

## Attention Section Members!!!

With the recent organizational changes in ASME and the way it allocates funds the Susquehanna Section Executive Committee is actively pursuing activities to help make the Section more financially independent. We need your help...

We are looking for members who would be interested in acting as project leaders for putting together professional development seminars. Some potential topics we are discussing are Project Management and Computational Fluid Dynamics. As well as project leaders we are looking for someone who could act as instructor for the professional development courses.

As always we are looking for input from the members on what programs you would be interested in. There is still room on the Executive Committee; this is your chance to shape the Susquehanna Section.

If you are interested in helping feel free to contact any one of the EC members.

## Chairman's Message

*Dear Susquehanna Section Members,*

Happy New Year!!! I hope all of you had a very happy and safe holiday. Hope you enjoying the "Indian Fall"? May we thank El Niño or global warming? At any rate it was a beautiful holiday time and uninterrupted by bad weather. The recent onset of winter weather may be wondering where El Niño is hiding. Do not worry, Phil tells us spring is just around the corner.

With the upcoming early spring weather, many of you should be able to attend our upcoming meetings -- **Patriot News or Middletown aircraft control tower in March, April – May Hershey Park (Comet roller coaster or water park), Tech Talk (Feb – April timeframe)**. Bring along your whole family to these events! Check out the details in the newsletter or by visiting our website at:

<http://sections.asme.org/Susquehanna/>

Thanks to Joe Olson and Scott O'Brian, PE, who ran our November meeting at the Antique Automobile Club of America Museum tour and dinner, and to Joe and Dave Kitlan, PE, who hosted the Hershey Bears Hockey Game and dinner in December. Many thanks to those who attended these events and I would offer special thanks to Peter Kabatek, Chairman of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers AIChE, Susquehanna Section, who helped to arrange this joint meeting.

The museum changes exhibits every few months. They have a hundred stored cars and privately collected cars from which to display at the museum. This time we were treated to twenty horseless carriages from 1890 to 1916, the first period of automobile manufacturing. We were grateful to the generosity and tender-loving-care of the private collectors and the GM Heritage Collection. Sun glasses were *d'rigour* to reduce the glare from the shiny brass fittings.

This museum deserves special recognition in our engineering community. Your executive committee is searching for a volunteer to assist it in nominating the museum as an ASME Historic Collection. If cars are your hobby or special interest, now is the time to make a difference and join us!

The 2005-2006 Calder Cup Champion Hershey Bears beat the Norfolk Admirals in overtime! The AHL action was thrilling and very professional (okay, few fights). The meal vouchers provided large and nutritious quantities of food for cheering on our Bears. Well...almost nutritious. We could "bear"ly get out of our seats!

We are always interested in receiving ideas from members for possible future events and tours, so feel free to pass along any suggestions that you might have. This is an easy way for members to make a noticeable contribution to our Section and for those who don't have the time to become more actively involved.

If you would like to become more involved with our Section, or if you have any suggestions on how the Section can better serve its members, please contact me or one of our Executive Committee members listed in our newsletter.

The Executive Committee is searching for help in the following areas:

Honors and Awards

Public Relations

Historian

Government relations

Minorities and Women

I hope to get to meet many of you at our upcoming meetings!

Until then, best wishes,  
Mike Grandia, PE  
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## ASME To Hold Three Industry-Focused Conferences on Biotechnology

Leaders in the science and engineering communities will assess the latest technology in bioprocess engineering, biomechanics and medical devices and instrumentation at three ASME conferences in June 2007.

The ASME Bioprocess Technology Seminars and Exhibits will be held June 4-6, 2007, at the Radisson-Dublin St. Helens Hotel in Dublin Ireland. The second conference, Frontiers in Biomedical Devices 2007, is scheduled for June 7-8, at the Hyatt Regency Irvine in Irvine, Calif. The 2007 Summer Bioengineering Conference will take place June 20-24, at the Keystone Resort and Conference Center in Keystone, Colo.

The three conferences will examine the progress and future directions in biotechnology research, and provide practitioners with the latest tools and training to advance commercial applications in the field. ASME's objective in presenting the conferences is to provide the fast-growing biopharmaceutical industry with useful resources to solve technology challenges.

For more information, visit:

[http://www.asme.org/Communities/Technical/BPE/Bioprocess\\_Activities.cfm](http://www.asme.org/Communities/Technical/BPE/Bioprocess_Activities.cfm)

## Call for Nominations: 2007 Old Guard Early Career Engineer Award



Recognize an outstanding early career engineer actively involved in their profession, their communities, and the work of the Society. Submit Nominations Today! Visit <http://files.asme.org/asmeorg/Communities/EarlyCareer/8026.pdf> for more details. The deadline for all nominations is March 1, 2007.

