



Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative

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Letter from the Executive Director

Looking forward to seeing many of you at MACO this week! Please take a minute to stop by the booth and say Hi!

As always, my door is always open. Please let me know if you have any comments, questions or concerns.

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Navigating The Future **MCCC 2012 Conference • June 4th – 7th, 2012** **Arrowwood Resort, Alexandria, Minnesota**

Have you sent in your session proposal form yet?

LAST CALL!! We have a few slots still open for sessions.

Can't find yours?

Visit our website at www.mncce.org, click on 2012 Conference!

User Group News

TAX USER GROUPS

Next ACS TAC Meeting: *Special date and time for December's meeting!!* The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 19th, 10:00am – 2:00pm at ACS.

ACS Tax Advisory Committee Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month and will rotate between MCCC and ACS.

Next Manatron TAC Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 2nd, 9:30am – 2:30pm at MCCC.

Manatron Tax Advisory Committee Meetings are held the Thursday of each month at MCCC.

Next CAMA Advisory Committee Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 15th, 10:00am – 2:00pm at ACS.

CAMA Advisory Committee Meetings are held quarterly at ACS.

CORRECTIONS

Next Corrections Executive Committee Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 18th, 9:30am – 2:30pm at MCCC.

Corrections Executive Committee Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month.

For CSTS Technical Support:

Phone: 763-559-1959 Fax: 763-559-4399 Email: helpdesk@sti-software.com

FINANCE & GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Finance & General Government User Group Meeting: Next Meeting TBD.

Optimum Solutions User Group Meeting:

The Optimum Solutions Group is meeting via conference call the third Monday each month. For more information on meetings, visit the MCCC RSVP website.

COUNTY ATTORNEY USER GROUP

County Attorney Executive Committee Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Friday, January 27th, 8:30am – 10:00am via conference call.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

CHS User Group Meetings

*Meetings are held quarterly and alternate between MCCC and ACS. All meetings 10:00am – 2:30pm

2012 Meeting Schedule:

- Friday, March 30th at MCCC
- Friday, June 22nd at ACS
- Friday, September 14th at MCCC
- Friday, November 30th at ACS

CHS Advisory Committee Meetings

All meetings will be a conference call held from 10:00am – Noon, unless called as an in-person meeting by the Chair.

- Wednesday, February 22nd, 2012
- Wednesday, May 23rd, 2012
- Wednesday, August 8th, 2012,
- Wednesday, October 24, 2012

CHS PH-Doc 2012 Focus Group Meetings

All meetings will be held at ACS in Waite Park, 10:00am – 2:30pm, webinar/conference call option.

Regular Meetings: Every 3rd Friday – Quarterly: March, June, September & December

Special Meetings: Every 2nd Wednesday – January, February, April, May, July, August, October & November.

Next Meeting: Friday, December 16th

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Next Law Enforcement User Group Meeting: The next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 10th, 10:00am – 3:00pm at MCCC.

INFORMATION SUPPORT SERVICES GROUP

Next ISSG Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 1st, 10:00am – 3:00pm at MCCC.

**MCCC Trivia
Corner**

The English language is unique in the number of collective nouns it possesses. For instance, a group of frogs is known as an “army” and a group of crows is called a “murder.” We have a “shrewdness” of apes, a “wisdom of wombats, a “congregation” of crocodiles, a “smack” of jellyfish, a “wiggle” of worms, a “crash” of rhinoceroses, a “waddle” of penguins and a “scourge” of mosquitoes, to name a few. Geese flock together in “gaggles,” unless they’re in flight, in which case they are collectively known as a “skein.”

Vendor News



Who said IBM i Series is dead? Many Minnesota counties run IBM i Series (sometimes called AS/400). The i Series is the largest supported OS for IBM. IBM continues to invest in this platform. In fact, IBM i has grown the last 4 consecutive quarters! **Attend the 2012 IBM i Series/Power Systems Briefing and Roundtable Discussion on April 12 at IBM Rochester.** IBM i Leaders and Technical Staff (Developers and Architects) will lead a roundtable discussion. Bring your thoughts and ideas to share with the IBM i staff. This event will run from 10am to 3pm on Thursday, April 12. Seating is limited so please RSVP to Andy Beranek (IBM Power Systems Brand Specialist) - andy.beranek@us.ibm.com or 612-817-0662.



Check out our new [LearnBlock](#) topics!

Learn what you need to know and get back to work! **One-day topics** taught in an open and collaborative class environment that will teach you to be more productive on the job. Learn and apply the skills based on real-world examples and have the opportunity to **build solutions in class.**

Upcoming LearnBlocks

[Mastering CSS](#) – Feb 17

[jQuery Fundamentals](#) – March 9

[Development with HTML5](#) – March 15

[Expert jQuery](#) – March 16

[Getting Started with Entity Framework](#) – April 5

[Getting Started with .NET VB.NET](#) – May 31

*Call MCCC or Benchmark Learning for special MCCC rates

Next Newsletter Article Deadline: The newsletter deadline will be Friday, January 27th. Items for the newsletter are due at 4:00pm the last Friday of the month; newsletters are distributed on the first Friday of the month. Items for the newsletter should be sent to lisa@mnccc.org.