

The leading knowledge exchange for those who design, build, use and maintain mission-critical enterprise information infrastructures, 7x24 Exchange's goal is to improve end-to-end reliability by promoting dialogue among these groups.

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he Spring 7x24 Exchange conference held at the Grand Floridian Resort on the Disney property in Orlando, Florida was an outstanding success. Overall the conference rated 5.7 on a scale of 1-poor to 7-excellent. In the aftermath of 911 and considering the stressful economic times achieving an attendance of 252 participants was quite remarkable.

Attendee comments attest to conference results:

"Excellent overall"

"Great conference with a wealth of information sharing"

"Well planned, run, and coordinated"

"Great topics! Like this venue!"

High Profile Execs share 911 Experiences

Highlighting the conference were the stories from Technology and Facility Executives who lived through the horrors of 911 and were responsible for getting their companies operational. There was a panel discussion moderated by John E. Diamond, Director of

The Phoenician Scottsdale, AZ

Conference highlights expect to include presentations from: Avaya on The World Cup Infrastructure GE on Modeling and Analysis of High Reliability Power Systems Charles Schwab on People and Process; Hewlett Packard on Server Cooling Technology as well as presentations from Peoplesoft & Intel.

Save the Date!

Fall Conference 2002

End to-End Reliability: The Infrastructure

November 17-20, 2002

Don't miss the tours, hospitality suites and another Spectacular Vendor Sponsored Event!

Visit <u>www.7x24exchange.org</u> in September for full program details and to register.

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Spring conference attendees listen attentively to Monday presentations

Facilities Management, Cushman & Wakefield and a Disaster Recovery case study. 911 Panelists included: Douglas C. Dudinski, Vice President of Global Engineering, American Express; Peter Gross, CEO and Chief Technology Officer, EYP Mission Critical Facilities; Tom Moogan, Managing Director, Citigroup's CIB Real Estate and Critical Infrastructure Assurance Group; Elliot Zuckerman, Director of Building Services for the NY Mercantile Exchange and Scott Salmirs, Senior Vice President for Corporate Real Estate, Lehman Brothers. "Best Panel in 6 Years. A *follow up would be appreciated.*" Thaddeus (Chip) Logan, Director of Corporate Real Estate and Facilities for the Bank of NY delivered a presentation on 911 Disaster Recovery Solutions assisted by Brian Schafer and Ron Gupta from the Carlson Group.

The conference featured Sunday Tutorials; Keynote addresses by the FBI, Intel, and Danaher Power Solutions; Concurrent sessions; a Pass the Mike session "Always a productive session, a must do!", and Instant Updates.

There were 5 Hospitality suites following Monday's program and a vendor sponsored "Florida Beach Bash" on Tuesday evening featuring a DJ, face painting, and an Elvis

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"As a first time"

attendee, I found

fellow attendees

very approachable

and welcoming."

impression performed by none other than Tom Moogan of Citigroup. "Thanks to the companies and individuals who made it possible!"

Florida Beach Bash sponsors include:

- Active Power
- Hewlett Packard Company
- Russelectric Corporation
- Siemens
- S&C Electric

The highest ranking sessions were The 911 Panel – Impact & Recovery; and Thermal Trends and Inflections Influencing the IT Roadmap

"This is what I come here for"

Conference feedback tells us areas to be addressed are: increasing user participation; limiting sales overtones in presentations; and improving audiovisuals. Activities are under way to resolve these issues!

The A to Z's of Program **Development** by John Oyhagaray

Since a number of our members have been asking about the process behind the scenes as to how presentations wind up on the Conference program, we felt that it would be to everyone's benefit to know about the A to Z mechanics of this. Whether one is implementing six sigma, total quality management, or just plain old good business sense, metrics is the cornerstone

compass for the program at 7x24Exchange.

"Great forum for dialogue exchange with peers.'

Sound decisions are based on

objective data with a broad sampling that defines what needs to be done. It would be all too easy for the 7x24Exchange Board to simply slap together some programs and have a conference. But alas, that is not the case. At every conference, you have heard numerous reminders to please fill out the conference evaluation form. That

one page, double-sided evaluation form is our compass and metric tool for the Board. Aside from program development, the feedback provides suggestions for future conference locations and the type of facility and tours that need to be offered. We need to know every attendee's opinion of the

conference and in consideration of your feedback, we offer a raffle prize. We the Board want to know what our membership thinks. We need to know about our homeruns, doubles and



7x24 Exchange Board members gather with Mickey Mouse at the Florida Beach Bash. From left to right: Michael A. Weinstein, Vice President; David Sjogren, President; Robert J. Cassiliano, Chairman; and John Oyhagaray, Treasurer.

strikeouts so that our compass is pointed true North.

