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### ***NOTE* MEETING INFORMATION**

**MEETING PLACE:**  
**Holiday Inn – Bloomington**  
**35W at 94<sup>th</sup>**  
**Phone (612) 884-8211**

#### **Meeting Times:**

3:30 PM Networking Event  
5:00 PM Social Hour  
6:00 PM Buffet Dinner  
6:45 PM Meeting & Program  
8:00 PM Adjourn

For a Dinner and Program Reservation, send email:

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\$28 Members  
\$33 Non-members  
\$16 Non-members attending the Networking Event

### **Meeting NOTICE**

**Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2003**

#### **Minnesota Information Professional Society**

Networking Event Topics:  
**"The Dos and Don'ts of the On-line Job Application Process" & "The Reality of Today's Market – Networking for your Job"**

Dinner Topic

**"Impacts on Information Technology"**

Speaker:

**Dr. Bernice Folz**

### **SPEAKER TOPIC**

Technology has been part of civilization for over 150 years. The difference between the past and the present and future is the speed of diffusion and the global reach across cultures, classes, and geography. What has changed IT from its euphoric recent past to the IT drought of today? This presentation will focus on what has changed in IT, what are some of the factors creating these changes, what are issues for IT today, and what are some of the future directions of IT.

### **SPEAKER PROFILE**

**Dr. Bernice Folz is the founder, program developer, and former Director of Graduate Programs in Software at the University of St. Thomas (UST). This program under her leadership was the largest program of its kind in the world with over 950 active graduate students in 2001-2002. It is one of the first four graduate programs in software in the U.S. Dr. Folz started her technical career as a Systems Design Engineer at IBM, Milwaukee, in 1956 and also worked with Unisys in the 1960s. She has actively led the internationalization of her graduate program by leading student and faculty groups to study abroad from the former Soviet Union, to India, Thailand, China, South Africa, South America and most recently Cuba. She continues to have a dramatic impact on the Twin Cities and surrounding areas in the high technology business community, training tomorrow's leaders and shaping their worldviews. Dr. Folz has been very active in local organizations such as the Governor's Task Force on the Future of the Computer Industry in Minnesota; U.S. District Court for the State of Minne-**

**sota Technology Committee; State of Minnesota Office of Technology Advisory Board; U.S. Department Education Advisory Board on Science and many others. She has been honored as Educator of the Year by the St. Paul Rotary Club, the Upper Midwest Data Processing Management Association; recognized as one of the Most Innovative Women in Minnesota in 2001, received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Mn High Tech Association; awarded the Outstanding Alumni award from the University of Minnesota and most recently received the Distinguished Service Award from the University of St. Thomas. She serves on three local Board of Directors and retired from UST August 31, 2003.**

## President's Letter

Welcome one and all to the 2003-2004 year of the Mn Information Professional Society. Over the summer, the new board for 2003/4 has been put in place and we have been working together busily planning and organizing to make this an interesting, exciting and fun year for everyone. Feel free to contact any board member now or throughout the year for questions, comments, feedback or anything else you might have to suggest or say. I encourage everyone to let us know how we are doing, good or bad. We like hearing from you!! Our contact information is at [www.mnips.org](http://www.mnips.org), then click on the Member Services link.

Once again we are making arrangements with the Holiday Inn in Bloomington at 35W and 94<sup>th</sup> for both our networking and dinner events. Our September dinner topic is 'Impacts on Information Technology', and the pre-dinner Networking topics will be "The Dos and Don'ts of the On-line Job Application Process" and "The Reality of Today's Market - Networking For Your Job". Join us at 3:30 pm for the Networking program and at 5:00 pm for a social hour that will lead into our evening dinner and program. Thanks to Steve Muscanto for chairing the Arrangements Committee this year. Thanks to Charley Price for chairing the Program Committee and to Joe Perzel for working on Special Projects that includes organizing our Networking meetings.

We are looking to expand our communications within the organization and to the IT community this year. Krisan Partridge is our Marketing person and is working to put our organization brochures together to provide to interested parties at our meetings and in the community. Bob Groethe and Leslie Beaulieu are our new Newsletter chairs and are reviewing our newsletter for a new look and feel to improve on our current newsletter. Bill McTeer is continuing with the MnIPS website to provide up-to-date information about the organization and other information and links that are of interest to the IT community.

