



# **TSM Voice**

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## **Sarbanes-Oxley: Let's Talk**

### **Speaker: Sean Eveslage of Information Alternatives**

"Background, education, and discussion to share our war stories about the nuts and bolts of implementation." Information Alternatives, the presenter, has experience with many projects to help companies cope with SOX requirements. They will also lead the discussion. This topic was the top of the list or subjects TSMUG members wanted to hear about.

Leading the presentation and discussion are:

**Sean M. Eveslage**  
Vice President of Sales

Sean has been in the IT industry since 1995 and has held sales and marketing positions in companies including Broughton International (now a division of Mycom), New Horizons Computer Learning Centers, a couple of failed start-ups, and most recently at Information Alternatives. At Information Alternatives, Sean is responsible for software sales and related services for the iSeries, managing software partner relationships, account management and new business development. Sean attended Thomas More College, has earned several software sales certifications.

## **January Meeting Information**

**Date: Tuesday, January 11, 2005**

**Time: 5:30 – 6:30 Networking  
6:30 – 7:30 Dinner  
7:30 – 9:00 Meeting**

**Place: Four Points Sheraton  
8020 Montgomery Rd.  
Kenwood, OH 45236  
513.793.5450**

**Topic: Sarbanes-Oxley:  
Let's Talk**

**Speaker: Sean Eveslage  
Information Alternatives**

**Cost: (includes coffee, tea, milk)  
\$ 27.50 Members  
\$ 40.00 Non-members  
\$ 5.00 Meeting only**

**Reservations required, before noon, Friday,  
January 7, 2005 by calling 513-357-6173 or  
send an email with your company name, phone  
number and each attendee's name to  
tsmug@tsmug.org.**

**No cancellation after above date and time.**

**See our web page for directions via MapQuest,  
[www.tsmug.org/meetings.html](http://www.tsmug.org/meetings.html)**

**Mark A. Fullerton, CDP**  
Founder & CEO

Mark has over 28 years experience as an independent consultant, software developer and entrepreneur. Mark founded Information Alternatives, Inc. nearly 20 years ago. The company has a long and successful history of consulting on manufacturing, distribution and supply chain solutions including work with over one hundred companies and with many software solutions. Mark is a Certified Data Processor (CDP) and holds both Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Miami University.

Information Alternatives (IA) is a privately held IT services and solutions company located in Cincinnati. The company was founded in 1985 to meet the technology needs of Manufacturing and Distribution clients. In 2004, in response to client's requests, IA began offering Sarbanes-Oxley (SOX) IT Remediation Services for publically traded companies. Later in 2004, IA partnered with the national CPA firm, Grant Thornton to provide SOX Compliance and Documentation services for regional financial institutions and mid and large market Corporations. IA also has partnered with several other regional CPA and national software firms to offer SOX Compliance and Remediation Products and Services.

**President's Corner**

**David W. Corfman, CCP**

How is your company managing Sarbanes-Oxley? Do you have to worry about it this year or next? There doesn't seem to be as much information out there on how to handle Sarbanes-Oxley compliance as there was solving Y2k issues and Euro conversions. The guidelines are vague at best, unless you are working closely with an auditing firm or an experienced consultant.

One of our member companies, Information Alternatives, is sharing their experiences with Sarbanes-Oxley projects at our January meeting. This is not strictly an IS issue like Y2k was. However, IS is an important part of SOX compliance, and the iSeries provides unique and valuable integrated security features that helps the documentation process. Come learn more about the entire process.

We are returning to the Four Points Sheraton in Kenwood for our January meeting. They hosted us very well for a meeting last spring. Don't hold me to this, but they are expected to once again have a complimentary happy hour mixer that evening, as they do on every Tuesday evening.

Speaking of returning to old haunts, the March meeting is being planned for Raffels. The topic is pending, but it looks like iSeries security. Our May meeting tentatively is a demonstrating of a WebSphere implementation, perhaps held at our favorite venue, Montgomery Inn Restaurant in Montgomery. Nothing is set, so check out [www.tsmug.org](http://www.tsmug.org) or the next edition of this newsletter for details.

## **November TSMUG Meeting**

### **Review**

**Jeff Welsh**

Once again we had a great turnout for our November meeting. Forty-three people heard Mark Zollar from IBM talk about what's new on the iSeries. Just as I predicted last January, IBM came up with a new name for the iSeries. Introducing the i5 server and the i5/os.

The new machines are quite powerful. The high end i5 server model 595 is the fastest machine that IBM has ever offered. At 165,000 CPW's it will out perform even their fastest mainframe (zSeries). The other new models going from low to high are 520, 550 and 570. For the first time all of the models have the same CPU a 1.65GHz Power5 chip. Mark went into a lot of detail on each model, more than I can do in the scope of this article. The presentation can be downloaded from the TSMUG web site ([HTTP://www.tsmug.org](http://www.tsmug.org)). Included in the presentation is information about what stuff can I use out of my current machine such as memory, disk and tape units.

The i5/os is the next generation of what was OS/400. The number scheme continues right where OS/400 left off. The first release of i5/os is known as V5R3. Now that sounds familiar. For those of you running older systems, V5R3 will be the last release of i5/os to support SPD I/O cards. Future releases will only support the PCI bus. Websphere Express is now being included with i5/os along with other software such as WDS.