Over 160 attendees at the Spring Conference at the Grand Floridian submitted evaluation forms. Every

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Conference attendees enjoy Monday Evening's hospitality suites

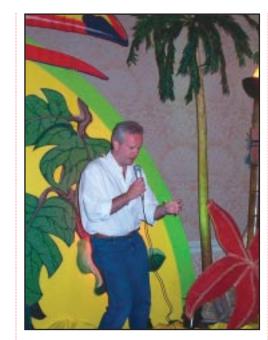
submission was then entered into a database so that we could take that pure data and output objective information that speaks for itself. We know what we did right, what we missed, and what not to do for the next conference.

Because a good number of us know each other, board members are given referrals by members for a possible topic presentation. Board members also approach member companies for a possible topic as well. At other times, the board contacts other companies that can address a topic outside the scope of our current membership. From this pool, all topic presenters submit an outline and background information for evaluation. The rest is simply a matter of matching the conference theme with the appropriate topics and balancing the mix and structure so that as broad a cross section of our members know we're doing what is asked of us. That is why the Board emphasizes that we are user driven because it is you, our membership attendees that raise the issues and topics that direct us to act upon.

"Best conference yet. High quality presentations.'

Once a topic is selected, we work with the

presenter to insure that they present using either a case study or in an educational format. We work diligently with the presenter so that we all succeed.



Tom Moogan, Managing Director, Citigroup's CIB Real Estate and Critical Infrastructure Assurance Group performs his *Elvis impression at the Florida Beach Bash*

The 7x24 Exchange membership communicates what needs to be done through conference evaluations and the Board executes common requests. So, if you have a program suggestion please let a board member know about it. Do not be shy, talk to us. We want to get every member organization to present on their issues. A lot of good has come from this and we hope to continue along the path you want us to take.

The Integral Role Chapters Play by David Sjogren

An integral part of the 7X24 Exchange is its chapters and the role they play. As I see it, there are two key roles in which

the chapters "In addition to advance the 7X24 the several great Exchange mission presentations – statement. First the organization they continue the dialogue of the of the meeting national was excellent. membership by providing

additional meetings to their members and to chapter members who cannot attend a national conference. Second they provide a regional intimate setting where members are more likely to share experiences in a smaller group setting. The chapter setting also lets chapter

members discuss and solve regional problems, such as a utility problem, that may not arise to the same level of attention at a national conference.

As with any organization the key to its success and longevity is the people who support the organization and keep the chapter active. In order for it to succeed it must have depth, more than one or two leaders who will keep the excitement going. Presently many of the chapters are organized and run by vendors or consultants with end users serving as officers. This concept seems to work well as the vendors/consultants can use their companies' resources to supply support labor and marketing expertise. The end user officers provide direction and input to what hot issues a user is faced with.

At the Spring Conference I met with several people who are interested in starting chapters and now are presently in the process of organizing in Dallas and Chicago. With these two start ups, we will now have chapters in the process of organizing or in existence in Atlanta, Arizona, Bay Area, Boston, Carolina's, Delaware Valley, Mid-Atlantic, Midwest, New York Metro, Northwest, Ohio, Rocky Mountain and Southern California.

I urge all of you to get involved with your local chapter by attending a meeting or becoming part of the chapter staff. For more information on your local chapter visit our website at www.7x24exchange.org or contact our office at 646-486-3818.

and service to members.

The Impact of 9/11 by John E. Diamond

The impact of 9/11 has altered the way business is conducted in corporate America. Many organizations that previously only thought of establishing a Disaster Recovery/ Business Continuity Plan are now busy placing diverse business strategies to avoid the lessons learned on September 11th.

The following is a brief outline detailing the direct impact at ground zero, managing shutdown and evacuation on

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One final note: On behalf of the National Board of Directors, thank you to all of those who have spent time organizing and running a local chapter making it possible for the continuation of dialogue day one and recovery operations in succeeding weeks.

9/11 – EVENT TIMELINE

8:45 AM - The first plane strikes. There are a thousand stories, but one that portrays the astonishment we all felt was from a window washer setting up his rig on a building just north of the World Trade Center. Watching as the jet airliner appeared to be heading directly towards him and mixed horror and relief as it passed within two hundred yards of his perch and into the north tower.

9:03 AM - The second plane raced in to strike the South tower allowing enough time between impacts for television crews and evacuees to assemble and stand witness.

9:10 AM - As many Americans were completing their daily commute, thousands of downtown workers evacuated mostly by foot as all transportation, access and egress paths were secured to lock down the city.

10:05 AM - The south tower collapses as the energy from the plane strike weakened and destroyed structural members supporting the floor above.

10:28 AM - The north tower suffers the same fate and collapses from the top down.

4:10 PM - 7WTC, the only building outside of the WTC plaza to suffer utter destruction, caught fire.

