

About the ATP

The Association of Telecommunications Professionals, Inc., is a not-for-profit Ohio corporation and exempt from federal income tax. Its purpose is to promote effective design, operation, and management of telecommunications systems. ATP provides tangible benefits for member companies by providing a bi-monthly meeting atmosphere conducive to the mutual exchange of ideas, innovations and applications among the **Members**. This interchange also provides the **Membership** opportunities for advancement in professional expertise in telecommunication. **Telecommunication** refers to all aspects of information exchange: voice; data; and video.

ATP facilitates the exchange of information and experiences for the mutual benefit of the **Members**; Encourages technological development and research in telecommunications; Fosters the enhancement and development of the telecommunications management function; Evaluates and disseminates details and effects of regulatory changes; Provides and supports educational programs beneficial to the **Members**; Utilizes the talents and resources of the **Members** for the benefit of the community through projects approved by the **Members**; and Encourages professionals from all disciplines within the field of telecommunications to strive toward the highest level of professional conduct.

ATP's website can be found at atp-ohio.org, which is hosted by *XO*. The ATP HOTLINE phone number is (614) 836-4318. The ATP HOTLINE is being made available by *AEP*. Both meeting and membership information are available. In addition, the ATP can be reached via email at president@atp-ohio.org

MEMBERSHIP

ATP Members are companies, corporations, other organizations, or entrepreneurs whose professional activity is primarily as a user or provider of telecommunications. **Members** are classified as *Users, Students, or Vendors*.

The ATP Board has established a meeting fee for non-members. Non-members (*not attending as guests of Members*) pay \$30 per meeting. Non-members do not receive meeting notices, newsletters, or other mailings and have no voting privileges. Student members' meeting fees are \$8.00 (*currently being waived by an act of the Board*). Other **Members** pay \$20.00 per meeting.

2003 OFFICERS

- President: **Mike Patterson**, *AEP*
- VP/Program Chair: **Paul Zawada**, *AEP*
- Secretary: **Phil Campbell**, *Ohio Univ.*
- Treasurer: **Bryan Barlitt**, *Grace Brethren Church*
- Director (1st Past Pres.): **Glenn Ruff**, *The McGraw-Hill Companies*
- Director (2nd Past Pres.): **Kathy Holm**, *CMAF*
- Director-At-Large: **Debbie Rickner**, *Sprint*
- Director-At-Large: **Mike Homan**, *XO Communications*
- Director Emeritus: **Larry Learn**, *Ballou Consultants*

YEAR IN REVIEW

Paul Zawada and the program committee did a great job in planning interesting and topical meetings during 2003. The topics dealt with current industry issues, and the speakers gave excellent presentations:

The **February** meeting was held at *OCLC*, with the meeting covering *IP-Based PBXs*. Presenters included **Charles Kelley** of *Cisco*, and **Chris Howell** from *Avaya*.

The **April** meeting topic was *Regulatory Affairs*, and was held at *Bank One*. The first speaker was **Michael Tye** from *AT&T*; our second speaker was **Michael Kehoe** from *SBC Ohio*. The third speaker was **Robert Tongren, J.D.**, from the *Ohio Consumers' Counsel*, followed by *Public Utilities Commission of Ohio* (PUCO) Commissioner **Ronda Hartman Fergus, J.D.**

In **June**, the topic was *Network Security* held at *Grace Brethren Church*. **Steve Romig** from *The Ohio State University* was the speaker. At this meeting, **Paul Zawada**, ATP Vice-President, announced that he had accepted a new position at *Illinois University* and would be leaving ATP.

The **August** meeting was held at *Builders' Exchange*, and featured presentations by **Thomas Reid**, Director of Communications Network Services at *Ohio University*, and **Paul Zawada** of *American Electric Power* as a last minute substitute for our scheduled presenter.

The topic for the **October** meeting, which is also the ATP Annual Meeting, was *High-Speed Bandwidth*. The first speaker was **Bill St. Arnaud** from *Canarie*. Following Bill was **Regina Miller**, Manger-Contracts at *American Electric Power*. Following the presentations,

elections were conducted for 2004 with the following results:

- President: **Phil Campbell**, *Ohio University*
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 - Secretary: **Wendell Mumaw**, *OCLC*
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During the business meeting, the **Membership** approved the **Board's** recommendation to keep membership dues at \$100 for *Voting* members and at \$200 for *Vendor* members; and Meeting Fees to \$20.

The **December** meeting was held at *Franklin University*, and focused on *Networking Technologies for the Enterprise in 2004*. The first speaker was **Lisa Pierce**, a research fellow at *Forrester*, who discussed "*Networking Technologies That Make a Difference*". The second speaker was **Thomas Nolan**, a partner at *Accenture*, who presented "*The Challenges of Introducing New Technology to the Enterprise Network*".

ASSETS & LIABILITIES

The Association of Telecommunications Professionals, Inc., began the 2003 fiscal year with a balance of \$17,526*. The 2003 ending balance was \$21,817 for a total net increase of \$4,291.

Net Increase: \$4,291 (24%)

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Income

Member Fees: \$5,800 (48%)
Meeting Fees: \$6,157 (51%)
Interest on Accts.: \$95 (1%)

Total Revenue: \$12,052 (100%)

Expenses

Meeting Expenses: \$3,696 (48%)
Postage & Printing Expense: \$391 (5%)
Scholarship Fund: \$2,000 (26%)
Other Misc.: \$1,674 (21%)

Total Expenses: \$7,761 (100%)

*-Note: The FY2001 closing balance of \$15,791 has been adjusted to reflect a debit of \$1,735 due to two outstanding checks written in FY 2002, but cleared in FY2003.

The Association of Telecommunications Professionals, Inc.

The logo for the Association of Telecommunications Professionals, Inc. (atp) consists of the lowercase letters 'atp' in a bold, sans-serif font. The letters are black and are set against a white background. The logo is enclosed in a thin yellow rectangular border.

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