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February 2001

President's Message

By Larry Bremer

Greetings.

Thank you to Ben Moyle for chairing the annual ICCA Vendor Fair event. Good contacts, good networking and hopefully future business relationships were started. I have a limited number of handouts on the vendors that were left after the meeting so if you'd like to see them please contact me.

A huge thanks to the officers who have served their term goes out to Gordy Schesel (Vice Pres), Roger Montague (Treas) and Ben Moyle (Secty) and to the officers who will serve for the next term goes out to Charles Brotzler and Amy McKenna (Co Vice Pres), Norm Nelson (Treas) and Ben Moyle (Secty).

The National office has a new web site: <http://www.icca-2001.org>. Visit the web site for information on the national conference in Kansas City this summer, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, June 9 – 10, 2001, in Kansas City, MO (the welcome reception is Friday evening, June 8th).

when I say it is a rewarding and (mostly) enjoyable experience. The second opportunity is to staff the booth at the Strictly eBusiness Solutions Expo at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Mark your calendars for May 23rd and 24th, 2001, to attend the show and reserve a two hour block of time to staff the booth. Talk about networking, i.e. meeting influential people (contract labor buyers and other independent contractors). Watch for more information on the Strictly eBusiness Solutions Expo.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting on Wednesday, February 21st, 2001, at the Wyndham in Bloomington for a presentation on "The Personal Coach" by Joan Polasky.

Contract Brokers at the January 16, 2001 meeting.

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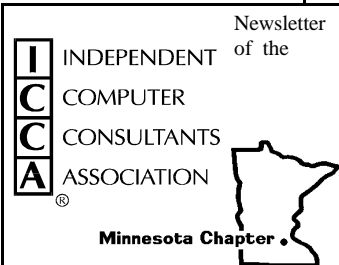
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There are several volunteer opportunities for our membership. The first is a need for additional program chairs. Being a program chair is a great way to become involved in the chapter, meet some knowledgeable people in your field of interest (networking) and to learn more about your topic of interest. Trust me

More Contract Brokers at the January 16, 2001 meeting.

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Visitors and new members at the ICCA Minnesota Tuesday January 16th meeting

A hearty welcome to our visitor at the January 16th ICCA meeting. We all hope you will visit again and become part of our association

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Top 10 Tech-Influenced Reality TV Shows

Reality TV is all the rage. "The Mole" and "Temptation Island" debuted this week, while CBS announced that "Survivor" was being picked up for at least two additional seasons. Meanwhile, old standbys such as "Cops" and "The Real World" and specials like "When Animals Attack" continue to draw audiences. But these shows seem deliberately low tech, failing to address the high-tech reality of our everyday lives. If they did, perhaps they might be more like the following:

1. World's Scariest Computer Crashes: Blue screen of death, captured live.
2. Big Blue Brother: Only slightly more interesting than the original "Big Brother" TV show, this version features a 24-hour feed of a houseful of IBM minicomputers working out the value of pi. Last viewer watching wins \$500,000.
3. Who Wants to Marry an Unemployed Former Paper Millionaire?: Ain't love Grand?
4. Digital Chains of Love: Four male programmers are chained to a woman. First one to figure out what he's supposed to do wins.
5. America's Funniest Home Users: Laugh as newbies use the CD-ROM drive as a cup holder, search for the Any key when instructed to press any key, and turn the mouse upside down and use it as a trackball.
6. Cyber Cops: FBI agents bust into suburban homes in New Jersey to arrest pimply-faced, under-socialized preteen hackers.
7. The Real World, Redmond: Bill Gates, Steve Ballmer, and four 20-year-olds with multiple body piercings live together in a three-room apartment for five months while cameras follow their every move. It's all edited MTV-style, accompanied by samples of rock, hip-hop, and alternative tunes.
8. Temptation Cubicle: Supposedly committed employees are left alone at their computers to see who can go the longest without checking the online job listings.
9. 1990 House: One man, locked in his home, has to perform all computing functions using only DOS 4.01.
10. E-Survivor: Eight dot-com entrepreneurs, each working on a different start-up, are stranded on a desert island. The winner: The last with any venture-capital cash left.

Professional Coaching

by Jerry Stiff

Our speaker for the February program is Joan Polasky. She has an MBA from the University of Wisconsin – Madison and is a graduate of the Coaches Training Institute – California. She had a twenty year career in the data processing industry. Her new career is in the industry of personal and professional coaching. She assists people in defining their development goals – whether career or personal – and staying on a plan for accomplishment.

Perhaps you remember that Tom Kelly (manager, Minnesota Twins) received training on how to work with the sports media. Many businesses give their employees additional responsibilities and provide some training to match. At mid-life, some people review their old perspectives and seek challenges in new directions. Depending on our need at the time, we might use the services of an accountant, attorney, financial planner, master gardener, physical therapist, or personal / professional coach.

Joan's presentation to our meeting will be "What is VISION." It is one segment of her monthly Vision in Action (™) workshop. This segment deals with expressing who you are in your work and your world.

You are welcome to preview her website (www.joanpolasky.com) for dinner conversation with her.

Meeting Dates and Locations for 2001

Wed Feb 21	Wyndham Garden Hotel
Thurs Mar 22	Italian Market Deli by Lido
Tues Apr 17	Wyndham Garden Hotel
Tues May 22	Italian Market Deli by Lido
Thurs Jun 21	Wyndham Garden Hotel
Thurs Aug 23	Italian Market Deli by Lido
Tues Sep 18	Wyndham Garden Hotel
Wed Oct 17	Italian Market Deli by Lido
Thurs Nov 22	Wyndham Garden Hotel

Feb, Apr, Jul,
Sep, Nov Wyndham Garden Hotel
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Jan, Mar, May, Aug, Oct Italian Market Deli by Lido
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Meeting Reservations: Members may phone your reservation to Joan Barnes at 651-257-2570, **by 3:00 PM, Friday, February 16, 2001.** Non-members should mail this form to: ICCA Minnesota, c/o Norm Nelson, 2200 E 22nd St. Minneapolis, MN 55404-3165

Name: _____ Company: _____
Address: _____ City: _____
State: _____ Phone: () _____

Menu Selection: Chicken Dijonaise, London Broil
Beef Stroganoff

Members \$25 Non-members \$28 x _____ = _____
Late Charge \$2 x _____ = _____
Enclosed is a check for: _____



Next Meeting

Wednesday, February 21, 2001

Professional Coaching

Wyndham Garden Hotel

4460 W 78th St. Circle
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Social Hour at 5:30PM
Dinner at 6:30PM

For reservations call
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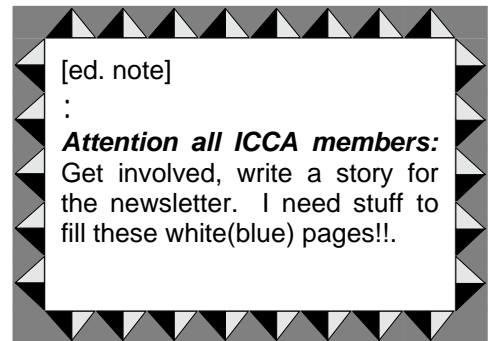
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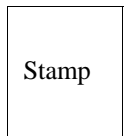
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