

# MICHAEL E. COPE



Michael Cope is the founder and retired CEO and Chairman of Interphase Corporation (NASDAQ symbol INPH), a Dallas, Texas based computer hardware manufacturer primarily known for high speed networking and mass storage products. Most current products are high speed network adapters which are sold primarily through OEM relationships with major computer systems, telecommunication and networking companies who include them as an integrated part of their systems. Typical customers include Hewlett Packard, Sun Microsystems, Silicon Graphics, Apple, Motorola, AT&T, British Telecom, Siemens, Toshiba, Bay Networks, Newbridge, 3COM and IBM.

After founding Interphase in 1974, Michael successfully established it as the preeminent player in its market niche, led it through a successful IPO in 1984 and a secondary public offering in 1991. Interphase has been named to the INC 500 (for private US companies), the INC 200 (for public US companies), and the FORBES 200 Best Run Small Companies in America. Mike has twice been honored as a finalist in the Entrepreneur of The Year competition sponsored by Merrill Lynch, Ernst & Young, and INC Magazine.

Mike retired from Interphase in 1994. He served as Vice Chairman and remained Interphase's largest shareholder until 1996, when he sold his position. Since retiring he has pursued a wide range of new business interests as well as enjoying avocations in scuba diving, sailing and travel. He serves on several Corporate Boards of Directors and Advisory Boards for various private companies, for which in some cases he is also an investor.



Michael attended Vanderbilt University (BEEE 1969) with post graduate work at SMU in Dallas, and is a Board Registered Professional Engineer in the state of Texas. He holds 46 US and international patents in the area of networking technology. As an early and influential player in the industry, he is considered a friend and colleague by many well known computer industry luminaries. He is a Charter Member of the Dallas CEO Club.

Michael and his wife, Suzi, reside in South Lake, Texas and have a second home in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

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