



Susquehanna Section News

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Chairman's Message

Welcome all, to the ASME Susquehanna Section's 2005-2006 year!

With many of the changes due to its reorganization in place, ASMEs viability will hopefully be improved so that it can concentrate on providing knowledge, community and advocacy to mechanical engineers, and position itself for long-term success. Our section is now in the new District B, which includes part of our former Region III and all of the former Region V (Great Lakes Region). For more information on the new ASME structure, please check out the Knowledge and Community website at:

<http://www.asme.org/governance/knowledgecommunity/>.

Be sure to select Updates and Messages along the left side, and choose the link titled, "District Alignment...".

We concluded a successful 2004-2005 year with a visit to the Artificial Organs Dept. at Penn State's Hershey Medical Center. Dr. Gerson Rosenberg gave a very interesting presentation on the work being done in his department on artificial heart devices and the tour was incredible! Returning to the site of the Penn State Heart Assist Device, our Section's International Historic ME Landmark, was enjoyable.

Our 2005-2006 Executive Committee (EC) has had a few changes from last year. We welcome back Joe Olson, who was Chairman from 2002-2004, as Program Coordinator. Earlier this year, we congratulated Milton Leake on his many years of service to our Section, and we welcomed Marion Mencer as his replacement as Newsletter Editor. Frank Reed, Steven Schoonmaker, Michael Grandia, Ed Trunk and I have all returned.

As summer starts to wind down, we turn our attention to another year of interesting events for our Section. We are currently planning a kickoff meeting in September at the Appalachian Brewery in Harrisburg. Other possible events (tentative) include a Hershey Park visit, a tour of the National Watch & Clock Museum in Columbia, a Hershey Bears hockey game, a Distinguished Lecture on TMI, tours

of CNH America in New Holland and LWB Refractories, an AMTRAK update and a spring Tech-Talks meeting. Please register as soon as possible for meetings, because space is limited. Remember that staying in touch with other ASME members can be of great benefit to your career! By the way, members are always welcome to attend one of our EC meetings to help plan activities and to pass along ideas on how the Section can better serve its membership.

Be sure to check our website often at

<http://sections.asme.org/Susquehanna/> for the latest Section news. For example, we will soon be posting information about the 2005-2006 PE Review Course, for those who want to achieve PE status in the next year. The course will likely be held once again at the Armstrong World Industries facility in Lancaster.

Thanks for continuing to support our section by your attendance at our events and I hope to see many of you at our kickoff meeting at the Appalachian Brewery in Harrisburg!

Best wishes for a successful year! Dave Kitlan, PE
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ASME News Is Now Online!

As of August 2005, ASME News will be available to membership exclusively online at
<http://www.asmenews.org>

When a new issue of ASME News is posted, a special announcement will appear on the ASME homepage and on Mechanical Engineering magazine online's *only on M.E. Magazine box* (located in the table of contents page of the magazine).

Engineering Ethics Course Gains Popularity

Now in its sixth year, the ASME *Engineering Ethics in Action* course has been quite popular. The course has been conducted twenty-four times for over 300 practicing engineers and student engineers across the country. Seven sessions have been conducted at Texas locations in 2005 with two more planned for later this year.

Andrew Taylor, chairman of the ASME *Committee on Ethical Standards & Review*, provides the course as requested by ASME sections and other units. "The International Petroleum Technology Institute recently contacted me to arrange two sessions on the same day," Taylor reports. "The IPTI is an ASME unit in Houston. I can set up a class at a section meeting, a regional or district conference, a Student Leadership Seminar, a university, a jobsite, or anywhere else at which engineers gather."

Engineering Ethics in Action is an objective-based course focusing on technical decisions that engineers must make in the workplace. The two-hour class features interactive discussions and a videotape presentation or role-play. It is designed for 12 to 20 students, although more students can be accommodated by extending the class to three hours. Course material is changed biennially to ensure a fresh learning environment for repeat students.

"The class is always different because the students drive much of the discussion," Taylor explained. "In addition, my role on the Board of Directors for the ASME *Center on Professional Development, Practice, and Ethics* provides me with access to updated 'ethics material' which I bring to the class."

Marc Meadows, chair of the West Texas Section, considered the Ethics course that his section hosted in Dec. 2004 to have been "an exceptional event." "All who attended were treated to an intellectual stimulation rarely experienced in continuing education," said Meadows. "I witnessed many of the attendees nodding their heads and wrinkling their brows while they pondered their own professional conduct." Meadows added that some great discussion was stirred up which continued even months later.

To schedule this course for a 2005 session, contact Andrew Taylor at ATAYLO1@entergy.com or at 479-858-3531. Additional information on the course is available at <http://regions.asme.org/regionx/PD/Ethics.htm>

Taking Advantage: Host Affordable Short Courses

In recent months, ASME Continuing Education Institute has worked closely with Sections to provide expert training to local professionals. ASME CEI works closely with the requisite instructors to insure the needs of the Section are met. ASME CEI can market the course on its website and administer the registration process. CEI provides the instructor comprehensive course materials and as an Authorized Provider of CEUs, can process and track the certification engineers require to retain their state licenses.

Here is all you have to do:

- Conduct Local Marketing
- Secure Course Venue
- Provide Hotel Accommodations for Instructor
- Copying & Distributing Course Materials
- On-site Registration

With the responsibilities shared, ASME CEI and the Section will split the generated revenue once all expenses are paid. The resulting net profit will be divided evenly, insuring both parties' costs are covered and benefits realized.

This relationship provides Sections the opportunity to host affordable, high-quality courses presented by industry experts in their own backyard. If you would like to find out more on how to bring a short course to your section, contact Russ Girardi at 212-591-7161 or via e-mail at girardir@asme.org.

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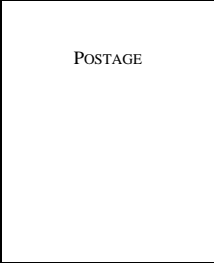
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