits your needs, we will work with you and provide assistance, if needed, to transition elsewhere. We anticipate sending invoices via email Jan 15 to list owners.

We sincerely appreciate your long-standing use of the service and your understanding as we make this necessary change. Please feel free to reach out if you have questions or would like to discuss your options.

Thank you for being part of our mailing list community.

Sincerely,

Walt Gnann

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APCUG: Are we continuing membership with this organization? If so, Mark would like to pass along the liaison responsibilities to someone else.

Waiver Requested by Lifestyles:

FORM CC 21, LIABILITY WAIVER

Approved standard form for clubs who want to utilize a Liability Waiver for their members. This form shall be retained by the club and is kept with the club's records.

FORM CC 22, VOLUNTEER WAIVER

Form shall be completed any time an individual is engaged to provide services without compensation. This form shall be retained by the club and is kept with the club's records.

Meeting Dates for 2026: Sherry

Note: Due to room availability, some meeting dates are not the usual 4th Tuesday (staff meetings) or 3rd Thursday (general meetings) days of the week.

- General membership meetings will be in Pinckney Hall on 2/19, 3/26 (4th Th), 9/17, 10/22 (4th Thursday), 11/17 (3rd Tuesday).

- 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, 10/28, and 12/1.

Our next Board meeting is on February 19th, at 1:00 p.m., in the Coosaw Room in Hidden Cypress

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Brian Osgood, seconded by Joanne Connell. Meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Baine
Secretary