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April 18, 1984

Dear BASUG Member,

The intense snow storm did not stop a dozen or so hardy soles. Russ Hackett gave an excellent presentation on an online application utilizing TSO and SPF as interfaces to SAS. Russ stated that he would not mind giving the presentation again some time in the future for those who did not brave the snow. Thanks Russ.

I had to cancel April 26's meeting due to difficulty getting a meeting location. If you can host a meeting, please let me know.

I have five VMS/SAS technical manuals for people who could use them. Please let me know.

BASUG was started last June with approximately thirty members. We now have over 90 members and continue to grow. We have come a long way, but to continue we must be aware of several things. We are a non profit, volunteer organization. It is therefore group member's that offer their company's facilities for hosting a meeting, and members that give presentations on various related topics, and members that donate time and energy to try to meet BASUG's objectives. Without membership support in an active way, BASUG would cease to exist. In fact without membership interest, there would not be a need for such a group. However, this is not the case. The problem is that some members are transient. This may due to the fact that job functions or projects change, or time committments interfer with active or passive involvement, or that the group is not meeting the needs of the membership. Some of the members that have been involved from the start and have been doing the majority of the work to keep the group at its successful level can not and should not continue to bear the burden of actively organizing each meeting and the group in general. We need new volunteers to continue to give the group direction and ensure that each meeting is worth attending. The initial group of individuals were volunteers and I thank them for helping me. But I want to propose a semi-formal process for the next "generation" of officiers to take on the responsibility of the group. I propose the following positions:

Chairperson (1 year committment)
Vice-chairperson (1 year committment)
Secretary (1 year committment)
Steering Committee Members (six month committment)

The method I propose of organizing a change in "command" is to ask for volunteers that wish to participate in an active manner contact me no latter than the May 21 meeting. I will then notify each one and set up a meeting for them to get together to organize themselves into the above mentioned positions. As of June, the newly formed steering committee will take responsibility of the group.

If anybody has any suggestions in regards to anything I have mentioned, please let me know. I am trying to allow the greatest of flexibility yet with a certain amount of structure. Enought said.

The next meeting will be on May 21, 1984 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm at Micro Source Financial, 99 Bedford Street, Boston (423-0108). MSF is sales, education, and training store for micro related products. The adjenda is as follows:

1:00 - 1:15	Introduction and BASUG business
1:15 - 1:45	Short presentation by MSF president Ralph Wagner
1:45 - 2:15	Linear Programming and User Interface by Bill Renaud from American Optical Softcon Division
2:15 - 2:30	Break
2:30 - 4:30	OmniBase (SAS like product on a PC) by Steve Dassin and Ester Klein from Conceptual Software

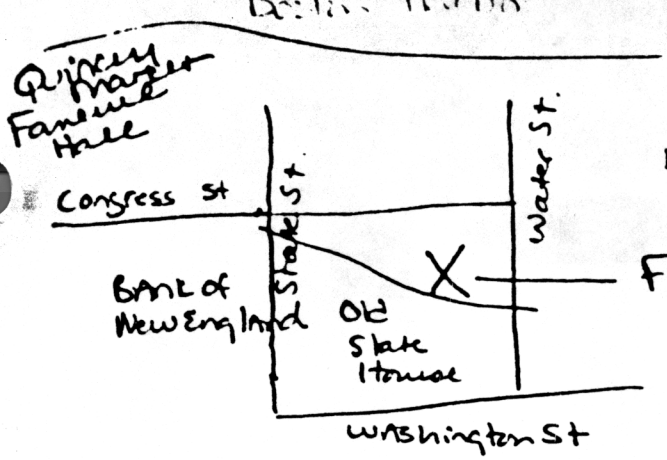
Directions to MSF. Take SE expressway and get off at Dewey Square which is the intersection of Summer, Atlantic, and High streets and travel toward downtown Boston. Park anywhere you can.

See you in May and don't forget to call (929-6549) if you are interested in helping out.

Sincerely yours

Craig Andree

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August 10, 1984

Dear BASUGI Member:

The next meeting of the Boston area SAS User's Group is scheduled for Thursday, August 30, 1984, from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m.

The location is: Fidelity Investments
82 Devonshire Street
Boston, MA 02109
5th Floor - Director's Room

The Agenda is as follows:

2:30 - 4:00pm	Chuck Patridge of Hartford Steam Boilers will give a presentation on Proc Format and Format Libraries in the VM/CMS environment. Debby Blackey of Fidelity Systems Company and Hal German of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of Management Information Systems will cover the same subject in the MVS/TSO environment.
4:00 - 4:15pm	Break
4:15 - 5:00pm	Tom Marks, of MSSR Consulting will discuss Direct Access and B-TREE Indexing.

Craig Andre has turned the leadership of the group over to Debby Blackey and Hal German. This will be the first meeting of the group since June. Several people have suggested we hold bi-monthly meetings - what do you think? The group needs your support and suggestions to continue.

If you have any questions or comments, please call Debby Blackey at (617)726-0274 or Hal German at (617)727-2160.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 30th!

Debby Blackey Debby
Hal German

B A S U G I

October 30, 1984

Dear BASUGI Member:

The next meeting of the Boston Area SAS User's Group is scheduled for Thursday, November 29, 1984, from 1:30 to 4:30 PM.

The location is:

Fidelity Investments
82 Devonshire Street
Boston, MA 02109

6th Floor - Conference Room

The Agenda follows:

1:30 - 2:30	Bob Virgile of Avco Corporation will give a presentation on "Efficient SAS Coding".
2:30 - 3:15	Tom Marx, of MSSR Consulting, will discuss Direct Access and B-Tree Indexing.
3:15 - 3:30	Break
3:30 - 4:30	Craig Andree of the First National Bank of Boston will present last year's survey results and Debby Blackey of Fidelity Systems Company will introduce a new "resource library" survey for 1985.

If you have any questions or comments, please call Debby Blackey at (617)570-6274 or Hal German at (617)727-2160.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 29th!

Debby Blackey
Hal German