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Message from the Chairperson

6/18/2014

Two things are hard to wrap my head around. 1. The first year as the Chairperson of our Section has ended. 2. Here we are in the middle of another year. Times flies when you're having fun? Or getting older. The events of the past year bring both satisfaction and pause for concern. First, the satisfaction of the gains we have made in our Section.

- We launched a new Web site <http://charlotte-asme.org/> along with other social media links.
- The Professional Development Committee had a successful PDH Course in February
- Your Section Executive Committee implemented two types of scholarships. One for each of the ASME Chartered Student Sections at the two Community Colleges CPCC and RCC. The second for the child or grandchild of a Senior Section Member.
- We underwrote 7 partial scholarships so local school system kids can attend Engineering Camp Charlotte's first Summer Camp in Charlotte.
- The Section has a new committee represented on the Executive Committee called Quality Systems which will listen to the "VOC". In addition to this , we are implementing a "Best Practices Policy" to replace the By-Laws of old.

There are many changes being implemented by ASME Global which we will be exposed to later this year. Many are needed, some I prefer to wait and see. Perhaps it's best to understand that an Engineer's world is not static. An Engineer is always asking "Can it be done different, better". Maybe that's why they are an Engineer.

As the pages of the calendar turn and we go into the second half of this year, I look forward to being the Section Chairperson for the coming year and hope you will find encouragement in the direction of our Section. Get onboard, take the ride, ask as I do "Can it be done different, better".

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SECTION NEWS

The Executive Committee leadership will hold a workshop on Saturday, July 19th. From that date on the plans for our Section Events will begin to fall in place for the 2014 - 2015 Section activities calendar. PDH Courses, National Engineers' Week in February 2015 will be a part of those plans. Below is the Calendar of Events our Section is in the process of developing. If you have a suggestion on Speakers, topics or Plant Tours let the Programs Committee hear from you.

Events Calendar for 2014 – 2015 Calendar Year

(Speakers, Topics, Plant Tours will be announced)

Kick-Off Event
Senior Section Dinner Event
Thursday, September 18th

Senior Section Plant Tour Event
Thursday, October 16th

Senior Section Plant Tour Event
Thursday, November 20th

Senior Section Spouse Night Dinner Event
Thursday, December 11th

Senior Section Dinner Event
Thursday, January 15th

National Engineers Week
Senior Section Dinner Event
Thursday, February 26th

Senior Section Dinner Event
Thursday, March 19th

Senior Section Plant Tour Event
Thursday, April 16th

Senior Section Dinner Event
Thursday, May 21st

Awards Night
Senior Section Dinner Event
Thursday, June 18th



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ASME NEWS

ONE ASME.



(That's the new logo)

What does this mean to me as a member of ASME and the local Senior Section? The engineering profession is changing in response to an increasingly globalized and interconnected world. Increased technological opportunities and changing global demographics have transformed not only the way people interact with information, associations, and each other, but also what those relationships mean to them. Traditional modes of society operation no longer adequately address these emerging needs and shifting expectations. To remain competitive and relevant, and to preclude becoming obsolete, ASME must change to meet the challenges of this rapidly changing world. ASME's Board of Governors (BOG) has adopted Pathway 2025, which represents a significant paradigm shift for the organization. Pathway 2025 is a conduit to realizing ASME's mission, which is to serve diverse global communities by advancing, disseminating, and applying engineering knowledge for improving the quality of life, and communicating the excitement of engineering. Key elements of Pathway 2025 are:

- A unified Society brand (One ASME)
- Increased strategic analysis to decide how to best use our limited resources
- Minimization of risk to the Society

To align with Pathway 2025 and thereby support the Society's direction, ASME needs to change. We need to better align the strengths of our volunteers, staff, and other participants to improve existing products and programs, and create new opportunities for engagement with interested people around the world.

- All groups (Institutes, Technical Divisions, Global Communities, and Affinity Groups) that previously reported to K&C and Institutes will retain their identity as groups and will continue to exist, interacting primarily on ASME.org, and engaging with all the Enterprise programs, products, and services.
- Instead of operating in silos, individuals and groups will have a better picture of Society strategies and initiatives, and will see clearly how they support One ASME. A flatter structure will provide more direct pathways for engagement, as well as an increased understanding of ASME resources, products, and services.

Law of physics "every action causes a re-action". This change has been in the process since last year. You see it on the new <https://www.asme.org/about-asme> site. For members to receive full benefit you need to log into ASME and create a Personal Profile. Once that is done you are free to join one of many "Groups" including our local Section Group at https://community.asme.org/piedmont_carolina_section/default.aspx. We have a total membership in our Section of approximately 825. As of today 33 have a Profile. The concern in all of the changes is that those who do not update and establish a Profile will be left behind and not receive full benefits of being a member.