

# **EDGE Update**

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## Who are our Members?

EDGE is a community of Information Technology professionals who leverage Computer Associates' CA Gen Model Driven Development Environment for the development and delivery of IT applications.



## **EDGE** Vision

To be the "Cornerstone" User Group entity for the World-Wide CA Gen community

### **EDGE** Mission

To maximize the technology investment of our member organizations and increase the effectiveness of their application development resources



## **EDGE Values**

- We value our community of Members as they are the primary reason we exist as an
  entity
- We value our relationship with Computer Associates as our primary technology partner
- We value our relationship with technology partners who provide companion products/services to the CA Gen User community
- We value bi-directional advocacy channels as a means to educate and support our industry and as a means to gather future requirements
- We value the world class technical expertise of our participants
- We value volunteerism, providing opportunities for members to participate in EDGE activities
- We value running the organization like a business, being a viable and sustainable entity
- We value candor and objectivity. The information we exchange is more valuable when it is shared in an open, constructive and objective forum

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# **EDGE** Leadership

Larry Schmidt - Board Chairman, Treasurer

Sandra Barr - Director of Membership and Communications

Judi Michaels

Eric ten Harkel

Ryan Johnson

David Doyle

Rob Jasper

Andrew Shapton

- Director of US Events

- Director of EMEA Events

- Director of APAC Events

- Director of Web Services

- Director of Advocacy

- Director of Virtual Services

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Chris Short - CA User Group Programs

EDGE Leadership is all volunteer based. Accounting is completed by SmithBucklin.



## Introduction

We need your input!

#### Membership Value

We must renew our value proposition to the community so that the constituents desire to become members

#### Growth

We must grow our Membership so that we remain "cornerstone" for sharing CA Gen related expertise.

#### Financial Stability

We must maintain a financial model that allows us to execute the Growth and Membership Value Strategic initiatives so we are able to stay fiscally fit.





## Membership Value Goals

- Enhance EDGE's Website to continue on the mission of making it the "Window to the World" for CA Gen information
- Create and deliver "content rich" events that educate and expand participants' personal network
- Facilitate an advocacy role to CA for the community
- Provide technical content, advocacy and online information sharing via a virtual community and web based knowledge repository
- Deliver consistent and valuable communications to the membership and GEN community, including a quarterly newsletter or other communications
- Develop and implement a "Supporters of EDGE" sponsorship program, which includes enhanced value to the Technology Partners





## Membership Activities - Website

Continue developing the CA Gen "Window to the world":

- Expanding the Website's presence to include the APAC region and other Local User Groups information
- Determining how to provide acknowledgement of Technology Partners within the community
- Discussion Forum
- · Help Line mailing list
- · Instant Polls, Wiki
- Online presentations/whitepapers
- eRoom Collaboration
- Best Practices Repository
- Rehosting the Website and leveraging new site software



# Membership Activities - Events

#### Conferences

- User organized
- Content rich presentations and educational offerings by users, CA and Technology Partners
- 2009 other dates:





#### EDGE at CA World (May '10)

- · Content rich presentations
- Community gathering
- Developers round-tables



## Membership Activities - Other

- Work to promote and expand CA's Support Connect program, via development of a complementary influence/advocacy program which focuses specifically on the voice of the Gen user community
- Implementation of the EDGE DAR tool
- · EDGE in Second-Life, Tweeters, Linked-in
- Establish special interest groups (action teams) which spearhead a specific aspect of enhancement to the product (i.e, Component Based Development, User Interface, etc)
- · Coordinate community participation in BETAS
- Establish new value propositions for Corporate, Associate and Individual memberships





# Value Proposition

#### Sales

• EDGE is a large international user group which gives credibility to the product

#### Marketing

• EDGE members participate in reference calls

#### Aftermarket Service

- EDGE supports and promotes innovative ways to use CA Gen
- EDGE events allow members to gain access to the development ands leadership staff

#### **Build Customer Loyalty**

· EDGE works as an advocate for enhancements



## **Growth Goals**

Increase User Membership by 25% in 2010 Identify two new complementary technology vendors to add to the community Increase CA's Gen Staff participation in EDGE



## **Growth Activities**

#### **Expand volunteer participation**

- · LUGs and Special Interest Groups
- · Conference participation, Second-life presentations
- Website development
- Educational event participation
- · Elections to the Board

# Use web site, discussion forum, virtual presences to recruit membership

#### **Build relationship with LUGs**

- increase LUG membership and presence in EDGE
- increase LUG representatives at the EDGE events and vice versa



# Financial Stability - Goals

- Produce successful conferences
- Implement "Supporters of EDGE" program
- Target CA Gen customers that are currently not involved in EDGE
- Develop and execute our three-year plan which maintains and grows the organization's financial health



