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President's Message

- Anthony Sorce, 2010-11 SUGA President

IFAS – Local Government/Not for Profit:

Welcome to all IFAS Local Government and Not for Profit users from the SUGA Board of Directors. I know this is a little late but I would still like to thank all of the BSNUG conference attendees who spoke with us during the September conference in San Francisco. Pam Brown (President Elect) and I were treated to an exceptional conference and were able to present 2 sessions where we received excellent feedback from those who attended.

Our new SUGA website is up and running and we have a discussion group already set up for users of the IFAS product. By joining as a SUGA member now, you will have access to that discussion group and be able to start building the history and feedback from other users as well as SunGard employees today. For those of you who have not joined SUGA yet, go to the following link and enter your information as a new SUGA member to JOIN.

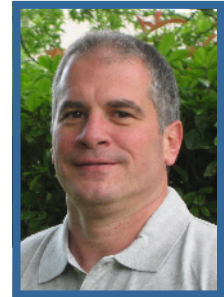
https://asoft514.securesites.com/index.php?src=forms&ref=Application_AGENCY

Remember the new SUGA IFAS discussion group will be monitored by the same SunGard employees who participated in the BSNUG listserv. Once you become a member of SUGA as mentioned above you just have to fill out the form to join the IFAS discussion group at the following link on our SUGA website under the Member section.

http://www.sugainc.org/index.php?src=forms&ref=Discussion_Groups_membership&id=Discussion_Groups_membership

User Led Sessions:

It's that time of year when we start the process of seeking session presenters for our user led sessions at this coming year's



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international conference in Clark County Nevada at the RIO Hotel. We should have openings for approximately 40—48 user led sessions this year. We will continue to offer our generous compensation plan as we did the past two years. All organizations that provide session presenters will have the choice of having their employee's incentive applied against their conference registration, room charge or against their organizations yearly maintenance fees. If you are interested in presenting a user led session at our next conference please fill out the user led form at the following link.

http://www.sugainc.org/index.php?src=forms&ref=Volunteer_Userled&id=Volunteer_Userled

If you have trouble or need more information email me at asorce@wpjwa.com and I will help you get the information you need.

2011 International Conference:

We are in the process of planning our agenda for the 2011 international conference. You should have received a short survey asking for suggestions on the content and types of educational sessions you would like to see at the conference. If you did not receive the survey please forward your ideas for session content to any of the board members listed on our website at the following link.

<https://asoft514.securesites.com/index.php?submenu=About&src=gendocs&ref=BOD&category=Main>

We look forward to seeing you at this year's international conference. With your participation we can make this an informative and worthwhile educational experience for all.

As always, the board thanks you for your support. ■



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PLUS Members

- Jim Dahl, Past President

The SUGA Board would once again like to welcome our PLUS members to the organization. We are happy to see PLUS software users beginning to attend the many SUGA Education and Training events. We had 28 attendees at the International Training in Orlando, Florida, and 18 at the Midwest Regional training in Oak Brook, Illinois.

In case you are not aware, the SUGA website (www.sugainc.org) now has discussion groups specifically for PLUS related discussions. The Forum page has a discussion group for PLUS eCommunities and one for PLUS eFinancials. If you are interested in joining these groups simply fill out the online request on the Forum page, and a SUGA board member will create an account for you. ■

Volunteers Needed!

- Denise Altman, Director-at-Large

The SUGA Board is looking for volunteers for labs and user-led presentations at the upcoming annual conference in May, 2011. I am Denise Altman, and serve voluntarily as Director-at-Large for SUGA, and it has been quite an honor. Our annual conferences would not be successful without such volunteers as board members, registration desk volunteers, user-led presenters, lab assistants, etc. If anyone is interested in contributing a small portion of their time while attending the annual conference, which will be held from May 16, 2011 through May 20, 2011, please let me know by emailing me at daltman@orangeburgcounty.org. I assure you that any assistance you would like to offer would be very much appreciated as you, the member, are a valuable asset to our organization! ■



No Prior Experience Necessary !!



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The Treasurer's Report

- Valerie Broxson, Treasurer

SUGA'S fiscal year ended July 31, 2010 and is currently in the process of being audited. The financial statement showed a loss of \$22,170. The loss was due to low attendance at the International Conference which resulted in SUGA paying Disney \$51,867 for not meeting our room attrition minimum. In August the board received a refund of the penalty from Disney for the \$51,867 so it appears Disney is not holding us to the attrition charge; therefore, we will recognize a profit. The refund of the attrition fee has been placed into the 2010-2011 fiscal year. With the attrition fee being returned the actual net income at the close of fiscal year 2009-2010 was a profit of \$29,697. ■

The SUGA and SunGard Public Sector Partnership – How It Benefits You - Dan Conway, Executive Vice President, SunGard Public Sector

SUGA and SunGard Public Sector have collaborated for nearly 23 years. A lot has changed in 23 years but one thing remains the same. We have a cooperative goal of providing valuable benefits to you. From SunGard's perspective, we believe that being a member of SUGA is a valuable investment for a number of reasons. First, nearly 700 organizations using SunGard Public Sector products are members and this provides you a large base from which to network, share experiences and learn from one another. Second, SUGA's annual education conference is where you can hear about major enhancements to your software as well as its future direction. In addition, while you don't have to be a member to attend the conference, the registration fee is significantly reduced if you are. Finally, SunGard Public Sector and your Board of Directors work hard to ensure that you continue to receive great value at the conference and in your membership.

SunGard continues to support its relationship with the SUGA organization. A few of the ways in which we support SUGA include:

- Participating on monthly conference calls and planning meetings
- Providing product and service experts on-site at all SUGA conferences
- Hosting the IDEAS website

SUGA and SunGard Public Sector have an ongoing commitment to finding ways to bring value to you. We always welcome your input on how we may do so. ■



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Spotlight on Tino Anthony

- Pam Brown, President-Elect

Do you know Tino Anthony?



If you have participated in SUGA over the last few years you may remember that his introductory music during the 2008 International Conference was "Tuff Enuff" by The Fabulous Thunderbirds. Well, that song is about dedication and Tino is a dedicated member and leader in SUGA.

Tino's hometown is Pawtucket, Rhode Island and he is boastfully proud of the New England Patriots. His favorite saying: "It is what it is" was used a few years ago by current SUGA President Anthony Sorce to taunt Tino when the Pittsburgh Steelers won their sixth Super Bowl. Tino has a Bachelor of Science degree with an emphasis in Technology Management and went on to earn his MBA with an emphasis in Public Administration. Tino actually used to be a SunGard employee; he worked for them for 14 years. For the last 6.5 years he has been employed by the City of Leesburg, Florida where he is responsible for project management, business analysis and support for all SunGard Public Administration and ONESolution products. Tino served on the HUG/SUGA board from 2004 to 2009 holding the position of President during the 2008-2009 board year.

Tino is married to his beautiful wife, Karen, and their children include three miniature schnauzers. His life goals are to live long, live well, and play hard. He also wants to retire at age 59 1/2. If you are visiting in his area, don't be surprised if you see him boating on the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway. He is easy to spot because his boat is named "Next to Last". In the future, he plans to obtain his boating captain's license and do whatever he does well. ■



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