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President's Message

By Randy Hayman

Greetings All!

First, I'd like to thank Ray Giske for sponsoring last month's featured presentation on Marketing Website Design Projects, given by Bruce Stasch of Apex Marketing Group.

October provides us with a featured presentation on an 'agile', or 'light-weight' software engineering methodology, 'eXtreme Programming' (an original use of the term XP). This should be a great presentation for developers, project managers, software life-cycle improvement consultants, and everyong else interested in the process of software creation.

November's meeting will feature a presentation by the long-time InfoWorld columnist, Bob Lewis. Be sure not to miss this one either! Bob will talk about spotting upcoming trends that you can use in your business growth - spotting trends for fun and profit.

I usually write these columns well in advance of our editor's due date, however this month's column has been met with writers' block. It could be that I've been too busy, or that I've been staving off a cold, or simply that I've had way too many thoughts going through my head with the events of the past 6 weeks.

We are still moving forward with the initiatives laid out in last month's column, however we have hit a few snags along the way, logistically. We still will be bringing forward a vote on the By-Law changes for our chapter, once approved by National. Look forward to voting on the amendments. The proposed amendments will put our chapter in step with National as far as elections and tenure of officers goes, making it much easier for our

chapter officers to serve on National boards and committees to assist in the direction of ICCA. The proposed amendments will protect our individual chapter's identity and enable us to remain strong in the coming years.

Again, feel free to let Amy McKenna (contact information to the left of this column) know the details of the special presentation you have arranged for our chapter.

The challenge for this month for each of you is this: What small or large things do you do to assist in the name recognition of ICCA?

That's the view from here. Let me know your thoughts by sending me email at haymanr@icca.org.

Microsoft's Upgrades

From: William B. Smale

After first seeing Microsoft's slogan for its upcoming Windows XP operating system, "it just works," I couldn't help wondering: what were the slogans for all the previous releases? After thinking about it for a while, they became obvious.

- Windows 1.0: Good joke, eh?
- Windows 2.0: Still funny, isn't it?
- Windows 286: Yeah, we're still kidding.
- Windows 386: Going boldly where Desqview has been for years.
- Windows 3.0: It's finally worth buying!
- Windows 3.1: It's finally worth using!
- Windows 95: Going boldly where the Mac has been for years.
- Windows 98: More usable! Less stable!
- Windows 98SE: More stable! Less usable!
- Windows ME: Less usable AND less stable!
- NT 1.0: Give me more hardware! NOW!!!
- NT 2.0: Darn it, I said MORE HARDWARE!!! NOW!!!!
- NT 3.0: Which part of "more hardware" do you not understand?
- NT 3.5: With enough hardware, I'd work. Honest.

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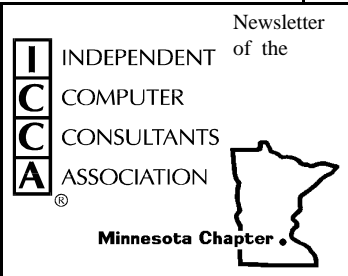
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NT 4.0: Does less than Win98 with twice the hardware at one-half the speed.
 Windows 2K: Works almost as well as Windows 98! Honest!
 Windows XP: It just works.



Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 17, 2001

Intro to Extreme Programming

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

Thurs Nov 22 Wyndham Garden Hotel

Intro to Extreme Programming.

Susan Standiford has been in the IT industry for 11 years with the last 6 spent delivering software for Retek, a software product company serving the retail industry. Her responsibilities have ranged from product development to designing system architecture to managing software delivery, and she is currently a Director of Engineering. In her current role, she is responsible for researching & implementing new technologies, tools, practices and process to Retek's development teams.

Susan has degrees in Mathematics and Anthropology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. In addition she has taken substantial coursework in software engineering and computer science while working in statistical and analytical support for social science research projects at the University of Illinois, Oxford University and the University of Minnesota.

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

Menu Selection: The Lido Italian Buffet

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