zNextGen Project Opening

The Next Generation of Mainframe Professionals.
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zNextGen Project Opening Agenda

- zNextGen Overview and Updates
- Sessions and Special Events this Week
- Keynote
zNextGen

- Mission
  - Serve as the gateway for newcomers, to leverage the experience of mainframe veterans and to expedite our members’ professional development in this crucial segment of the IT workforce
- Geared especially around the needs of 2 professional segments
  - Students just embarking on their careers in enterprise technology
  - Established IT professionals expanding their responsibilities to include support and administration of mainframe systems
What do we do at SHARE and beyond?

• Ensure a wide variety of entry-level sessions at the conference
  – zNextGen Project Sessions
  – zNextGen Track Label for other project’s entry level sessions

• Provide newcomers with
  – a sense of community in the mainframe world
  – opportunities to network while at SHARE and throughout the year
zNextGen Today

– Grown significantly since SHARE in Boston (2005)
– Over 1200 members!
  • Including newcomers and mentors
  • Representing about 190 companies and 25 countries!
– Project sessions at SHARE conferences
– Monthly calls with Guest Speakers
– Community infrastructure on SHARE website
We are growing!

• Become part of the zNextGen community
  – Join zNextGen

• Would you like to make a difference?
  – Become a volunteer!
  – Influence what we do
  – Share your talent

  – Send an e-mail to warren.harper64@gmail.com, Subject: Volunteer
Orlando 2015 zNextGen sessions

zNextGen project sessions

- **Tue 1:45pm**  A Mainframe Security Rosetta Stone (Oceanic 3)
- **Wed 11:15pm**  A New Model for Enterprise System Education (Oceanic 3)
- **Wed 1:45pm**  Sysplex 101: Setting up a Sysplex (Asia 4)
- **Wed 4:30pm**  SHARE Live!: History and Evolution of IBM Mainframes over SHARE’s 60 Years (Oceanic 4)
- **Wed 7:00pm**  zNextGen Project Networking Dinner Event
- **Thu 1:45pm**  A Piece of Cheese? Interesting Mainframe Analogies (Oceanic 3)
- **Thu 3:15pm**  Effective Use of the Internet for Mainframe Problem Solving (Oceanic 6)

zNextGen track sessions

- sessions from other projects we believe are suitable for our audience, “Browse by Track”

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SHARE San Antonio 2016

• Free registration opportunity!!
  – Non-ISV (User) presentation
  – First time speaker
Special events

• zNextGen 10 Year Anniversary Celebration!
  – *Hospitality Suite 9110* on the 9th Floor, Dolphin Resort
  – Wednesday, August 12th, 6:00 PM
  – Birthday cake, refreshments, and networking to follow

• zNextGen Project Dinner!
  – Rainforest Cafe
  – Separate checks, price range $20-$30
  – Everybody is welcome to join us!
  – Please register at a sign-up sheet or send e-mail to
    warren.harper64@gmail.com, subject “zNextGen Project dinner”
  – You may meet us in the *Dolphin lobby or the Hospitality Suite 9110* at 7:00pm
Social Media

• #SHAREorg, @SHAREHQ
• #mainframe, #systemz

• List of active Twitter Accounts:
  – https://twitter.com/SHAREhq/shareorg-engagement/members

• SHARE Social Media Page:
  – share.org/contest

• SHARE Mobile App (Apple Store and Google Play)
  – Search on “SHARE Inc”
    http://m.core-apps.com/share_inc
Keynote speaker

• John Hogan, SHARE past president
  – SHARE’s 60th Anniversary: The Next 60 Years in Technology