

RED RIVER VALLEY SAS USERS GROUP
MINUTES
January 15, 2008
PRACS Institute, Fargo, ND

Present: Iris Gill, Nancy Monson, Wendy Arndt, Janet Carlson, Cullen Hawes, Kayla Kaul, Vern Schroeder, Nancy Barbour, Alan Wilts, Jeff Nielsen, Jeff Struck, Dan Creswell, Cathy Kremer, Sue Erickson, Hong Ren, Xuan Zhang, John Reber, Bill Slinger, Cynthia Prom, Jae Ohm, John DeHaan, Carmen Williams, Carol Drechsel, Mike Burak, Danelle Schuster, Brenda Krogen, Gretchen Kost, Peter Kilpatrick.

Jeff Struck called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon. Lunch was catered by PRACS Institute and the cost was \$4 per person. John DeHaan handled the payment of the catering bill.

Jeff asked the group for feedback on how many meetings the group should have during a year. Consensus was that at least 3 meetings should be held and possibly 4 (same as currently done).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A flyer was available concerning a new book “Data Mining Using SAS Enterprise Miner” by Randall Matignon, published by Wiley (to order call 877-762-2974 or visit <http://www.Wiley.com>).

Email from Mark Smail of Idea Integration which provides consulting help was mentioned.

Email from ThatWave Technologies concerning their webinar “Administering SAS” which will be held on January 15 was mentioned.

Remember SAS Global Forum to be held March 16-19, 2008, in San Antonio, Texas.

REPORTS:

Iris Gill presented the minutes of the September 27, 2007 and the May 10, 2007 meetings.

Gill gave the end-of-calendar-year Treasurer’s report. January 1, 2007 opening balance was \$697.69. Income for 2007 was \$1029.00 and expenditures for 2007 were \$728.10 leaving an ending balance as of 12/31/07 of \$998.59.

C. Williams moved, S. Erickson seconded that the minutes and treasurer’s reports be approved. Motion carried.

Gill distributed the Membership Dues Invoice form for 2008 asking members to mail their dues to her. Dues are \$25 for a Company membership, \$5 for an Individual membership, and \$3 for a Student membership.

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ELECTIONS:

The following slate of officers were elected for a one-year term:

President: Dean Hjelle, Otter Tail Power

Co-Vice Presidents: Carol Drechsel, University of North Dakota and
Jeff Struck, Otter Tail Power

Secretary/Treasurer: Iris Gill, Minnesota State University Moorhead

PROGRAM:

Cullen Hawes, John Deere Credit: John Deere Credit Summary and a Program for Analyzing Coding Efficiency

Nancy Barbour, USDA Agricultural Research Service: Trace Gas Emission Calculations – Lots of Data Steps, Some Proc Means and Proc Exports, a Few Proc Models, and Macros Added after the Last RRVSUG Meeting

Jeff Nielsen, Northwest Research and Outreach Center: The SAS Advantage for Sugar Beet Research

John DeHaan & Dan Creswell, PRACS Institute, Ltd. – Cetero Research: How SAS is Used at PRACS Institute. This presentation is available on the RRVSUG web site:

<http://www.und.nodak.edu/org/rrvsug/>

MISCELLANEOUS:

Door prizes from PRACS were handed out.

John DeHaan gave a tour of the PRACS Institute facility.