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Chair Talk

Greetings Fellow GWAC Members and Logisticians! This issue of the GWAC ORACLE Newsletter includes information about upcoming events; Chapter Officer reports; BoD Meeting minutes; an article about Metadata; and the GWAC BoD election results.



On a personal note, many of you know that I have struggled in taking the CPL exam. This year I decided to lead the Chapter CPL Study group (who knows better about what's on the CPL exam than someone who has taken it four times) in order to improve my chances of passing. Well, I took the CPL exam in May and I have some good news and bad news. The bad news is that I didn't pass. The good news is that I passed three out of the four parts (missing the last part by one point) and I only have to retake the part I didn't pass-part 4. I will be retaking it at SOLE 2005-wish me luck!

GWAC BoD Election Results

The results are as follows:

- Chapter Chair: Dave Floyd
- VC Admin: Mary Johnston
- VC Finance: B.J. Silvey
- VC Operations: Michael D. Connor
- VC Programs: LCDR Ron Hooks (USCG)
- VC Prof/Tech Dev: Gary Glick, CPL
- BoD Advisor: Lincoln Hallen
- BoD Advisor: Ken Gary
- BoD Advisor: Joyce McCallister, CPL
- BoD Advisor: Richmond Miller, CPL
- BoD Advisor: Ed Spriggs, CPL

Please join me in congratulating the winners!

No GWAC Luncheon this August

We will resume Chapter luncheons in September. Luncheons are held at the Fort Myer Officer's Club in Arlington, VA.

Dr. Lloyd Muller, SOLE President, June Luncheon Talk

Dr. Lloyd Muller, CPL, spoke at our June luncheon about the State of SOLE. We had a great turnout including several "old timers" and a new member (see her bio on page 8). Dr. Muller said that SOLE was doing well financially, ahead of budget the last two years. He said that SOLE HQ will be increasing its staff by 2 to 3 people, mostly in the Admin area which will result in SOLE being more responsive to members. He also said that the Designated Logistician Program is on its way. This program, separate from the CPL program, designates logisticians, senior logisticians and master logisticians based on years experience in the logistics field.

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Chapter Officers

Chair	
Dave Floyd	202-475-3310
Immediate Past Chair	
Lyle Paulson, CPL	202-646-5381
Vice-Chair, Admin	
Mary Johnston	202-646-5518
Vice-Chair, Finance	
B.J. Silvey	703-860-5141
Vice-Chair, Operations	
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Vice-Chair, Programs	
Joyce McCallister, CPL	703-217-8431
Vice-Chair, Technical	
Gary Glick, CPL	703-414-6773
<u>Executive Board Members</u>	
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Ken Gary	703-692-5920
Lincoln Hallen	301-460-5060
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Jack Fogal	703-860-4080
<u>Committee Chairs</u>	
<u>Bylaws</u>	Open
<u>CPL Coordinator</u>	
Gary Glick, CPL	703-414-6773
<u>Education</u>	
Dr. Lloyd Muller, CPL	703-751-1060
<u>Elections</u>	Open
<u>Historian</u>	Open
<u>Job Referral</u>	
Linc Hallen	301-460-5060
<u>Logistics Education Foundation</u>	
John Langford	703-602-1912
<u>Membership</u>	Open
<u>Nominations</u>	Open
<u>Oracle Newsletter Editor</u>	
Dave Floyd (Acting)	202-546-0865
<u>Public Relations</u>	Open
<u>Retail Sales</u>	Open
<u>Speaker Editor</u>	Open
<u>Training</u>	
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<u>District Director</u>	
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Upcoming Events

August, 8-10 2005, Integrated Logistics Support to be held in Tysons Corner, VA. Contact www.TechnologyTraining.com or 703-847-5000

August 11-12, 2005, Integrated Master Plan/Schedule to be held in Fairfax, VA. Contact www.technologytraining.com or 703-385-7774

August 15-16, 2005, Cost and Schedule Control to be held in Rosslyn, VA. Contact www.TechnologyTraining.com or 800-368-3408

August 16-18 2005, SOLE 2005 Symposium to be held in Orlando, FL. The theme is: *Logistics: Product and Processes for Capability*. Contact www.sole.org

August 22-23, 2005, Basic Configuration to be held in Tysons, VA. Contact www.TechnologyTraining.com or 703-356-8218

September 29-30, 2005, Military Logistics Summit 2005 at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, Alexandria, VA. Three different tracks will be offered to the attendees: (1) Performance Based Logistics, (2) RFID for defense, or (3) Battlefield Logistics.

