

# ❖ Consultants in Minnesota ❖

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## President's Message

By Larry Bremer

Let me begin by thanking VISI.com for their excellent presentation. Very knowledgeable speaker, informative presentation and the most questions from the audience in recent memory. It is easy to understand why the most recent issue of City Business ranks VISI in the top 25 of dedicated internet service providers (actually, they hold the number 3 position)

There is an excellent article in The Independent on surviving an audit. The article reviews the documentation required in the event of an IRS audit. The article outlined the documentation required and the length of time you must keep the documentation by type of expense. This is a must read for anyone who is in business for themselves.

There are still several volunteer opportunities for our membership. The first is a need for additional program chairs. Being a program chair is a great way to become involved in the chapter, meet some knowledgeable people in your field of interest (networking) and to learn more about your topic of interest. Trust me when I say it is a rewarding and (mostly) enjoyable experience. The second opportunity is to staff the booth at the strictly Business Expo. Mark your calendars for June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> for attendance and reserve a two-hour block of time to staff the booth. This show provides great networking opportunities, i. e. meeting influential people (contract labor buyers and other independent contractors). Watch for more information on the Strictly Business Expo.

Lastly, mark your calendars for the 23<sup>rd</sup> National Conference, June 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>, in the Boston area. Watch for more information on this as well. If you schedule allows, plan to spend an additional couple of days in the Boston area. For ideas about how to spend the extra time visit: <http://travel.boston.com>

Looking forward to seeing you at the Lido, Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Meeting Reservation stuff

By Meeting Reservation Taker and Chief Engineer Barnes

#### **NOW HEAR THIS:**

The reservation scenario for our monthly meetings are beginning to get a bit out of hand, and it's time for us to return to following the routine as outlined in our official Minnesota ICCA Procedures Manual. The Procedures Manual says that there is a deadline date and time, announced in the newsletter, by which meeting reservations shall be called in to Joan Barnes.

The recent scenario has worked something like this: The newsletter is mailed out. The day after the announced deadline, the Program Chair calls Barnes and asks, "What's the count for dinner?" Barnes replies, "Looks like about 8 or 9. Give me a call back tomorrow." Then Barnes gets on the phone or Email, tracks down the usual culprits, gets the usual lame excuses, and gets some more reservations. (This last meeting went from 7 to 25.)

So Barnes, who is getting a bit bored with this routine (although it is a good excuse to have a nice chat with her pals) and who is always up for a bit of fun, has made this recommendation to the board: Anyone who calls in late to reserve will get to pay a \$2 (or so) penalty. The \$2 (or so) will go into a special fund to be used for something appropriately frivolous at our Holiday Fun meeting. So unless everyone gets with the program, we will have some Real FUN.

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**Introducing Amy McKenna**

By Joan Barnes

Amy McKenna is a new member of ICCA, and she has already volunteered to sponsor the July meeting, 'Business to Business'. She graduated with high honors from St. Thomas with a mathematics major and a computer science minor. She was recruited by CSC Consulting and worked for them for 3 years doing application development at client companies. Amy became an independent 2 years ago and, with the exception of the process of finding new gigs, likes it a lot. Her husband, Steven, is an accountant so she doesn't have the bookkeeping and taxes to not enjoy. Amy's company name is McKenna Consulting, Inc. Her specialty is Oracle, and she has worked as a developer, designer, and technical team lead.

Amy lives in Woodbury. In addition to Steven, her family includes a 75 lb lab-retriever named Madison. She enjoys travelling and spent 2½ weeks in Australia and Fiji last year including scuba diving along the Great Barrier Reef. She enjoys all types of music and attending musical theater.

Amy looks forward to getting to know other members of the Minnesota Chapter and expanding her technical and business skills through involvement with ICCA. She is looking for some assistance with a speaker for the 'Business to Business' topic, so if you have any suggestions, please help her out:

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Meeting Reservations: Members may phone your reservation to Joan Barnes at 651-257-2570, **by 3:00 PM, Tuesday, March 14, 2000.** Non-members should mail this form to:  
ICCA Minnesota, c/o Roger Montague, 2738 Winnetka Ave. N, New Hope, MN 55427.

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Menu: The Lido Italian Buffet

Members \$20 Non-members \$23 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a check for: \_\_\_\_\_



# Next Meeting

Thursday, March 16, 2000

Power Quality

## Italian Market Deli by Lido

2801 North Snelling Ave 651-636-9721  
(north of Rosedale)

Social Hour at 5:30PM  
Dinner at 6:30PM

For reservations call  
Joan Barnes @ 651-257-2570

## FUTURE MEETINGS

### Visitors at the ICCA Minnesota meeting February 16, 2000

A hearty welcome to our visitors at the last ICCA meeting. We all hope you will visit again and become part of our association:

*Speakers from VISI.com:*

Mike Horwath  
Aileen Goodrich

*Guests attending:*

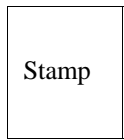
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