



National Capital Area - Computer Measurement Group

"Always remember that striving and struggle precede success, even in the dictionary." Sarah Ban Breathnach

Have you heard the good news? NCACMG is back! Like the mythical phoenix firebird that rises from the ashes, NCACMG is back with new faces, a new meeting venue, and a dynamite opening program to kick off 2007.

Please note that our next seminar is **Thursday, March 8, 2007**. This is *less than two weeks away*, so please put it on your calendar now and plan to attend. We have some great speakers, and you can read all about it on the next page. But for now, let's get back to the news about the rebirth of NCACMG.

New Home

One of the primary reasons the former NCACMG dwindled was because we could not get a good location for our meetings. But we now have a new home at Mitre in McLean, Virginia. Their location is just off the Dulles Toll Road, and close to the Freddie Mac location we enjoyed for several years. There is free parking at the site, and it has a cafeteria in the building. We have a nice conference room that will seat about 60 people in a classroom setup, or 90 people if we pack them in and don't provide tables. We'd like to offer a big thanks to Mitre for offering the space and to Mark Thomas for keeping the relationship alive over time.

New Faces

Well, okay, this is not really a new face, but one that was missing for a while. Steve Conway was part of NCACMG for a couple of years and has now returned as chairman. Sam Knutson, our previous chairman, has moved to a vice chairman spot to better fit his already overloaded schedule. Thanks to Sam for carrying the torch after Matt Bressler decided being a Loudoun County police officer was less stressful than working in IT.

New Vendor Opportunities

Our new venue is too limited in space for the vendor displays that we've had in the past. We have cleverly found an alternate method of sponsorship, which we think will work out better. Taking a page from several of our sister CMG regions, we've decided to try offering sponsorships of food and drink - in return for which, vendors get to present to us. Here's what we have in mind:

- A breakfast sponsorship gets you 30 minutes to talk technical, present products, or both
- A lunch sponsorship gets you 30 minutes, just like breakfast
- A break sponsorship gets you an honorable mention from the chairman, an introduction to the folks attending, a chance to ambush attendees during the break, and our undying gratitude

Having vendors willing to contribute for the opportunity to speak lowers the cost of the conference, while letting us know about their new products and the services they provide. We hope you will attend these sessions, and show our vendors that we appreciate their support and their sponsorship.

Due to the limited space at the new venue, we won't have individual tables for vendors to set up a display, but we're sure we'll find a spot for printed materials, and toys are always welcome.

New Price

The price will increase slightly to \$25 per seminar, but that's a pretty good deal for a full day of training. To sweeten it a bit, we're going to include a \$5 lunch ticket subsidy coupon for each attendee to use in Mitre's cafeteria. On the bright side, the \$25 is the same price either in advance or at the door, so there's no more sweating to get your registration to us in advance for a better price. The bad part is that we may have to cap attendance due to room size, so those who register in advance are guaranteed a seat.

Okay, that's enough about what's changed with NCACMG. Now please read the next page to learn all about our next full-day seminar on **Thursday, March 8th**.

NCACMG Winter 2007 Seminar

Thursday, March 8, 2007

Agenda

7:30 a.m.	Registration and Continental Breakfast	
8:40 a.m.	Steven Conway NCACMG Chairman	Welcome, introductions, and NCACMG business
8:50 a.m.	Host Organization Mitre	Meeting logistics and considerations
9:00 a.m.	Don Deese Computer Management Sciences, Inc.	Vendor Presentation Please attend and thank Don for supporting NCACMG!
9:30 a.m.	Harry J. Foxwell Sun Microsystems	1st Presentation Virtualization: What's Old is New Again
10:30 a.m.	Morning Break	
11:00 a.m.	Linda August IBM Corporation	2nd Presentation Managing Workloads on a Uniprocessor
12:00 Noon	Lunch Mitre Cafeteria	A \$5 coupon will be included in your registration materials. Enjoy dessert on us!
1:00 p.m.	Kathy Walsh IBM Corporation	3rd Presentation zIIPs and zAAPs: How Special Are They?
2:00 p.m.	Afternoon Break	
2:30 p.m.	Mary Astley IBM Corporation	4th Presentation What is in the Language Environment Storage Report?
3:30 p.m.	Steven Conway NCACMG Chairman	Door prize drawing - You must be present to win! Final comments
3:45 p.m.	That's all, folks!	Thanks for your support, and we hope to see you at the next meeting!

The agenda content is subject to change due to weather, speaker availability, and other acts of God, but we will try not to change it unless absolutely necessary.

How do I get there?

Go to our website (www.ncacmg.org) and select 'Directions'.

Or, you can use the link www.mitre.org/about/locations/rappahannock_map.html directly.

How can I pre-register?

Use this link www.ncacmg.org/register.htm.

Note that you don't need to pre-register, but it makes things easier and guarantees you a seat at the conference. The cost is the same (\$25), whether you pre-register or pay at the door.

Presentation Abstracts

Managing Workloads on a Uniprocessor

Linda August, IBM Corporation

The speaker will discuss the impact of looping programs and programs that are CPU intensive on a single engine system. She will cover some of the areas and settings in z/OS that impact workloads running on a uniprocessor and what z/OS does and what you can do to manage work in this kind of environment.

zIIPs and zAAPs: How Special Are They?

Kathy Walsh, IBM Corporation

As IBM introduces new specialty engines such as the zAAP and the zIIP, the performance analyst and the capacity planner need to understand these technologies and how to integrate them into their current environments. This session will describe the latest planning information for zIIPs/zAAPs and will discuss their impacts on processor capacity and performance. Where appropriate, the impact of specialty engines will also be covered. The speaker will share information and lessons learned by the IBM Washington Systems Center through participation in the zIIP and zAAP Early Support Programs.

What is in the Language Environment Storage Report?

Mary Astley, IBM Corporation

The Language Environment storage report provides information on the amount of storage used by applications. This storage usage information is designed to help with tuning an application to obtain stack and heap storage efficiently. This speaker will discuss the information provided on the storage report and how to use it to tailor the stack and heap storage run-time options for an application.

Virtualization: What's Old is New Again

Harry J. Foxwell, Sun Microsystems Federal, Inc.

The speaker will discuss emerging virtualization technologies and will highlight some of the areas of research and best practices that will be needed.

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Please note that there are still several openings for new people who would like to serve. You get to meet all kinds of interesting people, and make great contacts in the industry.