
Subject: Re: David Stern Leaves RSI

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David Fanning <david@dfanning.com> writes:

> Folks,

> I just received public confirmation of rumors I have
> been hearing this week that David Stern has finally
> cashed in his chips and has left RSI.

> David was the least likely CEO I have ever known,
> always unassuming and unfailingly modest. ...

Hear, hear!

I always found it startling in the early days to call up RSI, and the CEO would answer the phone. I always found David Stern to be a very friendly and easy person to talk to.

When we first got into the business of developing electronic cameras in the lab, we bought a MicroVAX II, and identified an imaging card we wanted to buy. The equipment was so new at that time that the company making the video card didn't even have a driver yet for the MicroVAX. We put the video card company into contact with RSI, and David not only wrote an IDL interface for the card, but wrote the VMS driver as well. And then he flew over personally to install it for us. I was always impressed by that.

All of us IDL old-timers will miss him,

Bill Thompson
