

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 SBC Communications. 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 \$10.00 (*if pre-registered*). Other Members pay \$20.00 per meeting.

2006 OFFICERS

- President: **Bryan Barlitt**, *Grace Brethren Church*
 - Vice President: **Wendell Mumaw**, *OCLC*
 - Secretary: **Lora Chappellear-Pearson**, *OCLC*
 - Treasurer: **Steve Schlicher**, *Licking Memorial*
 - Director (1st Past Pres.): **George Bjelovuk**, *AEP*
 - Director (2nd Past Pres.): **Phil Campbell**, *Ohio Univ.*
 - Director-At-Large: **Doug Ballou**, *Ballou Consultants*
 - Director-At-Large: **Jed Bistline**, *NetArx, Inc.*
 - Director Emeritus: **Larry Learn**, *Ballou Consultants*

YEAR IN REVIEW

Wendell Mumaw and the program committee did a great job in planning interesting and topical meetings during 2006. The topics dealt with current industry issues, and the speakers gave excellent presentations:

The February meeting was held at OCLC with the meeting topic *Enterprise Security and Cracking the Data Encryption Standard*. **Robert West**, Founder and CEO, *Echelon One, LLC*. discussed enterprise security as a general topic with a focus on technology changes over the past two years. The second speaker, **Matt Curtin**, technologist, writer and entrepreneur discussed the story of his work in cryptography and his most recent book, *Brute Force: Cracking the Data Encryption Standard*.

The April meeting was held at **La Scala** in Dublin. The format was a *member forum*. Various members selected four subjects on the following topics: *Staying Up-to-Date in an Ever Changing Technical World*. **Jody Hessler**, a technical sales engineer with *AT&T Inc*, led the discussion. *Podcasting* presented by **Mark Garrett**, Information Technology Specialist with the *Central Ohio Special Education Regional Resource Center*. *IT Governance*, presented by **Sean Sadr** of *Sogeti*, Practice Director for IT Governance Support Services and Project Delivery Manager for the Columbus, Ohio office of *Sogeti USA*. And finally, *Implementations of Unique and Useful VoIP Services* by **Chris Farrar** of *Percipia*.

The traditional June meeting symposium, uniquely titled "*The State of the Telecommunications Industry: Looking Forward in a Dynamic Environment*", was hosted at OCLC and featured prominent Regulators and Industry Leaders in the State of Ohio. The first panel of experts addressed current issues from the *Perspective of the Public Sector*. Speakers included: *Public Utilities Commission of Ohio* (PUCO) Commissioner **Ronda Hartman Fergus**; and *Deputy Consumers' Counsel* (OCC) **Bruce J. Weston**. The second panel of speakers addressed current issues from the *Perspective of the Industry* itself. These Industry experts included: **Michael E. Kehoe**, Vice President, *AT&T*, **Ed Kozelek**, Executive Vice President and Legal Counsel, *Ohio Cable Telecommunications Association*, and **Douglas Kinkoph**, Legal and Regulatory Council, *XO Communications*.

The August meeting was conveniently located at **Grace Brethren Worship Center** near Polaris. The topic, entitled *VoIP—More Than Equipment and Not Just A Four-Letter Word*, presented two non-hardware based solutions over without the costly hardware. **Jason Ulm**, of *Appia Communications* addressed the ATP Membership with *an IP-Centrex based VoIP solution*. **Greg Bahas**, Regional Senior Solutions Engineer with *Sprint*, also addressed the membership highlighting *IP-Centrex Solution features*.

The topic for the October meeting, which is also the ATP Annual Meeting, presented *Disaster Recovery*. It was held at OCLC, Inc. **Chris Caldwell** of *EMC* discussed both

operational and Disaster Recovery implications of tightly integrated systems needing continuous data protection across a growing operation with extended distance replication. **John Miller**, IT Manager, for *Columbus Children's Hospital* presented the real life experience of planning and implementing the hospital's Disaster Recovery installation. During this meeting the **Membership** elected the following **Officers and Directors for 2007**:

- President: **Wendell Mumaw**, *OCLC*
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- Treasurer: **Sheila Schmitt**, *Ohio Police & Fire*
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During the business meeting, the **Membership** approved the **Board's** recommendation to **change** the fee structure for annual membership to be **\$150 of all members** eliminating a separate fee for vendors and voting members. The Meeting Fees remained unchanged at \$20.

The December meeting was held at **Nationwide Arena**. The meeting topic was called *Business Continuity through Advanced Technology, From Bleeding Edge to Reality – Convergence Continues*. There were two distinct presentations: **Jim Connolly**, IT Director for the *Columbus Blue Jackets*, described the Columbus Blue Jackets recent IT and telecommunications upgrade. Then **John Loether**, President and Senior Technology Consultant of *LoetherSpeaks, LLC*, challenged the audience with accepting "Change" while looking at major trends in computing and their effect on information technologies and telecommunications.

ASSETS & LIABILITIES

The Association of Telecommunications Professionals, Inc., began the 2006 fiscal year with a balance of **\$22,123.23**. The 2005 ending balance was \$16,185.72* for a total net increase of \$5,937.51.

Net Decrease: \$5,937.51 (-27%)
(\$6,100 was paid in 2006 for 2005 programs)

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Income

Member Fees: \$6,300.00 (56.0%)
Meeting Fees: \$4,880.00 (43.4%)
Interest on Accts.: \$68.12 (.06%)

Total Revenue: \$11,248.12 (100%)

Expenses

Meeting Expenses: \$12,998.45 (75.8%)
Postage/Printing: \$1,119.07 (6.05%)
Scholarship Expense: \$2,000 (11.6%)
Other Misc.: \$1,068.11 (6.2%)

Total Expenses: \$17,185.63 (100%)

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