IBM is pushing the i5 server to be a consolidation server. To help with that i5/os does NOT have to be predominate workload for 2 way servers and larger. This allows for growth and migration flexibility for current and future application

considerations. This expands opportunities for consolidation and streamlined infrastructures. Depending upon the model you buy, you are licensed from 1 to 4 instances (LPARS) of the i5/os. But you can also run Linux, AIX or Windows on the PC card. Mark also told us that it was possible to run Windows natively on the i5 server if Microsoft would allow that. So if Microsoft gets windows to run

on the Power5 chip, the i5 server will be one of the first to take advantage of that.

For those of you that don't think you will be migrating anytime soon, IBM has some news for you. The end of Programming Support for V5R1 is planned for September, 2005. For more information:

<http://www.ibm.com/servers/eserver/series/support/planning/nav.html> There is also a new Prerequisite Tool for example, you can find out if a #2768 tape controller supported on 520? Or what software fix level is required for #xxxx? For more information on that go to:

[http://www.ibm.com/e\\_dir/eServerPrereq.nsf](http://www.ibm.com/e_dir/eServerPrereq.nsf)

We would like to thank Mark Zollar from IBM for doing this presentation. Mark had at least 4 hours worth of material that he condensed into an hour and a half. We hope to see you at the next meeting in January. Until then have a blessed and happy holidays.

## **Digital Convergence is Sneaking Up on You**

**Kim Anderson**

Way back in 1999, when all things technical were believable, we heard a lot of talk about Digital Convergence. This can be defined, according to the Syracuse University Convergence Center

[dcc.syr.edu](http://dcc.syr.edu) , as “a broad term used to describe ubiquitous platforms envisioned for the computing, broadcasting, and telecommunications industries... at the transport level, convergence means data networks also carry voice, video, and images... the concept of utilizing internetworks for voice and data, where common LAN (Local Area Network) and WAN (Wide-Area Network) platforms substitute for the public switched telephone network or Private Branch Exchanges.” Of course, the bottom fell out of the .com world, and convergence faded into the sunset. Or did it?

It turns out that in the new world of “post-COM Internet”, market forces are bringing combined data and voice offerings to the public. Go to Yahoo and get bombarded by ads from Vonage [www.vonage.com/help\\_voip2.php](http://www.vonage.com/help_voip2.php) offering long-distance phone service over your broadband connection. Or flip on the TV and see the new ads from Warner Cable for [www.timewarnercable.com/cincinnati/products/digitalphones](http://www.timewarnercable.com/cincinnati/products/digitalphones) . Ah, but these are toys you say, and the quality is bound to be poor. In any event, these options are not suitable for mission critical business operations.

But there are architectural changes in voice over IP (VoIP) world that are bringing digital convergence to a business near you. The cost of establishing a secured high-

speed pipeline between multiple business locations has dropped substantially. Also, adoption of a new protocol for interfacing with the standard PSTN telephone network is directly responsible for some of the innovation in digital networks. This protocol, ENUM, to quote the Convergence Institute, “uses the Internet’s DNS protocol to map standard telephone numbers to identifiers that work on the Internet... Some advocates believe that the ENUM protocol may serve as an effective bridge between the PSTN and Internet telephony systems.” So that means that Warner Cable can now offer phone service with higher quality, without making consumers change their phone equipment.

From my perspective, I am talking to several providers that promise substantial savings to my business by essentially using one fat pipeline between business locations. This dedicated connection (not cable, of course) will guarantee QoS for both data and voice, with provisioning that assures that voice gets the necessary bandwidth. And a special IP card in my phone system will make it possible for home office users, with an IP phone, to be on the company phone system through their home broadband connection.

Like I really need another project for 2005. But Digital Convergence is knocking on the door, and the prospects for cost savings and business process improvements will push this project toward the top of many project lists next year.

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**TSMUG Member of the Year**  
**Clark Stull**

Congratulations to Clark Stull on winning the 2004-2005 TSMUG member of the Year award. Clark was eligible by becoming a paid member in time for the November meeting. His name was drawn from all of the applications.

For those of you who do not know Clark, he is a long-term member of TSMUG. He is a department head at Cincinnati State Technical and Community College, and supports and leads its iSeries education offerings. Cincinnati State and TSMUG are partners in promoting and supporting the iSeries community. We're delighted that this high-profile member won free dinners at TSMUG meetings through next September.

**Thanks to TSC Apparel**

For those of you who missed the November meeting, not only did you miss a superb speaker, great food, but you also missed door prizes.

Our own Kim Anderson brought in a large selection of attractive golf shirts to be used as door prizes.

Everyone who won was very pleased.

Also, Sue Clement of Synapse Corporation contributed some Xavier basketball tickets to the cause.

If your company has something that you think would make a nice door prize, just let us know.

**COMMON Spring 2005 Conference**

Mark your calendars to attend COMMON's next conference in Chicago, Illinois, March 13-17, 2005. The conference will take place at the Hyatt Regency Chicago.

Registration is now open:  
[www.common.org](http://www.common.org)

**January meeting bonus surprise:**

Rumor has it that Four Points Sheraton is having their manager's complimentary happy hour mixer the night of our meeting. Free drinks in the lobby on Tuesday, January 11. See you there.

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