To Register Call: 416-598-0981 or E-mail: jim.alan@idga.org.

Financial Report

by BJ Silvey at
silveybjmarbj@comcast.net

30 June, 2005

Beginning Balance: \$2363.83

Income: Luncheon

Total Income: \$280

Expenses: Luncheon, miscellaneous

Total Expenses: (304)

Ending Balance: \$2359.83

VC OPS

By Mike Connor at operations
@gwacsole.com.

DCEAS Council Meeting

August 2005

No DCCEAS Meeting will be held in July or August of this year. Meetings will resume in September. You can visit their website at [http:// www.geocities.com/~dceas/index.html](http://www.geocities.com/~dceas/index.html).



MAL 04/05 Disbursement to Chapter

As a perennial Mid-Atlantic Logistics (MAL) conference planning and execution participant along with being a valuable stakeholder, the GWAC has received a check for \$5065. This is a result of surplus earned from MAL 2004 and MAL 2005 and was distributed as disbursement to stakeholders/chapters. Plan on helping your chapter for MAL 2006, scheduled for 28-30 March 2006. Contact Dave Floyd, Mike

Connor, or B.J. Silvey, all members of the MAL planning committee for more information.

Chapter Website. We have now hit over 5300 distinct web site visits in just over year. Again, the GWAC start, career assistance, programs, and newsletter web pages remain the most visited gwacsole.org sites as shown below. Keep visiting and visit often! Contact the webmaster at webmaster@gwacsole.org with your comments and/or input. Files added during the last month to the functional areas include the following:

General.

- June BoD Meeting Agenda and Minutes
- Updated Calendar of Events

Administration.

- Membership Spreadsheet, Password protected (contact webmaster@gwacsole.com)

Operations.

- June ORACLE Newsletter

Finance.

- June Financial Report

Chapter Events List 2004-2005

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
June 29	Monthly Luncheon
July 13	GWAC BoD Meeting No July Luncheon
Aug 15	CPL Exam, Orlando FL
Aug 16-18	GWAC BoD Meeting SOLE 2005, Orlando, FL No August Luncheon

VC Programs

by Joyce McCallister, CPL at mccallisterj@comcast.net

The Guest Speaker for our 29 June GWAC Luncheon was Dr. Lloyd Muller, CPL, President of SOLE, The International Society of Logistics, who spoke on the "State of SOLE". The luncheon was held in the Fife and Drum Glass room in the main dining area.



VC Technical

By Gary Glick at glickg@starpower.net

GWAC Study Group for May CPL Exam

GWAC held its Final CPL study group session on Tuesday evening, 2 May, 2005. Sessions were held weekly at The Presidential Tower, 2511 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 11500, Crystal City, VA. (a short walk from the Crystal City metro stop). Your Chapter Chair Dave Floyd and Mr. Doug White participated in taking the eight hour exam in May. Gary Glick, the GWAC VC for Technical, proctored the exam.

SOLE Searchers

Check out the updated "Jobs" page hyperlink at the GWAC Web site at www.gwacsole.org. or contact Linc Hallen at 301-460-5060.

SOLE 2005

SOLE 2005 - "Logistics: Product and Process for Capability" - Join logisticians from around the world from 16-18 August at SOLE 2005. With a theme of "Logistics: Product and Process for Capability", the Society's 40th An-

nual International Logistics Conference and Exhibition will be held at the Caribe Royale Resort in Orlando, Florida.

With three full days of exciting, educational and topical proceedings, designed to provide logisticians from all countries a unique bridge to the future, some of the world's top logistics leaders will lead the conference attendees in addressing a broad spectrum of issues critical to achieving future logistics excellence and capability.

This year, the conference will be Co-Chaired by two powerful and innovative executives responsible for driving logistics transformation. Louis (Lou) A. Kratz, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Logistics Plans and Programs) will serve as both the Defense Technical Chair and the conference host. Joining him, as the Industry Technical Chair, is Gary J. Anderson, JSF Customer Support Executive, Rolls-Royce.

