

Letter from the Chairman – April 2008

Dear Members:

Here is a summary of this newsletter:

March events:

On March 7 & 8, as representative of the Tallahassee Section, I attended the 2008 ASME Leadership Training Conference in Atlanta, GA. For more information, read the related article in this newsletter.

The March 2008 newsletter was published.

The Executive Committee met on March 13. Peter Vallandigham, attended the meeting, his first as Interim Secretary.

“Lunch and Learn” meetings resumed on March 28, with a program on integrated building monitoring systems, by David Dantzler of Honeywell International. For more information, read the related article in this newsletter.

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.

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2008 CALENDAR

Luncheon Speakers:

April 25: TCC Student Club (Speaker: Aaron Bauldree)
May: COT Water/Sewer (Speaker TBA)

TALLAHASSEE SENIOR SECTION

March “Lunch and Learn” Meeting

The March 28, 2008 “Lunch and Learn” guest speaker series featured David Dantzler of Honeywell International.

David described a movement within the construction industry toward combining multiple facility automation systems such as DDC controls, lighting controls, energy management, life safety, CCTV, and security into a single platform. These are systems that traditionally operate in a stand-alone manner but can now be combined on a single communicating platform. By combining these systems into a single head-end, a building owner or manager can reduce his overall capital & operating expenses as well as provide enhanced facility operations.

Thanks to Mike Cuniff, the local Honeywell Representative, for coordinating the speaker. If you have an idea or a speaker in mind for future meetings, please contact Ben Cowart, Program Chair, at cowntb2@asme.org.

The April 25 meeting will feature Aaron Baldree of the TCC Student Section.

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

- Friday, April 18th at 8pm
- Monday, April 21st at 6:30pm
- Thursday April 24th at 9pm
- Saturday, April 26th at 7:30pm

STUDENT SECTIONS

1. On April 4-6, the **FAMU/FSU Student Section** hosted the ASME 2008 Student Professional Development Conference (SPDC).

2. On Friday 3/28, the **TCC Engineering Club** conducted a “Midnight Movie” fund-raiser at Movies 8. Tickets were \$1 each, and attendees had the choice of “I am Legend” or “The Great Debaters.”

Additionally, work on the Solar Powered Golf Cart is progressing quickly – baseline data have been collected and analyzed, and a cart should be up-and-running on Mon. 4/14.

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.

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.

Volunteer leaders are encouraged to use the VOBB as a recruitment tool. If your ASME group is looking for a few good volunteers to share their passion and make meaningful contributions, contact Deidra Hackley at hackleyd@asme.org or visit http://volunteer.asme.org/vobb/Post_Volunteer_Opportunity.cfm. For more information on posting or applying for a position on the VOBB visit <http://volunteer.asme.org/> or e-mail bookert@asme.org.

Thomas Loughlin Selected as next ASME Executive Director



Thomas G. Loughlin, who has served as ASME's Deputy Executive Director since 2005, has been selected by the Board of Governors to succeed Virgil R. Carter, who will retire on July 2.

A leader in association management with a strong track record in strategic planning and organizational assessment, Loughlin has had a leading role in the implementation of the Society's balanced scorecard system for addressing the Society's strategic and operational goals.

Loughlin joined the ASME staff 1993 as the director of Member Services, where he was responsible for managing membership growth and retention programs. Loughlin then served as managing director of Member Affairs for four years before being promoted to the position of managing director of Engineering. It was in this position where he played a key role in ASME's Continuity and Change reorganization initiative. The assessment subsequently led the Society to develop a new organizational model.

In his current role, Loughlin helps to manage the Balanced Scorecard system, which addresses the Society's strategic and operational goals. He is also charged with managing ASME's Engineering & Technology Enterprise section, including the Knowledge & Community, Institutes, the Centers Sector and Codes & Standards.

Loughlin, a certified association executive, received his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Lafayette College in 1983. He holds five patents, and was named winner of the American Society of Association Executive's Keystone Award for Excellence in Membership.

2008 LTC, another Successful Gathering!



More than 350 volunteers and staff members attended the 3rd annual ASME Leadership Training Conference (LTC) from March 7-8 in Atlanta, Georgia and were provided with up-to-date information about the Society and the resources available for day-to-day unit operations, training on new skills, and networking opportunities with fellow ASME leaders at this high-energy event.

All of ASME's sectors were represented, including 5 Affinity Groups, 93 Sections, 40 and Student Sections, 29 Technical Divisions, 2 Institutes, Centers, Codes & Standards, Strategic Management, Volunteer Orientation and Leadership Training (VOLT) Academy, and the Board of Governors (BOG). Delegates traveled from all over the United States and 17 other countries, representing all ASME Districts. Sixty students attended a parallel Student District Operating Board (SDOB) conference held in conjunction with the LTC.

The LTC opened Friday morning with introductions of delegates from around the world and throughout the Society, remarks from ASME President Sam Zamrik, ASME President-Elect Tom Barlow, and Executive Director Virgil Carter, and a presentation of ASME's Big Picture by Knowledge & Community Managing Director Burt Dicht. Over the next two days, delegates attended over 30 workshops as well as an abundance of networking events, including an *Idea Mart*. At this exhibit-style session, delegates spoke directly with staff and other volunteers and learned about ASME departments and discuss options for support and collaboration with their unit. As with the previous conferences, many of the delegates left with positive thoughts.

"I learned available resources and how to access them, said one delegate. "This will be my reference material for the future." "I got self satisfaction, reasons to tell and convince everybody why they should get involved in ASME, said another delegate."

LTC 08 Co-chairs Jack Whitehead and Betty Bowersox wish to thank the more than 70 volunteers and staff members who helped organize and conduct the LTC. If your section sent a delegate, talk to them about implementing the lessons learned at LTC. If you weren't able to come this year, plan early for March 2009, and don't miss out!

The ASME Foundation Announces Four New Scholarships



Allen Rhodes Memorial Scholarship \$1,500 (1 award)

This scholarship is in memory of Allen Rhodes, the youngest president of ASME and a former chair of The ASME Foundation. One award will be given each year in 2008, 2009 and 2010 to a deserving mechanical engineering student, who has a specific interest in the oil and gas industry, with preference given to applicants enrolled at Villanova University.

The ASME Foundation Hanley Scholarship \$2,500 (1 award)

This scholarship is funded by the Mary Hanley Trust to provide scholarship funds for financially needy students pursuing an undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering.

Willis F. Thompson Memorial Scholarship \$5,000 each (3 awards)

Mary Evans Stowell Thompson, a founding member of the ASME Foundation Archimedes Club, bequeathed a scholarship fund “. . . in memory of my late husband Willis who played a vital and instrumental role in the conception and development of the United Engineering Center in New York City, and in recognition of my late husband’s lifelong interest and services in many capacities to ASME.”

The ASME Virginia Tech Memorial Scholarship (1 award)

This is a scholarship in recognition of the tragic events that took place on April 16, 2007 at the campus of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. The goal is to remember the fallen and honor the living victims through a yearly award toward graduate study in the College of Engineering.

Awards recipients for any of the above scholarships may be selected on the basis of scholastic ability and the potential contribution of each recipient to the field of mechanical engineering. Enrollment in an ABET accredited program may be a requirement for eligibility as is ASME membership, and some awards may be limited to graduate students. For complete details on the requirements for each ASME award, visit

<http://www.asme.org/Education/College/FinancialAid/>

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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