We continue to sponsor and attend special events in the area. This year we will continue to offer an Education Seminar. Kris Luopa (formerly Petrie) will be managing our Education Seminar again this

year. Dennis Cummings is working on Special Projects this year, specifically the Strictly Business show held in May. Then of course, last but not least, is the Annual Golf Outing benefiting the Fairway Foundation. Jeff Hemauer will again be managing the tournament. It is a fabulous way to end the MnIPS year and have some fun.

For our current and future members, we have Ken Frank and Lori Russell who will co-chair the Membership committee. They are available to help at any time to answer questions about the organization, but most specifically about membership benefits and other membership information. Jeff O'Connor is our very first Volunteer Coordinator. He is available to help you if you are interested in volunteering in our organization. He can help you to find the right opportunity, the right committee chair, and help you with any issues you might have along the way.

Of course myself, Rebecca Hoover as Vice President, Gary Davis as Treasurer, and Tom Skramstad as Secretary, are also available for questions or to provide any help we can to the committee chairs, volunteers, members, and the general IT community. And to keep us all on the straight and narrow, Dave Farmer is responsible for Audit and Bylaws.

Our theme this year is 'Building for Success'. We are not only looking internally to build and grow MnIPS into an even more successful organization, but to help our audience - particularly those in transition - to build on their personal and pro-

professional networks, expand their IT knowledge, and grow as fellow IT professionals and as people to become more experienced and happy in our roles in life.

I am very excited about the next year and my new role as president of this organization. MnIPS started out as a way to make some contacts to find a job but it has turned out to mean so much more to me. The topics and quality of the programs and events have taught me so much about the different aspects of the IT world. The volunteer opportunities have challenged and taught me new things that I never thought I could do. Finally, the quality of the people that I have met and the fun I have had has meant the most.

I hope to see all of you at the September meeting to kick off the 2003-2004 year and then throughout the year. We promise to have an exciting program that will start the year off with a bang! As always we meet on the third Tuesday of the month, Sept – Nov and then Jan – May.

– Sylvia Wiebe, MnIPS  
President

## 2004 Education Seminar

Calling all members!

We are looking for individuals interested in serving on the 2004 Education Seminar committee. In September we will begin planning a seminar to take place in April 2004. Last year our topic was "Business Security: How much is enough?"

We're looking for individuals to help with planning associated with topic, location, speakers, and more. If interested, contact Kris Luopa at [kluopa@capella.edu](mailto:kluopa@capella.edu).

## Volunteer Coordinator Letter

As the volunteer coordinator, I would like to thank the wonderful people who have volunteered to help make the MnIPS events and meetings held over the summer so successful. Of course there are many more meetings and events scheduled for the upcoming year, and more volunteers are needed to help out.

Why volunteer? Well, it can be beneficial to your career. One of the most exciting things about MnIPS is the great opportunity we have for professional networking and sharing of our work experiences. Volunteering enhances that experience by increasing the volunteer's involvement in the organization. Also, recognition in this newsletter and at MnIPS events helps volunteers increase their exposure to the marketplace. The increased interaction and exposure could lead to a new and exciting career opportunity.

Visiting MnIPS' website at <http://www.mnips.org/doc/memserv.html#contacts> will help you learn more about the committees that make up the MnIPS organization. Also, the committee descriptions will help you decide where to focus your volunteer efforts. Please contact me at [jandjoconnor@mindspring.com](mailto:jandjoconnor@mindspring.com) and I can help answer any questions

you might have regarding volunteering.

## Networking Meeting Agenda

30-second commercials for all attendees

"The Dos and Don'ts of the On-line Job Application Process"

- Mark Dembowski  
Recruiting Manager for IT,  
Thompson/West

"The Reality of Today's Market – Networking For Your Job"

- Carmen Bamlett  
HR Manager, Jostens

Lead Exchange and Individual Networking

Please view our Networking Resources area at our website at:

<http://www.mnips.org/doc/network.html>

## Donate a Cellular Phone

Please bring your phones for donation to the monthly MnIPS meetings. A receipt for donation will be provided to each donor.

Each cell phone donated benefits the Southern Valley Alliance For Battered Women.

- We accept only digital phones (no analog)
- We accept phones that are from 1 – 3 years old.
- All phones accepted must have a charger so they can be tested.
- We accept phones that are up to 7 inches long.

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#### **DINNER MEETING**

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Technology IT"

**NOTE: Meeting Location**  
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**"Waiting for future AI  
computers to emerge is  
as exciting as watching  
the grass grow!"**



**by Earl C. Joseph, Futurist**