The three-day symposium will offer strategic perspectives on the critical components of logistics; along with offering invaluable insights into the future direction, integration and expansion of logistics enterprises. Exceptional leaders and innovators will offer their perspectives on the key elements of the melding of product and process to provide enhanced, sustainable logistics capability.

For the technical program overview and registration and exhibit information, just click on "Annual Conference" on the SOLE website, or go to www.sole.org/conference.asp. See the SOLE 2005 Flyer on page 10.

Contact SOLE Headquarters
at www.sole.org

BoD Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER:

GWAC Chapter Chair Dave Floyd called the meeting to order at 5:45p.m. on 13 July, 2005 at Chapter Chair Dave Floyd's house.

CHAPTER OFFICERS PRESENT:

Dave Floyd	Chair
Mike Connor	VC Operations
Lyle Paulson	IPC

OLD BUSINESS:

Past Minutes. The Board of Directors (BoD) reviewed and recommended approval of the June 2005 BoD Meeting minutes.

VC/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

VC FINANCE:

Mr. BJ Silvey, who was not present, electronically provided current financial numbers for the Month of May (See page 3).

VC OPERATIONS:

The GWAC 5005-2006 Election results are as follows:

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VC PROGRAMS:

Luncheon Speakers. There are no GWAC luncheons scheduled for July or August so members present discussed possible candidates for the September luncheon. Lyle Paulson came up with the idea of inviting the trainer from the Redskins. He has sent a letter to that effect. He also recommended that

we see if we could get Andy Evans, a member of AIAA to talk about NASA or Frank Sepalina, Assistant Director of NASA for the Hubble, to come and speak.

VC ADMINISTRATION:

Ms. Mary Johnston initiated a discussion on how we could recruit new members. Discussion also ensued on the pros and cons of mailing a hardcopy of the 2005 September newsletter to all members. We could provide a coupon for the GWAC pin as part of mailing - redeemable at a luncheon.

VC TECHNICAL:

The results of the May CPL exam are that Chair Dave Floyd and Doug White passed three out of the four parts. They both failed to pass part 4 that deals with Business Logistics. The good news is that by passing three out of the four parts, they only have to retake the part they missed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Possible changes to awards submittals were discussed (e.g., ensure no submittal is from a previous winner). Chair Dave Floyd contacted Mr. John Martinez and found out that the Breakfast club is still meeting during the Summer months.

CHAPTER GIFTS: There was a discussion about how and where to get Chapter gifts and how to order discounted textbooks from SOLE for CPL exam preparation. Mr. Lyle Paulson, CPL, mentioned that he would like to buy a watch with the SOLE Logo.

MAL: A District meeting, hosted by the District 2 Director Mr. Mike Connor, took place at the ARMY/NAVY club on 9 July 2005. See the agenda on page 9.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further discussions, Chapter Chair Dave Floyd adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm. The August BoD meeting will be held at SOLE 2005 in Orlando, FL.

Unique Identification (UID) Guide and Program Manager's Planning Roadmap

The updated DoD Guide to Uniquely Identifying Items v1.5 (June 7, 2005) has been posted onto the UID website. It can be accessed at the following link:

<http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/UID/attachments/DoDUIDGuide.pdf>

The Program Manager Planning Roadmap v1.2 (June 10, 2005), has been posted the following link

<http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/UID/attachments/PM%20UID%20Planning%20Guide%20v1.2.pdf>

Metadata Article

*by Melkote Ramaswamy, Ph. D.
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We examine the meaning of metadata and cite examples of application to documents, people, products and logistics.

INTRODUCTION

We often hear about the word Metamorphosis meaning change, transformation or transmutation. If you are into religion or philosophy, the word Metaphysics is frequently mentioned. By the way, Metaphysics has no connection to physics and it deals with the ultimate nature of existence, and addresses questions such as what is real and important. Lately, the word Metadata is emerging as an integral part of Information technology. We will attempt to talk about Metadata and what role it plays in everyday life.

Metadata is Data about Data. More precisely, it provides statistical information about the elements of a set of data. In layman terms, it refers to: "more than meets the eye" or "behind the scenes" or "data profile". Closely

related to Metadata is Data Mining or information retrieval. These two are hot topics in today's IT field.

