



MID-RANGE USER GROUP

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NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

New officers were elected during the May 8, 1991 Annual Meeting. As always there were several nominations and as has been the case during the past three years, the voting was close—requiring a toss of the coin to determine two positions. The new officers are as follows:

President

Sharon Maass — 264-2612

Murray City

Vice President

Richard Crosbie — 750-5000

Weslo Corporation

Secretary

Floyd George — 972-0300

Weider Health and Fitness of Utah

Treasurer

Steve Walker — 262-2688

Abbott Critical Care Systems

Sharon, Richard, and Floyd served last year and were re-elected. Steve has actively attended user meetings during past years and is familiar with the group's functions. The new officers extend their appreciation for the support members continue to give and pledge their efforts to continue serving the needs of the *user community*.

BOB WELTI ENTERTAINS

Bob Welti was the guest speaker at the annual meeting and shared stories from his many years of broadcasting. Most were funny; all were insightful. Forty years in television broadcasting is almost unheard of. Bob Welti and Paul James started in 1951 at the old Channel 4. Later they moved to channel 5 and have been there for twenty-five years with Dick Norris. Paul James retired last year and Bob completed his work at KSL the end of May.

Bob told some delightful stories about how he and Paul James were constantly kidding each other on the air. Two of his best stories dealt with a live bull fight and a live sports cast. Those who were unable to attend missed an enjoyable event. Bob will be remembered for many years to come.

USER GROUP TO JOIN COMMON

It was approved during the Annual Meeting that the user group will join COMMON. This will provide many benefits to member companies. The most notable will be the ability for employees of member companies of the user group to attend COMMON conferences at member rates without their company being required to join COMMON. This will save member companies the \$250 annual membership fee.

COMMON is the International IBM User Group. It holds two conferences a year in different cities. The last conference was held in Las Vegas in April—there were over 4,600 registered attenders. During COMMON conferences over five hundred sessions are presented regarding IBM products and operating systems. The largest number of classes involve the AS/400. The next conference will be held in Atlanta next October. We will provide you with more information at a later edition.

D MODELS ARE ON THEIR WAY TO UTAH

In April IBM announced a complete new series of models for the AS/400. These D models have significant changes which position the AS/400 as the most logical choice for business processing. The D models have greatly increased price performance by IBM offering greater power and memory for less money. A typical D35 configuration has the processing power of between a B45 and B50 yet costs \$30,000 less than a B35. These machines are exciting.

In June the D models will begin to arrive in Salt Lake. One will be installed at Weider Health and Fitness of Utah and will be a D35. It will connect to both an existing ethernet network and a new token-ring network. It will also be connected to other locations by digital communications. Weider will be using J. D. Edwards accounting, distribution and manufacturing software for its food companies. Weider is excited to be one of the first to receive a D series ma-

chine. We wish them well in their installation.

TECHNICAL MEETING FOR PROGRAMMERS HELD MONTHLY

A new technical group are meeting monthly on the Third Tuesday of each month at the Whitmore library starting at 7:00 pm in the evening. The meeting is geared for programmers and other technical people who want to exchange ideas. Further information can be received by contacting Ken Duke at BMA (487-5151).

JIM FRENCH IS GUEST SPEAKER AT JUNE MEETING

Jim French, former member of the Board of Directors of COMMON, former editor of SAA World, and author of many AS/400-SYS/38-SYS/36 articles will be the guest speaker at our June Meeting. We are honored to have Jim visit Salt Lake City and give of his time to meet with us. Jim is well published and considered an expert on mid-range computing issues. He will be speaking on *Technology Trends for IS Managers in the 90s*. We encourage all to attend—this will undoubtedly be a memorable and informative meeting. Plan to join us.

**JUNE MONTHLY MEETING
will be held on
June 12, 1991
at 11:00 AM**

**in the
Murray City Council Chambers
5025 South State Street
Murray, Utah 84107**

**JIM FRENCH
will discuss
*Technology Trends
for IS Managers
in the 90s***