

ASME Hudson-Mohawk Section 2006 Organizational & Planning Meeting



Tuesday, September 26th
7:30 PM – 9 PM

McChesney Room
Schenectady County Public Library
99 Clinton Street, Schenectady

Agenda:

- 1) Describe the changes in ASME and how our section is affected
- 2) Present short term and long term plans
- 3) Get member input
- 4) Nominate/announce slate of officers
- 5) Brief review of by-laws (time permitting)

Cost:

No charge

Light refreshments will be offered.

Message from the Section Chair:

Hello again. If it seemed like your summer went by way too fast, take heart. You're not alone.

ASME has undergone many changes in the past few years, some of which greatly affect our section. During the period of change, your executive committee has tried to keep abreast of events, proposals, and decisions affecting the section, and also to keep the membership informed.

The changes were necessary, but painful. Annual allocations were reduced. Our regional office was closed. Another side effect of the high level of uncertainty has been an understandable decrease in the number of volunteers.

It's time to get the section moving again. Our practice has been to dedicate one section meeting in the fall to ASME business. In the past, this has meant having an informative presentation from a section member who is active at the national level. This year, in keeping with the ASME business theme, our September meeting will be an organizational and planning meeting. An agenda for the meeting can be found in this newsletter.

Section funding and overall section objectives are different from when I started as section chair. Section allocations are no longer an entitlement; they are now merit-based. Active, creative sections that engage and develop their members will receive maximum funding; stagnant, ineffective sections will receive

minimum funding. We've tried very hard to have section activities that demonstrate the value of ASME membership. However, the way we've run our section in the past may not be the best way going forward.

I invite you to attend this important meeting. I'm counting on our members to help increase the vitality of the Hudson-Mohawk section. (The library closes at 9 PM, so I can promise that the meeting will adjourn on time.) Note that the meeting is on a Tuesday night, breaking our tradition of Thursday night meetings. We have a full agenda, so I ask that those with other concerns come early and meet with the executive committee. Finally, if you cannot attend, but wish to have your voice heard, please call or e-mail me or one of the other section officers in advance. If desired, we can read your statement at the meeting. I look forward to a well-attended meeting.

Regards –

Fred Willett

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