

Letter from the Chairman – March 2008

Dear Members:

Here is a summary of this newsletter:

February events:

The February 2008 newsletter was published.

The Executive committee met on February 8.

Monthly “Lunch and Learn” meetings were suspended during February to facilitate focusing of attention toward delivery of the 2008 Town Hall Meeting.

The 2008 Town Hall Meeting was held on February 20. For more information, read the related article in this newsletter.

Please welcome Peter Vallandigham, who has accepted the Secretary position for the remainder of this fiscal year, taking over for Chris Stewart who left for a new job opportunity in Orlando.

Again, the Executive Committee thanks those who have participated in the programs we have organized. Your participation is our reward. Qualms, Quibbles, Contributions, Comments, and Suggestions are welcomed. Please send them to email address below.

Siddhartha Kamath, PE, Chairman 2007-2008

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2008 CALENDAR

Luncheon Speakers:

March 28: Honeywell (Speaker: Mike Cunniff)

April: TCC Student Club (Speaker: Aaron Bauldree)

May: COT Water/Sewer (Speaker TBA)

TALLAHASSEE SENIOR SECTION

Another Town Hall Meeting Success!

On the evening of February 20, 2008, the Tallahassee Section hosted its fifth Town Hall Meeting since 2002. This year's event took place in downtown Tallahassee, at Tallahassee Community College's Capitol Center, in the Mary Brogan Museum of Arts and Science.

Florida Department of Environmental Protection Secretary Michael Sole set the stage for the meeting, referencing Florida Governor Charlie Crist's Energy Initiative Executive Order of July 2007.

Attended by an audience of 80-90, and moderated by Krysta Brown of WFSU, for 90 minutes a distinguished panel that included Gulf Power Corp. President and CEO Susan Story, Senator Mike Bennett, and Representative Stan Mayfield, discussed the topic, "**Florida's Energy Challenges – How Do We Measure Up?**", and responded to questions. The program was recorded by WFSU, and is expected to be aired in the near future. (See below).

The Brogan Museum provided child supervision while the Town Hall Meeting was conducted, and the event was followed by a catered reception, consisting of hors d'oeuvres and a coffee bar.

Those who stayed through the reception, if they stepped outside after 9:30 PM and looked skyward, got a bonus, a lunar eclipse.

4FSU Air Times for the ASME Town Hall Meeting Energy.

Thursday, March 20 @ 7pm;
Saturday, March 29 @ 10pm;
Saturday, April 5 @ 6pm

And there will be multiple air times in April as well, but those dates won't be set until March 12 or 13th.

STUDENT SECTIONS

1. On Sat. March 1, the FAMU/FSU Student Section and the TCC Engineering Club traveled to Jacksonville for a tour of the Budweiser Brewery. To read more about this, please visit <http://engineeringtcc.blogspot.com/2008/03/budweiser-jacksonville-tour.html>
2. **2008 Student Professional Development Conference**
April 4-6, 2008
Host: Florida A&M University / Florida State University Student Section (FAMU/FSU)
Tallahassee, FL
Conference Website: <http://districts.asme.org/SPDC/FL>
3. At TCC, work continues on the Cart-to-Solar Project.

ASME INTERNATIONAL

Inspiring Engineering Diversity

Engineer Your Life (EYL) and the National Association for College Admissions Counseling (NACAC) are teaming up with ASME at dozens of college fairs for high school students throughout the United States. The EYL campaign has developed, tested and is now providing messages and materials to promote engineering to college-bound high school girls. Volunteers are encouraged to become part of the campaign by participating in the fairs. EYL fair exhibits are designed to break down commonly held perceptions about engineering and encourage girls to consider it as a college and career option. Interested in helping out? Contact Marina Stenos at stenosm@asme.org for more information.

Thinking about your career? Visit ASME's Career Center!

Are you thinking about making some major career changes? Perhaps you are looking for a new job, finding out what you are worth, raising your profile at work or networking with other engineers to expand your career opportunities? ASME can help you energize your career this year with a variety of member benefits.

Find a job, build your resume or get advice at ASME's Online Career Center, the only job board dedicated exclusively to Mechanical Engineers. Find out what you're worth by taking the ASME Salary Survey, and get a basic report on how your salary compares to other engineers in your region, field or experience level. Visit the ASME Career Center at <http://www.asme.org/Jobs/> for more information.

PREPARE FOR TOMORROW'S ENGINEERING CHALLENGES - TODAY!



