

**May Meeting**  
**Open Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, June 19, 2007**

Affiliated Resource Group

**Agenda:**

6:00 - 8:00 pm            Open Board Meeting  
(Pizza provided for Dinner)

**Menu:**

Pizza provided by Affiliated.

**Meeting Location:**

Affiliated Resource Group  
5700 Perimeter Dr.  
Suite H  
Dublin, OH 43017

**Reservations:**

There is no dinner charge for the meeting this month. Reservations are being taken at 294-6078 (6:30 am to 12 midnight). **You can also email your reservations. Send your reservation request to ASU via email at [reservations@ASU-columbus.org](mailto:reservations@ASU-columbus.org).** Please place your reservation by 3 pm, of the Friday before the meeting. Cancellations will be accepted until 12:00 noon of the Monday before the meeting. Reservations made, but not attended, will result in monies owed.



## ASU Leadership Hosts Open Board Meeting In June

The meeting for the month of June will be an open board meeting. The purpose of this open meeting forum is to discuss the goals for ASU, to look at the opportunities to participate in the COMMON Fall Focus, and to begin to lay out presentations for the coming year.

All members are encouraged to attend and share your thoughts and insights towards the on-going improvement of ASU.

## Farewell Message from Jon

Hello, All!

I would like to express my thanks to Janis Mitchell of Precise Resource for being our presenter at the May 2007 meeting. Janice had a great story of success to share. If you were not there, you missed a real treat.

It is with pleasure to announce the following as the ASU Leadership for 2007-2008:

President - Jon Juracich  
Vice President - Open  
Secretary - Loretta Massey  
Treasurer - Stuart Boulton

**Board Of Directors**

1. John Ransom (Past President)
2. Dean Liming
3. David Roswell
4. Open

I am excited about the results and look forward in working with the ASU Leadership team. I would like to thank all the past Officers and Board members and welcome the new team.

Please support our ASU Leadership team as new ideas and directions are developed.

*John*

## New President Sets Eye on Fall COMMON Event

Greetings, everyone!

As the new president of ASU, the first thing that I want to do is thank John Ransom for his five years of leadership and stewardship over ASU. Those five years have seen a great deal of change, and John has done well guiding ASU through those rough waters.

My thanks also go out to our past officers and board members, and my congratulations to the new officers and board members.

Second, thanks to the ASU membership for their show of confidence in me. I hope to be a president that ASU can be proud of.

For those who don't know me, I've been in Information Technology (or "Data Processing" as it was called back then) for nearly thirty years. Most of that time has been spent on IBM midrange systems, ranging from the System/3, System/38, and all of the variants of the AS/400. I grew up in Chicago, but have been here in Columbus for thirteen years. In February, I'll be with Affiliated Resource Group for ten years. I guess my point is that I tend to do things for the long haul.

It goes without saying that we in IT face many tough challenges today. From shrinking sales of the System i over the past several quarters, outsourcing and the replacement of skilled developers with cheap H1-B labor, to Sarbanes-Oxley and security breaches, IT is not a guaranteed or cushy job - not that it ever was!

But those challenges also can present opportunities. On the System i, new technologies have become available at a dizzying pace - PHP, the 32-bit JVM, VOIP, and WDSCi 7 just to name a few that have all made their appearance over the past year. There is a resurgence in the COMMON user group - the first-ever "Fall Focus" mini-conference will be held right here in Columbus in October. This gives ASU the opportunity to increase our exposure and expand our membership -and gives you the chance to attend a premier technical conference at a deeply discounted price.

In addition to these opportunities, here are some of the opportunities that I see as President: Our web presence is in desperate need of a refresh - both our web site and the newsletter. Several possibilities are being reviewed to modernize their look and functionality. I want to enhance the communications between our members, and encourage their participation in the selection of (and presentation of!) meeting topics - and hopefully the updated web presence will encourage that. I believe that we should engage other

local user groups, including those representing the open-source community - remember, the System i can support multiple Linux partitions, and can run literally thousands of applications utilizing PASE functionality.

I also think that we need to have more frequent board meetings. So in place of our regular meeting for June 2007, we'll instead hold a board-of-directors meeting to discuss the goals that I've outlined above, to determine how we can most effectively participate in the COMMON Fall Focus, and to begin to lay out our presentations for the coming year. This will be an "open" meeting, so if you're interested in observing, suggesting meeting topics, or becoming a board member (we have an open seat!), please join us - it will be held at the offices of Affiliated Resource Group (5700 Perimeter Dr., Suite H, Dublin, OH 43017), at 6:00 PM (the usual time for our monthly meeting). We won't have a full meal, but our hosts are graciously providing pizza.

In conclusion, thank you again for having the confidence to entrust me with ASU's presidency.

Have a great summer, and we'll be in touch!

*Jon Juracich*

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