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Reducing AR Expense



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Agenda

- Background
- Accounts Receivables Expense
 - What's Costing you \$\$ today?
 - ACH Payments
 - Credit Cards
 - Checks
 - Wires
 - Preferred Payment Method
- Personalization
- Next Steps

Background

•Sr. Billing & Collections Manager

- •\$220 Million in Revenue
- 30,000+ Invoices & payments per month
- Mix of low & high value receivables
- Multi-currency
- Start-up to Enterprise client-base
- Variety of billing models



Accounts Receivables Expenses

- •What's costing you \$\$ today?
 - When was the last time you looked at expenses specific to Accounts Receivables?
 - What type of expenses are easiest control?
 - Bank Fees
 - Transaction Fees.....All the Transaction Fees.....
 - Inefficient Staff Time



Automated Clearing House Payments

- Do you have clients paying by ACH?
 - I found this to be the lowest cost payment method across clients for recurring receivables
 - How do I do this in NAV or Business Central?

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- Collect Customer Bank Name, ABA (Routing) number and Account Number
- Collect Banking details for Wire Transfer (helpful if you are receiving regular wires)

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- Save SEPARATE Cash Receipt Journals by payment method
- Strongly encourage the following:
 - Standard Document Number Format like 20170501-ACH-001
 - Copy & Paste from Excel to NAV/Business Central

Credit Card Payments

- Do you have clients paying by Credit Card?
 - Most Customers expect the ability to pay by credit card
 - Payments into NAV
 - ISV
 - Integration
 - Manual



Manually Recording Credit Card Payments

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- When is this effective?
 - Smaller Volume
 - Payment Plans

Credit Card Payments

- Payment Processor & Payment Gateway
 - Are you sending Level III data?
 - When was the last time you shopped rates?
 - What are your "all in rates" thinking about the end-to-end transaction?
 - How are you performing reconciliations?
 - Daily or Weekly
 - How are you managing disputes?

Credit Card Disputes

- •Recurring Journal
- •What's the next step after the financial transaction is recorded?
- •Filtered list view saved in NAV/Business Central to show open receivables? Block customer due to credit hold?



Check Payments

- Do you currently process checks by hand (manual entry and physical bank deposit)?
- Lockbox services
- Copy & Paste from Excel

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Include leading zeros for check number

Check Payments

- •Recurring Journal NSF Checks
- •What happens after an NSF Check?

Wire Payments

- •Are you pulling this information from a bank statement? How often?
- •Wires can be affordable for high value transactions – in many cases an \$8-\$25 inbound wire fee is less expensive than the comparable Credit Card fee (2.9%+)

Preferred Payment Method

- Establish a Preferred Payment Method
- •Communicate within your organization
- Promote method of payment on sales orders/invoices & customer statements
- •(shameless plug on my blog for invoice word document layout)

Personalization

- User Specific: Quick lists for customers in arrears
- User Specific: (shameless plug of Noelle's blog post here)
- Shared: Recurring Journals great way to set up journals to reduce errors when entering transactions (i.e. Monthly Bank Fees)



Next Steps

- •Use great content from Jack's presentation to extract payment method & rates out of NAV
- Determine Preferred Method of Payment
- •Communicate Preferred Method of Payment
- •Create Journals per Payment Method
- •Configure personalization & quick-lists for AR Staff
- •Cross-shop for payment processors/gateways

Related Links

- ACH Payments: <u>https://www.nacha.org/ach-network</u>
- Level 2 vs. Level 3 data: <u>https://www.chargelogic.com/reduce-credit-card-processing-fees-for-business-to-business-and-government-sales</u>
- Noelle's blog post: <u>https://stoneridgesoftware.com/blog/</u>