The 2008 ASME Annual Meeting will be held June 7-11, at the Walt Disney World Swan & Dolphin Resort, Lake Buena Vista, Fla. The theme of this year's event is "Innovative Partnering: Interdisciplinary Challenges to Designing the Future." The 5-day event will feature three plenary sessions, moderated by Michael Rogers, futurist-in-residence at the New York Times Company, with panelists of senior executives from such companies as Boeing, IBM and Westinghouse Electric. There will also be a broad range of workshops led by top executives, academics, futurists and venture capitalists as well as professional development and training opportunities including a Career Expo. Also, enjoy a golf outing and a charity 5K walk/run.

To learn more and register, go to www.asmeconferences.org/annualmeeting08.

ASME Financial Aid Available! Apply for Scholarships by March 15!

Paying for college is more expensive than ever. ASME realizes this fact and is committed to helping potential mechanical engineers reach their educational goals.

Students who plan to attend school for the 2008-09 academic year, and wish to receive some of the \$100,000 available in academic scholarships to student members worldwide must do so by March 15, 2008.

ASME offers 16 undergraduate and graduate scholarships and low interest loans to help students reach their goals. Student members can obtain information about all of the financial aid packages available by visiting <http://www.asme.org/Education/College/FinancialAid/>

ASME ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2008-09 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FELLOWSHIPS

ASME is currently accepting applications for the following Federal Government Fellowship positions:

Congressional Fellowships

ASME is accepting applications from qualified candidates interested in serving as a 2008-09 Congressional Fellow. The Federal Fellows program enables selected ASME members to spend one year in Washington, D.C. working with the staff of a congressional committee, U.S. senator or U.S. Representative. Federal Government Fellowships provide a valuable public service to the nation while providing engineers with a unique opportunity to participate directly in the policy making process. Congressional Fellows may serve from September 2008 through August 2009 - or January 2009 through December 2009 - at their option. The deadline to submit an application for the Congressional Fellowship is April 1, 2008.

Department of Commerce Fellowship

ASME is also accepting applications from qualified candidates interested in serving a year at the U.S. Department of Commerce in the Manufacturing and Services (MAS) Office of Standards Liaison (OSL). The Fellow will work with U.S. stakeholders involved in the standardization process, including individual companies, industry associations, standards developing organizations, and the American National Standards Institute on trade-related standards issues affecting U.S. competitiveness, innovation and growth. OSL works on issues involving all sectors and in all overseas markets, although there is a greater focus on emerging and technology-related sectors and critical markets such as Europe and China. Applicants for this position must have strong technical, interpersonal, organizational, and oral and written communication skills, as well as substantive knowledge or experience in an industry sector and the standardization process. The start date for the DOC fellowship is flexible.

A stipend of \$55,000 will be awarded to each Fellow for the year. All Fellowship applicants must be a U.S. citizen and an ASME member at the time of application. The following credentials are encouraged: At least five years of professional experience, an advanced engineering degree, professional engineer registration, and some public policy experience. An online application is available at <https://secure.asme.org/fedgovfellows/appform.cfm>

For additional information about the Federal Fellows program, visit http://www.asme.org/NewsPublicPolicy/GovRelations/Programs/Federal_Government.cfm or contact Kathryn Holmes, director, ASME Government Relations, at holmesk@asme.org or 202/785-7390.

The ASME Volunteer Opportunities Bulletin Board

(VOBB) is a tool designed to help volunteer leaders promote local Section and Society-wide volunteer positions. It is also used to help link volunteers with opportunities for involvement in all areas of the society. Opportunities for involvement include standards development, pre-college outreach and educational activities, government relations, and the development of new products, programs and more.

Early Career Grant Funding Available

Submit an application **today** to receive additional funding for your district-held Early Career Technical Conference and/or Early Career Forum for your units or sectors. Complete details for both grants can be found at <http://www.asme.org/Communities/EarlyCareer/>.

The deadline for applications is **April 15, 2008**. Contact: Cheryl Hasan hasanc@asme.org for more information.

Become A Mentor Today! EMentoring Opportunities for Early Career Engineers.

Mentors are a great way to gain knowledge and learn from the experiences of experts in your field. ASME offers an e-mentoring service right at your fingers!

To learn more and sign up for mentors, log onto http://www.asme.org/jobs/mentoring/Ementoring_Early_Career.cfm or contact Noel Netel at neteln@asme.org.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Seeking Adjunct Faculty to assist part-time as Senior Capstone Design Coordinator –

Ideal candidate will have industry background including strong engineering design and project management experience. For further information, contact Dr. Chiang Shih, Mechanical Engineering Dept., FAMU-FSU College of Engineering, shih@eng.fsu.edu, (850)410-6321.

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