

APCUG Nooz Region 6 Summer 2024



Happy Summer to the Officers of APCUG's Region 6,

We're sorry that we're a bit behind on our Reports. We're a bare-boned set of APCUG officers, and with everything we each have to do with our local computer clubs, it takes a while to get around to everything, but we do. I've learned that things have really changed over the years with APCUG, especially with the Board of Advisors. I was told that before my time on the Board, with 11 Regions there were 2 (two) advisors for each region. Then it was down to 1 (one) per region. When I came on board to be your group's Regional Advisor, I was given 3 regions (that are now 2). We've lost a few more advisors and now there are just 4 of us covering what was covered by 22. Thanks to technology it's a lot easier to work with multiple regions and groups. But I can only provide the help that I'm asked for. There are still a few groups that don't even send me their newsletter, or e-bulletins so I don't always know what's going on. I try to check your website, and find that some haven't been updated in years and others don't have any specific information about what's happening in your meetings. Please check with your person that sends out communication and see if I'm on the list, if not, please add me. Thanks.

This NOOZ is sent to all officers listed in the UGLS (APCUG's membership database). Thank you for keeping your group's listing up to date. It's always interesting when we hear from someone with....I am no longer a club member or no longer an officer. Sometimes, we hear from a family member that the person who received the email is deceased. If you need a username and password or don't remember them, please get in touch with Lee Laughner, Membership Chair, at [llaughner\(at\)apcug.org](mailto:llaughner@apcug.org). You can also send your new officer information(position, name, & email address) to me, and I will update it.

Don't forget to spread the word around your group about our APCUG Wednesday Workshops and Saturday Safaris. These are open to any member of your group. Information is sent out to all officers and anyone that's attended our workshops. But your new members might not be aware of them or think they are only for officers. We have workshops every Wednesday except the 1st Wednesday of the month starting at 12:00 ET/11:00 CT. You can also find past workshops on our Youtube Channel, there's a link on our webpage apcug2.org.

Please share the information in NOOZ by forwarding it to your members, including it in your newsletter, and/or posting it on your website, etc. You will also find a copy at <http://apcug2.org/reports/>

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In this edition of NOOZ:

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1. 2024 Contests.

ePub Emails, Newsletters, and Websites

These contests are exclusively open to APCUG member groups, allowing them to showcase their communication efforts and how they engage with fellow members. Here are the details:

- **Contests:** The contests include three categories: ePub Emails, Newsletters, and Websites.
- **Submission Period:** The submission period begins on September 2, 2024, and ends on September 30, 2024.
- **Submission Process:** The contest rules and instructions, which will be sent to all officers in early August, clearly outline the process for submitting entries.
- **Recognition Opportunity:** Participating in these contests is a fantastic opportunity to earn recognition for your group. Showcase your hard work and creativity!
- **Judging and Results:** The contests will be judged in October, and the results will be announced at the annual meeting on November 9.
- **Logos for Winners:** The winning ePub Emails, Newsletters, and Websites will receive APCUG logos for 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place.
- **Results Announcement:** The results will be posted on APCUG's website and shared with all groups through NOOZ and Reports.

Make sure to mark your calendar and participate!

Bill James, Contest Chair

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2. Nominate a volunteer in your group as the 2024 Volunteer of the Year

Do you have a volunteer using their skills and experience to make a significant difference in your group? APCUG is seeking nominations for the Volunteer of the Year award, which recognizes the importance of volunteers to APCUG's member groups.

Volunteers are the backbone of APCUG and its member groups; they keep their groups viable. Volunteers come in all shapes, sizes, and personalities and have different reasons for volunteering. They are idea people and do-it people. All user group volunteers have this in common: their advocacy for technology and their dedication and commitment to their group.

This year's nominations will begin on September 2 and end on September 30. The recipient will be announced at the November 9, 2024, annual meeting. The group will receive a plaque to present to their VOTY.

The judges will objectively evaluate candidates against the selection criteria.

1. Briefly explain why your group's nominee should receive the VOTY.

2. Thoroughly describe how your volunteer has impacted your group.

If you have any questions, please email [jtaylour \(at\) apcug.org](mailto:jtaylour@apcug.org)

3. Winter/Spring 2024 Reports. The issue is attached.

4. What would you like to see in Reports? Send your ideas to your Advisor. Presentations, fundraisers, how to get volunteers, how to grow your membership, whatever? Tech tips? Security tips?

5. Advisors are your communication link with APCUG. Is your Advisor on your newsletter and meeting distribution list? Do you regularly update your website? Newsletters and websites are where your Advisor learns about what is happening with your group and can include it in their quarterly report. **No information from your group? No information about your group in Reports.** You can also email them about what is happening with your group. We want to hear from you.

6. Members taking vacations might be interested in this information.

<https://staysafeonline.org/resources/vacation-and-travel-security-tips/>

<https://geeksontour.com/2024/03/show272-time-zone-tips-and-tricks/>

<https://geeksontour.com/2022/09/242-keeping-your-devices-charged-while-traveling/login>

I hope this and the Reports were informative. Have a safe rest of your summer and we'll look forward to communication again after Labor Day.

John