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The AAMA Must Reboot!

THE AAMA NEEDS NEW “DRIVERS.” After 20 years of work, the “hardware” of the organization, its *membership*, must “reboot.” Its programs are aging and slowing down the machine. It is not ready to tackle the dynamic challenges of the years ahead. The “bios” (the AAMA Board) commanding the booting process decided to re-haul the entire machine in Dallas, TX in August 2008. It appears that new hardware, software, and drivers are needed. Even the bios itself will be tweaked. The power supply running the system, by outputting dollars to the entire machine, has to become more efficient without overheating. The changing environment requires that our new “machine” be equipped with the latest antivirus, antispyware, and firewall to prevent bugs. Most importantly, it needs to be able to rapidly upload and download new information from the outside world to remain up-to-date. This will require a lot of networking.

Hopefully, this overhaul will successfully modernize our old processor. This machine will have to become lighter, faster, and leaner to interact with our ever-changing hard-

ware. We cannot afford any down time or blue screens of death. I know that the Summit produced a lot of heat, but our study fans or water-forced cooling kept things from overheating and prevented fuses from blowing. Will there be enough new hardware available to make the overhaul a success? When the start-up switch is pressed, will the machine reboot into a solid new operating system with compatible hardware, software, and most importantly, new drivers? The time has come to *recognize that we have the power and the technical skills to make this overhaul successful.*

The machine may hang up, and the reboot button may have to be pressed. This is the price to pay for a better system. It is challenging to get it started and keep it running day and night. But I do have faith in the *hardware* to do the job now and in the future. It is time to reboot into the *now* to be ready for the next challenges. *We do not want to freeze up.*

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