EXAMPLES OF APPLICATION

Documents

Let us consider a document. It has several attributes that make up its metadata. We list below some key properties:

- File Size
- File Name and Location
- Author
- Permissions (who can access, Password protection,
- Classified/Unclassified/Declassified)
- Edit (for example: Read only)
- Application used (Microsoft Word, Word-Perfect)
- Content (Encryption)
- Language
- Stakeholders (whom does the document interest)
- Revision History (Version, especially in DoD publications and scientific journals)
- Key Words (for indexing, searching)
- Feedback provision (e-mail address to send comments)
- Links to other documents
- Document Makeup (html, Font, type size, etc.)

People Search

We can extend this concept of metadata to personal profiles. Internet's People Search feature creates an open book of people's profiles—sometimes more than what one cares to know. For a fee, one can get a background check too! The following are some of the metadata elements in a personal profile:

- Name
- Address
- Age
- Nationality
- Marital Status

- Family History
- Race
- Religion
- Gender
- Education
- Job History
- Relocation
- History
- Criminal Record
- Political Affiliation
- Voting Record

Product Profile

Likewise, we can talk of product profile or a product's metadata. For instance, let us take a used car. Some of the things that are pertinent to a buyer are:

- Make and Model
- Actual Miles
- Ownership History
- Accident history
- Involved in any criminal activities
- Lease or trade-in

Metadata plays a crucial part in pharmaceutical products (Drugs). Some of the pertinent elements are:

- Chemical Formula (Generic Equivalent)
- Manufacturer (Brand)
- Date of Manufacture
- Country of Origin
- Date of Expiration (Shelf life)
- Storage (Refrigerator, room temperature)
- Physical Configuration (tablet, capsule)
- Method of delivery (inhale, imbibe, inject)
- Over the Counter or Prescription
- Price
- UPC Coded
- Dosage
- Indications (who should be taking and for what)
- Contra-indications (Side effects, interactions with other drugs)
- FDA Approval
- Recall History

LOGISTICS RELATED APPLICATIONS

Aviation

Metadata is valuable while investigating an aircraft crash. The examiners would like to know:

- Type of aircraft
- Manufacturer
- Country of manufacture
- Pilot profile (license, years of experience, health history)
- Maintenance History

Spare Parts

An example of interest to logisticians would be the availability of assets such as a spare part or an aircraft. They would like to know among other things the following:

Part Description

- Part Number (barcode)
- Serial Number
- Manufacturer (Vendor)
- Date and Country of manufacture
- Intended use (where used)
- Spare parts (Inventory level)
- Level of deployment
- Criticality of application
- Type of delivery
- Equivalent (Interchangeability)
- Installation Requirements (Technician level)
- Warranty

CONCLUDING REMARKS

In a nutshell, metadata simply means more data-- if not all the data-- that one can get about a document, person or product. While this raises certain invasion of privacy issues, it is extremely valuable in document searches and profiling people and products.

Letter From Our Distinguished Chapter Member John Langford

Fellow Americans:

My daughter, Meg, who lives and works in Los Angeles, is now involved in a philanthropic and humane effort to rescue a little boy, Maverick. Maverick is less than two years of age. He is obviously a victim of the abuses of the child protective services system. I respectfully refer you to a website Meg constructed as part of her effort shown below:
www.savemaverick.com

When I did a detailed review of the web site and its numerous links related to this little boy's case, I was appalled, shocked and angered by indications of the apparent failures of the child protective system.

The child protection systems in many states are often indifferent, disdainful and incompetent which, unfortunately, can often be attributed to understaffing and inadequate funding. Although this case focuses on Maverick, he very likely typifies hundreds of thousands of children in the U.S. in the same situation.

If you have interest and opportunity to visit the web site, you will be able to click on the **Contact** link to view a listing of the authorities and organizations related to this case. If you so wish, you could further communicate to one of the selected points of contact your support of Maverick and sympathy with many children like him.

Please consider passing this on to others in your own Internet network.

Respectfully,

John Langford

New Member Bio

Yvonne Carr

Ms. Carr is our newest GWAC member. She is a graduate of the University of Houston, Houston, TX, December 1999, with a BA degree in Computer Information Systems with a concentration in Systems Analysis and Design and Business Administration.

