# WELCOME to COMUG – 2024 Edition

Welcome to the **Central Ohio Mainframe User Group** (*COMUG*)

## Mission:

The mission of the COMUG user’s group is to promote the open and forthright sharing of knowledge and information for the benefit of individual’s professional development and the organizations participating herein. COMUG’s primary missions are these:

1. Co-support – helping each other
2. Education – getting smart and staying smart together
3. Socialization – getting to know each other

## Code of Conduct:

For all practical and reasonable purposes, information disclosed inside the users group should remain within the users group. All persons participating in the users group are professionals and are expected to behave in a manner consistent with that honorable title. Any person who sufficiently offends the COMUG user group membership is subject to removal. Participants in the user group, independent of their professions, are not to actively sell products or services, nor are they to actively recruit persons or solicit positions, during the course of user group meetings or through the use of the user group member directory.

## The Steering Committee:

The following persons volunteer time and effort to facilitate the operation of COMUG. These persons became COMUG Steering Committee members by simply volunteering to the posting. These persons come to COMUG meetings early for preparatory and planning purposes. These persons remain at COMUG meetings late to cleanup. These persons correspond with one another between COMUG meetings to collaborate on event planning and support. These persons support the COMUG website content and website management. These persons perform other COMUG duties as required.

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## How to Join:

Joining COMUG is easy, and free, as there are no costs associated with joining or participating in COMUG. To enroll as a COMUG member, send an email to Monte Bauman (mbauman@us.ibm.com) or any other steering committee member listed above, and provide the following information:

* your name
* your affiliation
* your email ID
* your phone number
* your title

You will be sent a copy of this document for your review. If you concur to the terms and conditions set forth in this document, then you may join COMUG.

## Meetings:

COMUG member communications go out by email, including COMUG meeting notices and reminders. COMUG meeting notices tell when the next COMUG meeting will be held, where the meeting will be held, and what topics (i.e. what agenda) will be discussed in the COMUG meeting. COMUG meetings can be formal, or informal.

Formal COMUG meetings are those with content and structure (aka an agenda), usually held during business hours, and usually providing education or working on a project. In 2024, COMUG will partner with the IBM zCouncil program to provide additional education support for our community.

Informal COMUG meetings are socials and/or brainstorming sessions, often taking the form of breakfast meetings (usually called COMUG Breakfast Breaks). The occasional baseball game, bowling alley matchup, brewery visit, movie, or other extracurricular socialization activity is always a COMUG possibility, and in 2024 more focus on socialization activities is a goal.

### Where:

COMUG meetings are held at COMUG member sites or public sites (like libraries or parks). The only requisites for a location holding or hosting a COMUG meeting is for adequate parking space for attendees (typically 20 to 30).

## How to Request Co-Support:

There are several ways to request and receive co-support from COMUG.

First, is through interaction with fellow COMUG members during a COMUG meeting.

Second, COMUG members should feel free to send an email to the COMUG member distribution list (a list of all COMUG members email ids). The COMUG member distribution list is 'shared' with all COMUG members and should NOT be shared outside of COMUG. The COMUG member distribution list is shared as the "To:" list is sent in the clear so that any COMUG member can cut/paste that list or may reply-all to those member communiqués.

## Our Website:

The external website for COMUG can be found at this URL: <http://www.comug.info>

This website is for “external” viewing purposes. Members and/or interested parties may be referred here for information about COMUG, including upcoming events and interesting links to mainframe-related content. Scott Chapman and Jimmy Ferrence are our web masters.

## Questions or Comments:

For questions or comments about this document, or about COMUG, please call or write Monte Bauman (mbauman@us.ibm.com / 614-937-7076) or other COMUG Steering Committee member (listed above).