Ohio Valley Computer Measurement Group held our fall conference Thursday September 15, 2011 at Dave and Busters, Columbus, Ohio.

Highlights are as follows:

We held an election of officers:

- Chair: Tim Follen
- Vice-Chair: Dan Ruehl
- Secretary: Steve Guendert
- Treasurer: Kathy Steffens
- Director: Jerry Valentine
- Director: Ann Knapik
- Director: Scott Chapman

Long time Director Neil Carron is retiring and Scott Chapman graciously accepted a position as director. Steve Guendert became secretary. Robert Riordan resigned due to job commitments.

We had a great group of speakers and the presentations were very well received. We also “virtualized” our conference using Webex:

1. The main site was at Dave and Busters in Columbus, Ohio.
2. We used a satellite site in the Cleveland, Ohio area at Progressive Insurance where there was a group in a conference room. We also had a few individuals attending via the web at other locations.
3. Frank Bereznay presented 2 papers from our main site.
4. Presenters Keith Tidball and Lori Zaremba from Progressive tag-teamed from 2 locations. Keith was at the controls in Arizona and Lori was in Cleveland. It came across very well and proved that presenters don’t necessarily need to travel and in fact dual presenters could be in different locations.
5. Optier was our vendor sponsor and Eva Tuczai from Optier gave both a CMG presentation and a vendor presentation from our main site.
6. Ann Knapik gave a presentation from the Progressive location.

It sounds a little complicated but it all went off without a hitch and opens up opportunities to gain more attendees (we did) without having to travel. It also opens up opportunities for speakers potentially to not have to travel. Most everyone agreed though that face-to-face open discussion is one of the values of attending in person.

Dr Steve Guendert, one of our board members, was traveling on business in Johannesburg, South Africa. He planned to attend via the web for a portion of the conference but there was a power failure there so he was not able. We’ll try that again next time.
Our program consisted of the following:

- Frank Bereznay (National Vice-President) presented 2 papers:
  - How to Build Tabular Dashboards using Proc Report (CMG’10 Best Paper Award)
  - Automatic Monitoring of Continuous Processes

- Keith Tidball, Lori Zaremba (Progressive Insurance)
  - Application Development Success Stories for DB2 Z/OS Performance Issues (E06)

- Ann Knapik (Progressive Insurance)
  - Exploiting Defined Capacity - A User’s Experience using ASC Software from SoftwareonZ.

- Eva Tuczai (Optier)
  - Optimizing Performance and Capacity in Private and Hybrid Clouds

Tim Follen
OHVCMG Chair