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NOTE MEETING INFORMATION

MEETING PLACE:
Holiday Inn – Bloomington
35W at 94th St.
Phone (952) 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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\$33 Non-members

Meeting NOTICE

Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2004

Minnesota Information Professional Society

Networking Event Topic:
"Reenergize yourself and your networking skills"

Speaker:
Joe Perzel

Dinner Topic:
"Sleepless in Rochester: Combating Economic Espionage"

Speaker:
Frank Krahn

SPEAKER TOPIC

This presentation will examine an actual economic espionage incident involving the theft of research data from Mayo Clinic Rochester. Frank Krahn will highlight who, what, when, where and how the incident was resolved plus demonstrate the need for corporate and law enforcement cooperation in the successful resolution of the incident.

SPEAKER PROFILE

Frank Krahn has 26 years of experience in physical and information security with the Mayo Founda-

tion/Clinic. He holds numerous certifications, including Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Certified Computer Crime Investigator (Advanced Level), and Certified Computer Forensic Technician (Advanced Level). He is a member of the High Tech Criminal Investigators Association and the High Tech Crime Network. He has served on the editorial review board for the Journal of Computer Crime Investigations and Forensics and has taught classes for or consulted with various law enforcement agencies including the MN State Patrol, the MN Crime Prevention Annual Meeting, and local law enforcement.

President's Letter

Welcome one and all to the 2004-2005 year of the Minnesota Information Professional Society. As we did last summer we have worked this summer on putting a new board in place to bring you another interesting, exciting and fun year for everyone.

As a reminder of what our organization is all about think about how you can use the organization this year to meet new contacts, find jobs, and to help those without jobs, in this still slow market, find them. As you spend your day at work think about checking your internal job boards and if you see something that one of your MnIPS friends might fit or even general IT jobs that you

want to tell people about, contact your friends or any board member to help to communicate the need. Our new networking tool, <http://finance.groups.yahoo.com/group/MnIPS-BuildANetwork/>, can help people post and hear about jobs that may be the perfect fit for them.

Once again both our networking and dinner events will be held at the Holiday Inn in Bloomington on 35W and 94th. Our September dinner topic is "Sleepless in Rochester: Combating Economic Espionage". Our networking topic is still being planned so please check out website for the most up to date information. Join us at 3:30 for the Networking program and at 5:00 pm for a social hour that will lead into our evening dinner and program.

You will again be seeing some familiar names on our board. I am happy to note that we have a nice balance of former board members along with some new faces.

Thanks to Dennis Cummings for chairing the Arrangements Committee this year. I also want to thank Chris Retkwa-Strupp (new to the board) for chairing the Program Committee and to Joe Perzel for organizing our Networking meetings.

Bob Groethe is continuing as our Newsletter chair. 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. Mary Brown (new PM) will be managing our Education Seminar this year, after being very involved in the effort last year.

Then of course, we have the MnIPS annual charity Golf Outing. 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 returning to chair the Membership committee. He and all board members are available to help at any time to answer questions about the organization, but most specifically about membership benefits and other membership information. Mike Sykora (new) is our Volunteer Coordinator this year. 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.

We are still looking for a Marketing committee chair and a Sponsorship PM. If you are interested in getting involved please feel free to contact myself or any other board member.

Of course myself, Jeff O'Connor as Vice President, Steve Muscanto as Treasurer, and Greg Brown 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 once again our go to guy for Audit and Bylaws.

Our theme this year is 'Tradition of Professionalism'. As we look at our membership we see the new people that have been joining us but also can look back at members that have been involved in MnIPS or past organizations that MnIPS grew from and see all the IT professionals that have chosen to join us and stay with us. It is a wonderful testament to the

organization but more to the people that have joined us over the years and continue to come back to see us.

The board is very excited about this year and all the events that we have planned. Please join us at our events and enjoy the company the programs, food, and the company of other IT Professionals.

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, then click on the Member Services link.

– Sylvia Wiebe,
MnIPS President

An Exciting Year of MnIPS Programs Ahead!

The Program Committee is finalizing plans for the 2004-05 year with a stimulating and varied list of topics that will appeal to a range of members.

On September 21, we are pleased to have Frank Krahn of Mayo Clinic join us for the September meeting. He will detail his role and tools used, describing an economic espionage incident involving theft of research data from the Clinic.