5:20 PM - Within 8 hours from the impact, less than the normal working day, 7 WTC collapsed without having been directly impacted by either jet plane but based solely on a fire initiated from collateral damage. Other nearby buildings in the area remain ablaze.

FACTS AND FIGURES

34.5M Sq Ft of office space in lower Manhattan was damaged or destroyed by the days end.

60% of Downtown Class A space was affected

84,000 Jobs have been affected

19,000 employees moved out of state

26,000 moved to midtown New York

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and merely a third of those jobs remained in lower Manhattan

4 Electric utility substations were damaged or destroyed

The single largest central office, Verizon, lost 200,000 voice , and 100,000 PBX lines.

The utilities worked fervently to isolate 150 gas and steam feed valves to prevent fires or explosions

100 Megawatts of portable generation were trucked into the streets for hook up - requiring a constant re-supply of fuel amidst streets already congested with debris and emergency operations.

36 miles of medium voltage cable was rerouted above ground.

Over 1,000,000 million phones splices were required to restore phone service. In the case of power and phone service, cutovers were often times required on multiple occasions causing repetitive outages to key financial institutions.

MANAGING DOWNTOWN

There were two primary elements associated with the events of 9/11 managing the area of impact and managing the offsite recovery operations.

Key issues in lower Manhattan on September 11th included conducting safe evacuations, securing the building, transfer of business operations to alternative locations and supporting rescue operations and emergency personnel. Facility Managers were approached by the city to not only support emergency personnel but also triage centers and most regrettably morgues. An issue for buildings located nearby and one that would play heavily on the speed to recovery was the inability to properly secure buildings from smoke and dust infiltration. While many buildings were not directly impacted the clean up effort would prevent re-occupancy for weeks.

In 1993 after the initial World Trade Center Bombing many companies embarked upon a process that would allow them the opportunity to provide business continuation and business recovery centers in remote locations. These programs often cost millions of dollars to implement but the pay arrived when several large corporations were able to initiate recovery with minimal business disruption.

MANAGING THE BUSINESS **RECOVERY CENTER**

While many of us were rushing home or watching the events unfold on TV, Critical teams were dispatched or DR was enacted to recovery centers some of which were within line of site of the towers.

Most of the recovery sites were unprepared for the acute affects of long term DR enactment. The overnight occupancy placed demands on power and cooling infrastructure. UPS systems that prior to 9/11 were less than half loaded became loaded to the design limit in a single day. With a thousand new faces showing up at the recovery facility some with badges most without, security processes were heavily challenged. And in some instances the Certificate of Occupancy did not accommodate the level of population for long term occupancy.

Businesses had several key issues in restoring their operations such as retrieving data, recovering remote data backup and establishing a Standard Operating Environment for a smooth transfer of information systems, business data and critical applications. Pre tested recovery plans allowed organizations to guickly recover from alternative locations while a redundant means of communications was essential for coordination.

Logistical issues like accommodating parking and transportation schemes, deliveries of services, technology, food and waste removal became challenging issues when piled on top of the complete business disruption.

MANAGING THE RECOVERY

How does a business deal with the loss of an key operations center, infrastructure, information.... Personnel? How do you get back to market when your competitors are already up and running or worse not even affected by a localized disaster?

In the events of September 11th every major system that supported business infrastructure was lost, transportation, telecommunications, utilities, etc. In

some instances key buildings were designed as self supporting without municipal utilities yet when integral business partners do not maintain the same robust environment the net effect is business disruption. What good is it if you are up and ready to transact business and your major business partners are not.

Conducting a recovery operation under the confines of governmental authorities represents an additional element of uncertainty. In the instance of 9/11 the federal, state and municipal authorities dictated exclusionary evacuation zones. The continuation of a business could hang in the balance of a decision by a twenty four year old National Guardsman interpreting orders. In the weeks following the event the municipal government mandated structural reviews by the Department of Buildings as well as air and water quality testing.

The continuous plume of smoke coupled with dust debris presented an environmental barrier to recovery. As the WTC burned, buildings outside the zone of immediate damage remained inaccessible for weeks. Efforts to decontaminate and clean represented not only significant delays but an enormous expense.

IMPACT ON HUMAN CAPITAL

Getting workers to return to work, the counseling essential to bring them back or relocate them to a different site. For many the dissolution of a place where they held long term commitments, presented an insurmountable barrier to recovery. Human Resource departments straining from relocation tasks were now challenged with instituting Grief Counseling. For many organizations the loss of personnel impacted their business strategically and significantly effected corporate morale.

The loss of assets and intangible support mechanisms represents a challenge to even the strongest of leaders. What happens when your base of operations with all of its resources is completely lost? How does executive leadership cope under such circumstances? The process of rebuilding an entire company... no individual can assume this level of responsibility and succeed. 9/11 was a trumpet for all businesses to reconsider recovery plans and procedures and to prepare for the unimaginable.

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