



National Capital Area - Computer Measurement Group

"Computers are incredibly fast, accurate, and stupid; humans are incredibly slow, inaccurate and brilliant; together they are powerful beyond imagination." Albert Einstein

The days are becoming longer, the sun is a little brighter, and we can't help but think that perhaps spring is just around the corner. We hope that all of our members are ready to end their winter hibernation, and join together for our first meeting of 2008. We think that we have planned one of the more useful and topical meetings we have ever presented, so please keep reading for more information.

Please note that our next seminar is **Thursday, March 13, 2008**. This is *less than three 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. Although some of the session abstracts are written to be somewhat generic, our speakers have promised us that they will be presenting material that is very current and relevant to most of our attendees.

Here is an update on where we are going.

Our Meeting Facility

As we did in 2007, we will continue to meet at the Mitre facility in McLean, Virginia. We are excited about the location and the amenities provided for us, and we thank the people at Mitre for providing the facility and for their continued support. For those who have not attended before, the location is just off the Dulles Toll Road, and close to the Freddie Mac location that we enjoyed for several years. There is free parking close to the building, and it has a cafeteria in the facility. The conference room and other facilities are excellent, and the Mitre people are friendly and accommodating to our needs. We hope that this will be our new home for many years to come.

Officers

The full slate of NCACMG officers can be found on the last page. As you can see from this list, there are still several openings and several opportunities to serve. Please let one of us know if you have a little time to spare and would be willing to help.

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. Please attend these sessions, and show our vendors that we appreciate their support and their sponsorship.

At this meeting, Xa Systems has agreed to sponsor lunch. So leave your wallet or purse behind and enjoy lunch on them while listening to a short presentation. Please remember to thank all of our vendors for their support, and visit with them on the day of the meeting.

Seminar Price

The price for the seminar is \$30, but that's quite reasonable for a full day of training and a chance to swap experiences with others in the industry. Considering that your breakfast, lunch and break food are included for one low cost, we think this is a pretty good deal. Also, the price is the same 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 going on with NCACMG. Now please read the next page to learn all about our next full-day seminar on **Thursday, March 13th**.

NCACMG Winter 2008 Seminar

Thursday, March 13, 2008

Agenda

7:30 a.m.	Registration and Continental Breakfast	
8:30 a.m.	Steven Conway NCACMG Chairman	Welcome, introductions, facility logistics and NCACMG business
8:45 a.m.	Peter Weilnau The Information Systems Manager, Inc. (ISM)	Understanding the AIX Performance Data in an IBM Power/VM Partition
9:55 a.m.	Morning Break	
10:10 a.m.	Harv Emery IBM Corporation	IBM System z Server Overview - Part I
11:20 a.m.	Room Setup	A short break to prepare for the next presentation
11:35 a.m.	David Marzullo Xa Systems	Vendor Lunch-Time Presentation SerVista-ITSM for Performance, Availability and Service Level Compliance
12:40 p.m.	Break	
12:55 p.m.	Harv Emery IBM Corporation	IBM System z Server Overview - Part II
2:05 p.m.	Afternoon Break	
2:20 p.m.	Riaz Ahmad IBM Corporation	IBM System z Server Operating System Support
3:30 p.m.	Steven Conway NCACMG Chairman	Door prize raffle - You must be present to win! Final comments

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 (\$30), whether you pre-register or pay at the door.

Presentation Abstracts

Understanding the AIX Performance Data in an IBM Power/VM Partition

Peter Weillnau; The Information Systems Manager, Inc. (ISM)

IBM's Power/VM introduces a powerful virtualization layer to the Power platform. This presentation includes information learned while spelunking through the documentation along with experimentation in AIX environments running in various configurations of Power/VM partitioning. Specifics include how to interpret data values provided by performance tools like iostat, lparstat and topas.

IBM System z Server Overview

Harv Emery; IBM Corporation

In this session, the speaker will present a technical introduction to and overview of the latest IBM System z server and an update on the latest functions and features announced in the most recent System z hardware announcement letter. This includes new and changed system function in the areas of processors, memory, cryptographic function, I/O channels, parallel sysplex coupling, and networking.

SerVista-ITSM for Performance, Availability and Service Level Compliance

David Marzullo; Xa Systems

This session will provide an inside view of SerVista-ITSM, a product that helps with performance, availability and service level compliance. This web based open solution delivers easy-to-understand measurements that are used to manage organizations more efficiently and cost effectively. SerVista-ITSM is one of the first solutions to automate application performance measurements using the APDEX methodology for true customer-centric satisfaction.

IBM System z Server Operating System Support

Riaz Ahmad; IBM Corporation

In this session, the speaker will cover how to upgrade current operating system releases to run on and exploit the latest function available on the very latest IBM System z server. This session will be of interest to system programmers and hardware planners who will upgrade to the latest IBM System z server.

Save \$50

Would you like to become a member of the national CMG organization, even though you cannot attend the 2008 annual meeting? In an effort to support regional groups (such as NCACMG), the national CMG organization is offering a \$50 discount off the price of annual registration for those who participate with a regional group. This means that you can join CMG for just \$125, and have access to all of the great materials available to registered members.

We will have forms available at our next meeting, so please be sure to ask for one if you would like to take advantage of this offer.

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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.