Her work experience includes work as a Liaison Coordinator for ChevronTexaco Overseas Petroleum on the West African Gas Pipeline Project (WAGP) in Houston, TX from 2000 to 2004. In this capacity, she acted as focal point for regional high-level government officials and maintained relations with various international organizations such as the United Nations (UN) and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) as required.

Ms. Carr Coordinated logistics operations for WAGP frequent meetings and events in Africa and Europe. She analyzed quotations for most advantageous rates, and advised on most effective travel arrangements. In addition, she coordinated other meetings and events requirements such as interpreters, translation equipment, printing and shipping of meetings materials, local transportation and communications assets.

Prior to a meeting, she prepared cost estimates seeking Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) clearance. Upon completion of the meeting, she reviewed final vendors' invoices to ensure compliance with terms of contracts and actual services rendered. She compiled cost data and prepared budgets for logistics costs reporting. She expedited the resolution of problems and complaints.

She performed as project scheduler for six months. She liaised with all team leaders to

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communicate required completion dates and interfaces between contractors and various government agencies. She co-designed a shareholder consultations database. She analyzed data and provided hard deliverables in support of WAGP Environmental Impact Assessment compliance. She also acted as translator and interpreter for quick turnaround review of government communications.

Ms. Carr was recognized in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges from 1997-1998.

In her spare time she works at the DC Hunger Solutions/DC Jewish Community Center by facilitating the Food Stamp Program within the Washington Metropolitan area.

Letter from Ms. Sarah James on the passing of Eugene Livermore

I just talked to Earl Briggs, Gene's boss at BAE Systems, who faxed the obituary and gave me some additional details about his unexpected passing. They are as follows:

Gene (who was 65) was in Detroit on business travel last week. On Wednesday, he was in his room and had trouble breathing, called 911 and was rushed to the local hospital, where he was pronounced dead of a massive heart attack. The funeral was this morning at 1100 at Gene's church (LDS) in York, Pennsylvania. Internment will be in the Susquehanna Memorial Gardens with military honors by the York County Veterans Honor guard. (He was a retired LTC, and served two tours in Vietnam.)

Memorial contributions may be made to:
American Heart Association
PO Box 5216
Glen Allen, Virginia 23058-5216

For those that might want to send condolences to Marge (Marjorie) and the family,

the address is:
Mrs. Eugene M. Livermore
651 South Main Street

Shrewsbury, Pennsylvania 17361-1717

Gene was a true friend to the Society over the 23 years he was a member. For those of you who might want to put something in your chapter newsletters, here's some additional information about him.

President's Award of Merit -
1994 and 2001
Chair, CPL Qualification Review Board -
1995-1996 (?) - 2002

Sarah

District 2 Meeting Agenda

A District 2 Meeting was held on 9 July 2005 in Washington, DC. Below is the agenda that the District Director, Chapter Chairs, and Mid-Atlantic Logistics (MAL) Conference Committee Members followed. Look for meeting notes in future issue of this newsletter.

1. MAL 2004/2005 Wrap-up
 - a. Disbursement Closeout
 - b. Balance Sheet Closeout
 - c. Lessons Learned/Conference Review
2. District/Chapter Operations
 - a. New Operating Manuals
 - b. Chapter Budget/Capital
 - c. Chapter Status, Membership Roster Reconciliation and Recruiting/Retention Efforts
 - i. Chapter Reactivation/Merger Possibilities
 - ii. Contact Information Update
 - iii. Senior Member and Life Member Recognition
 - iv. Membership Recruiting/Retention Ideas
3. SOLE 2005 BoD Meeting Topics/Questions/Issues
 - a. District/Chapter Goals for FY06
 - b. Open Actions from Feb 05 Meeting
 - c. Issues/Actions/Questions for SOLE 2005 BoD Meeting
4. Sarbanes Oxley Act (SOX)
5. MAL 2006 Kick-off, theme, business plan, brainstorming.



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14-18 August 2005

Workshops: 14-15 August 2005

Conference: 16-18 August 2005

Special Events: A number of special events are planned, including the Opening Reception on Monday evening in the Exhibit Hall, a poolside Welcome Reception on Tuesday evening, and the annual Awards Banquet on Thursday.

Keep checking the SOLE Web Site at www.sole.org for more details about the SOLE 2005 Technical Program and Workshops.

Register Now! for Special Discounts