## 2007 Leadership Training Conference is Connecting Communities

Plan on attending the 2007 Leadership Training Conference (LTC) to be held at the Wyndham Greenspoint hotel in Houston, Texas from March 2-4, 2007. The theme of this year's LTC is "Connecting Communities," and its purpose is to provide ASME members soon to become unit leaders an opportunity to develop their leadership knowledge and skills, share best practices, form partnerships with other units, and focus on critical issues important to the success of the Society.

The LTC will provide:

- A first-time-unit-leader workshop – the basics
- An overview of the Society's organization, activities and resources
- Information and methods to help leaders succeed in leading an ASME unit
- An opportunity to network with other leaders and ASME staff
- A forum for interchange of ideas and development of program plans

One of the goals for LTC is for each participant to formulate a plan for briefing their units on the information learned at LTC, so you may be hearing more about it at a section meeting soon.

LTC is open to leaders throughout ASME who are invited by their sector leadership to attend. Also attending the LTC will be a special contingent of Early Career Engineers and students, whose presence will add extra excitement to the conference. If your section hasn't yet selected a delegate, or you'd like an additional member to attend, please contact your District leader as soon as possible.

For additional information on LTC, visit:

<http://www.asmeconferences.org/ltc07/index.cfm>

The Fellow Grade recognizes significant engineering achievements and contributions to the engineering profession. ASME takes great pride in its Fellows Program and encourages the nomination of ASME members to Fellow Grade. Any ASME member can submit a nomination for Fellow.

For additional information on ASME's **Fellows Program** visit:

<http://www.asme.org/Governance/Honors/Fellows/Fellows.cfm>

## Test Your Knowledge of the ASME e-Library and You May Win a Prize!

Enter the ASME E-library Challenge and test your research abilities! The Challenge has 3 to 5 questions which can be answered by using the resources in the ASME e-library. Prizes include American Express gift cards and ASME membership renewals.

The Challenge will be held from Feb. 19 to March 19, 2007. There are separate versions for members and students and winners will be chosen from entries that have all questions answered correctly.

Not familiar with the ASME e-library? It's a collection of 75 interactive technical references, available free to members. Use it anytime for answers to your technical questions, 24/7, anywhere you have an Internet connection.

To find out more about the library – or to sign up and login, just go to <http://www.asme.org/Membership/Benefits/Professional/eLibrary.cfm>

To enter, choose either the member or student edition.  
Member:  
[http://info.knovel.com/ASME/ASME\\_professional\\_quiz.htm](http://info.knovel.com/ASME/ASME_professional_quiz.htm)  
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[http://info.knovel.com/ASME/ASME\\_academic\\_quiz.htm](http://info.knovel.com/ASME/ASME_academic_quiz.htm)



## Advancing Your Career

The ASME Professional Practice Curriculum (PPC) is an online resource designed to help you advance in the engineering profession by providing guidance and resources on subjects that complement an engineers technical skills.

The PPC consists of 42 modules on topics ranging from product development and writing cost proposals to team building and negotiation. The PPC also provides information on alternative engineering career paths such as patent law, marketing and sales, and entrepreneurship.

Currently, the 5 modules in the Career Transition Series are free of charge. ASME members additionally have access to the following 4 modules through the [Members Only](#) website:

- Introduction to Intellectual Property (Business & Legal Series)
- Leadership Styles and Attributes (Management & Leadership Series)
- Effective Technical Presentations (Communications Series)
- Product Management (Product Management Series)

To get started, please visit [www.professionalpractice.asme.org](http://www.professionalpractice.asme.org).

## Poster Series Now Available!

ASME's poster series highlighting the achievements of African American engineers and inventors is now available for purchase through ASME. The poster series contains ten posters, measuring 14-by-18 inches, each displaying a picture of an African American engineer or inventor and information about their work. Poster sets can currently be purchased for \$20 a set for members and \$24 for non-members.

Contact the ASME Information Central at 1-800-THE-ASME (843-2763) and request product #AAI497. Product Catalog Item: 1997 African American Engineers and Inventors Posters  
[http://www.asme.org/Communities/Diversity/African\\_American\\_Engineers.cfm](http://www.asme.org/Communities/Diversity/African_American_Engineers.cfm)

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