On October 19, during this heated pre-election time, we will have Ady Wickstrom, a veteran systems professional and webmaster for the League of Women Voters, give the presentation on the technology

changes for “Ensuring Election Integrity in Minnesota (or How to Not be another ‘Florida’)”.

The later months’ schedule is still being completed, but we are working on a range of topics. These include: future technology (Robotics, Nano, etc), data management (Data-mining and Project Management for Data Warehousing), Enterprise Application Integration, Security (Intrusion Prevention, Identity Management and technology used in implementing Homeland Security), Career Management, Web based Education, Operating Systems, Upgrade Management, Voice-over IP, and the affects of Sarbanes Oxley and HIPAA laws on IT.

The group that has been debating topics, and searching their PalmPilots for contacts, includes these familiar MnIPS members: Mary Brown, Hugh Juergens, Kris Luopa, Bill McTeer and Joe Perzel. We are also pleased to have Saeed Rahmini and Bhabani Misra working with us, now that Bernie Folz passed her hat to them as directors of University of St. Thomas IT graduate programs.

I am very pleased with the efforts of the group and range of subjects being considered and hope that you will find many that interest you. We look forward to seeing you at meetings throughout the year and welcome your input; my e-mail address is program@mnips.org.

– Chris Retkwa-Strupp,
MnIPS Program Chair

AITP programs for 2004-2005

The Northwest Chapter of the Association of Information Technology

Professionals (AITP) is a sister organization to MnIPS. Here is their program schedule for 2004-2005 (also see www.nwaitp.org):

- Sep. 2 - A Telecommunications Primer by Jim Farstad, rClient
- Oct. 7 - An update on MS Windows XP Service Pack 2 by Kevin Remde, Microsoft
- Nov. 4 - A discussion on Open Source led by Ron Fresquez and Tim Taylor, Integral
- Dec. 2 - What's happening with RFID by Roger Falkenstein, 3M HighJump
- Jan. 6 - A MS Project Primer by Dan Renier, PM Users Group
- Feb. 3 - Network Monitoring by Jeff Thames and Dan Grady, Network Guidance
- Mar. 3 - Business Intelligence by Joe Golemo, RCM Technologies
- Apr. 7 - Law and Technology by Ann Ladd, Fredrikson Byron
- May 5 - Annual joint meeting with MnIPS

Networking Meeting Agenda – Sept. 21, 2004

30-second commercials for all attendees

“Reenergize yourself and your networking skills”

- Joe Perzel, Partner, eNRGI®
eNRGI® (pronounced energy) is a consulting firm providing unparalleled IT resource solutions that align with their clients' business and organizational needs.

Lead Exchange and Individual Networking

Please view our Networking Resources area on our website at: <http://www.mnips.org/doc/network.html>

Volunteer Corner

As the president for the 2003-2004 MnIPS year, I would like to thank the board members for the past year for all their work efforts to make MnIPS the successful organization that it is. We had a few struggles but lots of successes in our meetings and special events. Without their hard work and dedication we would not have been able to present the programs and events we had or to wind up the year like we did and start the new year with the solid foundation that they helped build.

– Sylvia Wiebe,
MnIPS President

Donate a Cellular Phone or Empty Laser Toner/Inkjet Cartridges

Please bring your cell phones or empty laser toner/inkjet cartridges for donation to a MnIPS meeting. A receipt for donation will be provided to each donor.

Each donated cell phone or empty laser toner/inkjet cartridge will benefit the Southern Valley Alliance For Battered Women. We only accept digital phones that:

- are 1 – 3 years old.
- have a charger (so they can be tested).
- are up to 7 inches long

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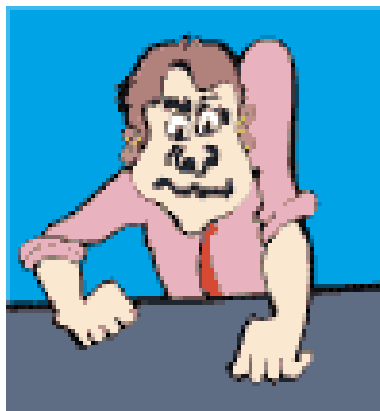
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**“It’s back to the future
with SP2: more crashes!”**



by Earl C. Joseph, Futurist