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Presidents Letter

by Ray J. Giske

As I look at my notes for the topics to be included in this issue of the newsletter, I am reminded again how short the summers in Minnesota are. At this writing, Summer Fun has just been completed and the items I want to mention seem oriented to fall programming.

The Minnesota Chapter of ICCA was recently invited to participate in a two different conferences coming to Minneapolis this fall. After discussions with the ICCA-MN Board of Directors, the decision was made to participate in one of these, the NetCom/Twin Cities Conference and Exposition which will be held at the Minneapolis Convention Center this September 3 and 4. Specifically, the association will host a session which includes one or more of our members presenting a topic related to the theme of the conference as well as having a complimentary booth on the Exposition floor.

NetCom is a regional education event that focuses on advances in computing and networking and the business benefits

of using the network as a computing platform, with particular emphasis on client/server, Internet/intranet, collaborative and connectivity solutions. The conference began in Florida five years ago and has since added annual venues in the Carolinas, Georgia, Tennessee and Chicago. The South Florida chapter of ICCA has participated in the Florida/NetCom Conference and Exposition in the past and recommended our participation here in Minnesota.

If you are interested in making a presentation at the NetCom Conference, please let me know. The allotted time for the presentation is approximately one hour and that time could be used in one of several ways; either a single presenter, two different presentations (approx. one/half hour each, or a single subject covered by a panel, possibly with each making a brief presentation. The presentation will be billed as being sponsored by ICCA-MN and a few opening remarks will be made describing the organization and our participation in the conference.

We will also be looking for volunteers to service

the booth on the Exposition floor. Primary responsibilities there will to distribute ICCA materials, indicate how ICCA-MN members can provide consulting services, and promote participation in ICCA.

ICCA-MN was also contacted by Showcase Trade Show to be held at the Minneapolis Hyatt Regency on November 5-7. Several factors contributed to the decision not to participate. Among the most significant, however, was the cost as well as the number of days our membership would need to support the show.

In addition, many of you have already received invitations from the Government Training Service (GTS)

to present at the Annual MN Computer and Information Management Symposium to be held November

5-7 at the Radisson South Hotel. At last years conference, Joan Barnes, Bill Buending, Bill McTeer, and

I did a "Year 2000" presentation as a last minute fill-in for another speaker who canceled. As a result, GTS is looking to ICCA-MN as a resource for speakers on a variety of technical subjects. Hopefully, some of you have already submitted ideas and will be invited to make a presentation.

In other matters, I want to welcome two new members to ICCA-MN. They are Don Repetowski and Alan Hill.

As I understand it, Don has returned to the Twin Cities after a long absence and is currently working in the mainframe environment. Alan is planning on establishing a consulting practice and is looking forward to participation in ICCA events to learn more about the process. We welcome both of them to ICCA-MN.

Please note that minor changes have been made to the ICCA fall program schedule. Dates have not changed; however, program topics have. Gordon Schesel has lined up two speakers on public speaking and professional development for August while Bill McTeer is working on a program for September which is expected to highlight the way ICCA members have, in fact, used some of the "benefits" available through ICCA national. (Look for program descriptions provided elsewhere in this newsletter.)

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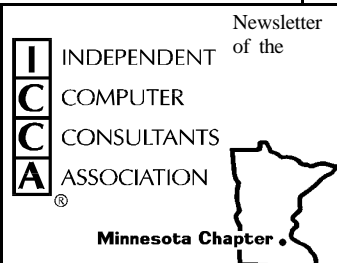
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Summer Fun Wrap-up.

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So the annual ICCA Summer Fun event is over for another year. The number of ICCA member firms represented was a bit lower than usual, but the larger than usual contingent from BIM made up for it. Since the weather was so hot and humid, we didn't have a volleyball tournament, but with the number of mainframes represented, even the energy and enthusiasm of the Bills, couldn't have kept up. The food was good, the conversation was snappy, and there were some brave souls who played a bit of Frisbee and tried to get a snazzy kite into the air - optimistic on a day of only very marginal breeze. I am thinking that with the national conference now regularly scheduled for the third (I think) weekend in June (a fun event), we need to reschedule our chapter fun event for a different time of year - and maybe take a vacation from ICCA in July. What I would really like to promote is a fun day immediately following the national conference. A difficulty that I have with the conference is the intensity of the sessions tightly sandwiched between two weeks of regular hard work. There is no time to think about the info presented at the sessions and get it filed away, with proper indexes and references, into the right brain cells so that it's available when needed. I think that I might have to volunteer to organize the summer-fun-post-conference-wrap-up for the Monday following some place in Philadelphia. And while I'm on the subject of the conference, start planning for it. I will be doing a bit of lobbying to get everyone to attend. If we don't win the traveling chapter award.. - well maybe we'll have to change to rules.

ICCA MN schedule

Almost 1/3 of the members responded to a survey about the after dinner topics. As requested, more than one topic was usually indicated. Here is the resulting schedule for 1997 and early 1998.

DAY	DATE	LOCATION	TOPIC	SPONSOR
1997				
Tue	Sep 16	Lido	ICCA benefits	Bill McTeer
Wed	Oct 15	Wyndham	t.b.a	Gordon Schesel
Thu	Nov 20	Lido	Year 2000	t.b.a.
---	Dec	t.b.a	Holiday Fun	Larry Bremer
1998				
---	Jan	---	Annual Mtg / Broker Fair	Ben Moyle
---	Feb	---	Voice Systems	t.b.a.
---	Mar	---	Business Accounting	t.b.a.
---	Apr	---	Mktg /or/ Collab. Rel.	t.b.a.

Any of the "t.b.a." is an opportunity for you to sponsor a speaker. Contact Gordon Schesel to get the topic of your special interest.

Professional Development / Self Improvement

by Gordon Schesel - 103011.3513@Compuserve.com

The August program include two presentations on the subject of professional development / self improvement:

One of two presenters will be Robin Engstrom speaking about Dale Carnegie Training. Robin is a sales associat with Michael D. Norman & Associates, the local sponsor of Dale Carnegie Training. Robin also acts as a training consultant conducting workshops and seminars with organizations across the Twin Cities metro area.

Her family (Tim and children, T.J. and Bridget) help her balance a busy professional life. Robin is actively involved in her community and in her spare time enjoys roller-blading, downhill skiing, gourmet cooking, and spending time with her family.

Our other presenter will be Ted Carlson, a member of ToastMasters International and locally a club member of the Rise'n Shine Toastmaster Club of Hudson, Wisconsin. Ted lives in Oakdale with his family (Norma and children) and is employed at County Market in Hudson. He has been a member of ToastMasters for seven years and has fulfilled most or all of the many duties involved in being actively involved in the club including serving as the Toastmaster many times.



Meeting Reservations: Members may phone your reservation to Joan Barnes' office at 257-2570, **by 3:00 PM, Monday, August 18**. Non-members should mail this form to ICCA Minnesota, c/o Sheridan Timms, 6940 Tartan Curve, Eden Prairie, MN 55346.

Name: _____ Company: _____

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Adult \$11 Kids (12 and under) \$7 x _____ = _____

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Next Meeting

Thu. Aug. 21: Self Improvement

Wyndham Garden Hotel
For reservations call Joan Barnes @ 257-2570

FUTURE MEETINGS

Tue Sep. 16: Lido

ICCA Benefits
Bill McTeer

Wed Oct. 15: Wyndham

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Gordon Schesel

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Attention all ICCA members: Get involved, write a story for the newsletter. I need stuff to fill these white(blue) pages!.



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