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Quarter 1, 2015

Dear Skip,

First off, Happy New Year! I hope your holiday season went great and you were able to start the New Year off right!

Back to work though.... We have some exciting information for you in regards to upcoming events. [Xploration 15](#) is now open for registration! We are also currently looking for individuals, companies, and vendors for our [annual awards](#). So submit today!

I mentioned last quarter that we will be launching a new website in Q1 of 2015. I wanted to report that things are moving along smoothly and you will still see that change by end of Q1!

Remember, Xplor still wants you to be a part of this newsletter! Receive an award or get promoted? Become a parent or grandparent? We want to know! Send us your stories throughout the quarter and we will happily publish them.

That's all for now! Please feel free to contact me or my team for anything. We are here to serve you, our members.

Skip Henk, EDP
President/CEO
Xplor International



Agenda is Filled & Registration is Now Open!

Xplor had another overwhelming response to their Call for Presentations! Over 60 sessions, panels, and keynotes were selected and you can see them now on the [conference website](#).



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[Registration is now open](#) as well! Be sure to register early to take advantage of the early bird discount!

Hotel Pricing

The Xplor group rate is **\$156 USD** plus tax for a standard room. As a special value for Xploration® 15 attendees, the group rate includes the resort fee and guest room internet access. Early reservation is a must!



All additional travel information can be found on the [event website](#).

Xplor Industry Awards - At Xploration 15

Help Xplor acknowledge and recognize the outstanding individuals, companies, and vendors by nominating them for an Xplor award. The four categories include:

- Technology of the Year
- Application of the Year
- Xplorer of the Year
- Brian Platte Lifetime Achievement Award

For complete details of the awards, please [visit the Xplor site](#).

If you have questions about submitting, please contact Xplor Headquarters at +1-813-949-6170.

Electronic Document Body of Knowledge (EDBOK™ Guide)

Over two years ago, a group of Electronic Document Professionals (EDPs) discussed the need to create a Body of Knowledge for our industry so that it could be shared and provide a roadmap for the next generation of industry professionals. In addition, the group acknowledged the need for a "standard" that establishes a base level of knowledge about document application development and document production.

Xplor is pleased to announce that the First Edition of A Guide to the Electronic Document Body of Knowledge (EDBOK™ Guide) was released at the annual Graph Expo show in Chicago, Illinois. Copies of the EDBOK are now available for purchase online through www.edbok.org

Xplor members can order this book for \$75 plus shipping. Non-members can receive 276 pages of amazing information for \$149.99 plus shipping. Interested in 10+? Please contact the publisher: bookpymt@mcgrewgroup.com.

Become a Professional Member Today!

Membership is **\$199 for an Individual** End-User and \$895 for UNLIMITED employees in a Company End-User membership.

Vendor partners who are not exhibitors or sponsors are welcome to join for \$1795 and receive exclusive benefits such as industry partner directory listing and article submissions for E-Document News!

As a member, you will receive:

- A Member Welcome Kit
- Discounts to Future Xplor Events
- Educational Webinar Archive Access (100+ Hours!)
- Presentation Archive Access (250+)
- and more!

For a complete listing of benefits or to sign up, [click here](#).

If you have questions about your membership or would like to check your status as a Member, please contact Chad Henk at Chad@xplor.org or +1-813-949-6171.

In Memoriam

This last quarter, we have lost three great supporters of the association. Xplor extends our condolences to each of their family members and thank you for sharing them with us for so many years.

Tim Coleman of Germantown, MD passed away on October 23, 2014 at the age of 64 due to complications battling cancer.

Tim worked for Bigeye Direct, Inc., as a Technical Manager and was a member of Xplor International for many years. He served in various volunteer roles including President and Vice President on the Mid Atlantic Region board and EDP Commission. Many Xplor members will remember his smiling face and his willingness to always help out.



Bill McDaniel, EDP, 59, passed away on November 1, 2014, in Grapevine, TX, from cancer.

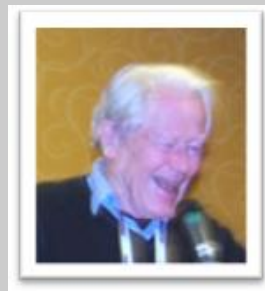
In 1989, Bill co-founded GenText, the original supplier of transform technology in the industry, and went on to lead a development team at Adobe Systems, and to mentor doctoral students at the Digital Enterprise Research Institute at the National University of Galway, Ireland. In 2010, he returned to Texas and founded

Semantistar and Streamglider, business applications based on semantic modelling.

Bill was a speaker at many industry conferences and was part of the founding group of industry practitioners that participated in Xplor from early days. While the CTO of GenText he was a familiar presences at Southern Region and Red River chapter.

He co-authored a number of books on technology topics.

Gunnar Steiner of Kungsängen, Sweden passed away on December 1, 2014. Gunnar worked for the Swedish Parliament and was a member of Xplor International for many years until his retirement. He served on the Xplor Nordic Region Board of Directors and in 2009 received the Xplorer of the Year award which is Xplor's most prestigious award. For those of us who knew him, we will remember his typical smile he always wore on his face, the generous hugs, and how he was always fun to be around.



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