

SCAR 2004

FUSUN – Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2004

From the Executive Committee Chair,

The second annual FUSUN meeting at SCAR was a wonderful success and was well attended by over 40 Synapse users from various sites around the country. Elections were held and Committee Chairs and Committee Members were elected to lead FUSUN to the next level. Please review the election results in the meeting minutes. Planning for the coming year is already underway and our goal is notify each Synapse user and encourage them to join FUSUN and enjoy the benefits of membership in the user group.

I was encouraged by Fuji's progress and their intent to continue supporting Synapse users. Fuji has already made progress in communicating to the user community by expanding the content on the IntelliGroup website. Fuji has posted and provided access to many useful Synapse install and support documents on the website. (Note: you must be a member to access and use the IntelliGroup website). Channels of communication have already been established between the FUSUN User Group and Fuji and I am optimistic about Fuji's eagerness to listen to the user community and make improvements in the Synapse product. I am also excited about future plans for Fuji to provide its users to access to Metrix Tickets.

For those of you that may not yet be members of FUSUN please go to the SCAR website at www.scarnet.net/fusun and sign up. Copy this link into a browser to go to the application instruction page. http://www.scarnet.net/fusun/html/fusun_application.htm-or contact your local Fuji sales representative. The success of FUSUN is dependent on the involvement of its members. We look forward to your participation in the FUSUN user group.

Sincerely,
Craig A. Bryant, Chair
Sharp HealthCare, San Diego, California

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Along with changes in leadership, several other important decisions were made.

1. The Executive Committee will now include the previous chairman and the two committee Chairs
2. The Education committee has been expanded to include Workflow and will now be the Education/Workflow Committee
3. The Enhancement committee was combined with the Support committee and will now be called the Enhancement/Support Committee. The goal of the committee will be to sort through already submitted enhancement requests, and combine similar requests into a single enhancement request. The committee will provide a "**Common User Voice**" and work with the Fuji liaison, Dave MacCutcheon to prioritize submitted Synapse enhancement requests
4. FUSUN meetings will be held at each of the following conferences.
 - a. SCAR will continue to be the primary meeting for FUSUN with a full day session.
 - b. RSNA – A luncheon meeting will be hosted by Fuji in November
 - c. DXP – A half-day educational track to run concurrently at the DXP meeting in February.
5. The goal of the committees will be to contact other Synapse users and encourage membership and participation.
6. Dues – Membership fees into FUSUN will continue to be \$100.00 per year for institutions that are SCAR institutional members and \$200 per years for non-SCAR institutions. Fuji will provide the first year dues for sites that are new to Synapse. Membership dues are payable to FUSUN and will include membership for up to 5 seats in FUSUN from each site.
7. Meeting Theme to be Synapse PACS and not PACS in general.

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FUSUN Meeting Format Changes

The following suggestions were made at the meeting and will be decided in committee.

1. Meeting Format: In Panel discussions, questions may be posed to the speaker right after the conclusion of that speaker and not waiting till all the speakers have finished. Other panel presenters may offer their comments as well.
2. Fuji has been asked to limit their presentations to 1 hour or less and the content to be less sales and to provide more information on the status of user requests, enhancements and accomplishments.
3. Panel Discussions will continue to be fairly general, but the program will now include speakers presenting more specific topics going into greater detail on those topics
4. Future topics will include
 - a. Troubleshooting - Tips and Tricks, for Network and other problems.
 - b. Tools – What tools are available for PACS administrators, including Fuji tools and general Administrator tools?
 - c. Storage – What are your future storage needs? Are you Ready?
 - d. Other topics as requested by the user community?

Committee Elections – The following FUSUN Members were elected:

Executive Committee

Chair	Craig Bryant – Sharp HealthCare, San Diego, California
Chair Elect	Ron Schwartz – UMC, Tucson, Arizona
Secretary/Treasurer	Gail Webb – Gunderson Lutheran, LaCrosse, WI
Past Chair	Terrence Matalon – Albert Einstein Medical Center, Philadelphia, PA
Enhancement Chair	Minnie Tandy - Sharp HealthCare, San Diego, California
Education Chair	Ron Griffin – Via Christi, Wichita, Kansas

Enhancement / Workflow Committee

Chair	Minnie Tandy – Sharp HealthCare, San Diego, California
Members	Behyar Gharamandi – Virginia Hospital Center, Arlington, VA Dr. Neal Rutledge – ARA, Austin, Texas Dr. Terrence Matalon - Albert Einstein Med. Ctr, Philadelphia, PA Dave MacCutcheon (Fuji Representative)

Education / Support Committee

Chair	Ron Griffin – Via Christi, Wichita, Kansas
Members	Eric Bruckner – Via Christi, Wichita, Kansas Craig Dreiss – ARA, Austin, Texas Tim Pederson – Kaweah Delta Health Care, Visalia, California David Wild – Albert Einstein Medical Center, Philadelphia, PA