

IEEE Phoenix Area Consultants Network Newsletter

Message from the Past-President, C B Johnson

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We had 6 people at our December 13, 2001, PACN monthly meeting at Monti's. We met in the Senator's Room at Monti', and the food and atmosphere were great. Since this was our Annual Business Meeting we had a report on our financial status, and we held our elections for Board Members. Our Treasury Balances started at \$4511.48 and ended at \$5459.07, respectively. Those in attendance re-elected Lane Garrett and Vaughn Treude, and elected Ron Sprague to the Executive Board.

This will be the last report from me as your President. It is my hope that your consulting interests and desires were served by me adequately during the time I have been your President. I have tried to respond to our organization's ever-changing needs, and I enjoyed serving all of you. I ask that you continue to support our IEEE PACN activities through our new President Dr Paul Everett. In addition, I sincerely hope that the national united spirit since 9/11, and the holiday spirit extends well beyond the Christmas-New Year's period for all of us in the coming year.

Your new officers, elected at our Annual Meeting and by the Executive Board, are as follows: Paul Everett, President; C B Johnson, Vice President; Ron Sprague, Secretary; Bill Morgan, Treasurer; Vaughn Treude, Editor of The Advisor; Russ Johnson, Membership Chair; Lane Garrett, Member-at-Large. (Editor's Note: I've agreed "under duress" to do this as a text-based meeting notice only.)

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 10th, starting at 6:30 pm at Monti's La Casa Vieja on Rio Salado Parkway (formerly First Street) and Mill Avenue, Tempe (phone 480-967-7594.) The cost for the dinner will be a flat rate of \$10.00 per dinner. We will order off a set menu; fish, sirloin, chicken, or pork chop, plus bread, vegetable, sherbet, and coffee or tea. I will be the program speaker at that time, and a report on the December 1, 2001 Minneapolis-St Paul Consultant's Workshop will be given, as well as a presentation of preliminary plans for a PACN Consultant's Workshop for the fall of this year. (Editor's Note: Although Monti's is a good central location that still serves very good food, we have at times had trouble finding adequate accommodations there, so we're always open to suggestions for an alternate meeting place.)

Your executive committee works to offer presentations and develop programs of general interest and usefulness to our members. Somehow we also need to find ways to make our practices more successful. With this in mind, please attend our meetings as an active member, whenever possible, and bring your practice improvement ideas and comments with you to share with the network. To advertise our practices we do have a local web page, with individual member listings. Members are encouraged to consider submitting their listings to the IEEE USA Directory of Electrotechnology & Information Technology Consultants on an individual basis. Please come to our meetings prepared to discuss ideas and approaches for improving the consulting activity for our members

Executive Board meetings are usually held at 8:30 am on Saturday mornings 12 days prior to each monthly meeting. These meetings are open to all members. Please contact Bruce Johnson if you wish to attend.

Our informal meetings are designed for networking, to communicate with each other on a personal and professional level, and to enjoy a program and a meal together as a group with a common interest and dedication to the enterprise of consulting.

Advice (from Fast Eddie's Logan Street Cafe, Noblesville IN)

- Put your troubles in a pocket with a hole in it
- Even if the world is your oyster, you've still got to pry open the shell yourself.
- We spend half our lives answering life's questions and other half questioning life's answers.
- Sign in high school counseling office: "If you think school is boring, wait until you sit around in an unemployment office."
- There are two kinds of people on earth: the people who lift and the people who lean.
- I love everything that's old; Friends, Time, Books and Wine.
- You may delay, but time will not.

URLs Of Possible Interest

The home of the IEEE's Consultant's Networks, plus resources for entrepreneurs, researchers, and others seeking information on grant and business opportunities:

www.ieeeusa.org/business/.

A web page for consultants is located at

www.consultme.com.

Services are listed by skill, specialty, name company name or professional title, and by location and availability. There is a fee for this service.

IEEE-USA's Web Employment Services Offered Worldwide: IEEE-USA's benchmark Web-based employment services are being made available and promoted to IEEE members worldwide. A new global employment services Web page describes how job seekers and employers outside the United States can avail themselves of the organization's Job Listing Service, Resume Referral service and consultants database. The site, located at

www.ieeeusa.org/employment/global,

also contains an invitation for non-U.S. regions and sections to contact IEEE-USA for assistance in promoting these services to their members.

A good general website for all of us in the PACN is

www.ieeeusa.org.

All IEEE PACN members, who are IEEE members, are strongly encouraged to obtain an IEEE email address, i.e. SMTL. You may do this quickly by starting at this URL.

A local URL that often contains requests for consulting services:

www.JobsArizona.com.

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