



## **Take Me Out to the Ballpark!** **Tour Oriole Park at Camden Yards with the ASME**

### **Peanuts! Popcorn! Cracker Jacks!**

Help the Baltimore ASME welcome springtime to town with a tour of Oriole Park at Camden Yards. Held in conjunction with the Regional Administrative Conference that the Baltimore Section is hosting, the April General Section Meeting will take you behind the scenes at the Orioles' nest. So on April 27<sup>th</sup>, come out and enjoy a beautiful Saturday afternoon with the ASME!

While many of you have probably spent an enjoyable afternoon or evening sitting in the stands, this is your chance to see all the other areas of the park that you weren't allowed to enter. Oriole Park tour guides will take us throughout the entire facility on a 1½-hour tour. These knowledgeable guides will be able to tell you everything you've always wanted to know about this Baltimore landmark, and a whole lot more that you never thought to ask! Get a look at the structure and physical plant behind the picturesque facade, as well as views of the luxury suites, locker rooms, pressrooms, and many other functional areas of stadium.

Oriole Park is state-of-the-art yet unique, traditional and intimate in design. It blends with the urban context of downtown Baltimore while taking its image from baseball parks built in the early 20th century. Featuring steel trusses, an arched brick facade, a sun roof over the gentle slope of the upper deck, an asymmetrical playing field, and natural grass turf, this Baltimore landmark harkens back to those magnificent big league ballparks built in the early 1900's. Ebbets Field (Brooklyn), Shibe Park (Philadelphia), Fenway Park (Boston), Crosley Field (Cincinnati), Forbes Fields (Pittsburgh), Wrigley Field (Chicago), and The Polo Grounds (New York).



All of these ballparks that served as powerful influences in the design of Oriole Park, which is renowned worldwide for its grace and beauty. This wonderful facility has profoundly influenced modern stadium design since it opened 10 years ago.

Children of all ages are welcome on the tour, but please bear in mind that this event will require walking for over an hour.

Please notify us with your RSVP if you will need wheelchair accommodations so that the tour guides can make all the necessary arrangements. Space is limited on this tour, so please RSVP early so we can try to arrange extra tours if necessary!

For details, see page 3.

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## April General Section Meeting Details

Date: April 27, 2002  
 Event: Oriole Park at Camden Yards guided tour  
 Location: Oriole Park at Camden Yards  
 333 West Camden Street  
 Baltimore, MD 21201  
 (410) 685-9800  
 Time: 2:15 PM (Please gather at 2:00PM at Gate G near Eutaw Street. Look for signs indicating that the ballpark tours start there.)

<u>Cost:</u>	<u>Event</u>
Members & Family	\$ 5
Non-member	\$ 5
ASME Student Members	free

**RSVP: By April 19th**, to Greg Harris. Send checks made out to ASME (along with name, day and evening phone and the number of guests attending) to Greg Harris, 10 Glencoe Manor Ct., Sparks, MD 21152. Phone: 410-215-9967 E-mail: [gcharris@us.ibm.com](mailto:gcharris@us.ibm.com)

### Executive Committee Meetings

All members are welcome and encouraged to attend the Executive Committee meetings, usually held on the first Monday of each month at UMBC.

- Monday, **May 6<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00pm
- Monday, **June 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 7:00pm

Meetings will be held in the Engineering & Computer Science Building, UMBC, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Mechanical Engineering Conference Room. Call Section Secretary Karen Campbell at (410) 765-8822 for details.

**Directions To UMBC:** *Note – Parking in Lot 16 costs \$.50, quarters only*

Take I-95 to exit 47, which is I-195/MD Rt. 166. Follow the signs to UMBC, which will lead you to bear right. Once on the campus, turn left at the stop sign onto Hilltop Circle. Turn right at the next traffic light, and proceed down to the lot closest to the building. Pay \$.50 and park anywhere in the lot. The Engineering & Computer Science building is the rightmost building bordering the parking lot. ❖

## Partners In Mechanical Engineering Grants Available!

Sponsored by the board on Minorities and Women (BMW), the Partners in Mechanical Engineering program provides funding on a first-come, first-served basis to ASME Sections for projects and/or activities that support collaboration with local sections or chapters of organizations that support women and underrepresented minority groups in engineering.

Grants range from \$500 to \$1000 depending upon the size and scope of the project or activity. Proposals may be submitted at any time of the year.

To request a copy of the application form, contact Mary James Legatski in the ASME Washington Center at 202-785-7380 or at [legatskim@asme.org](mailto:legatskim@asme.org). An application may be filed on-line at [www.asme.org/bmw/partners.html](http://www.asme.org/bmw/partners.html).

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## Baltimore Section Hosts Region III RAC

The Baltimore Section will host representatives from all over the ASME Region III at the annual Regional Administrative Conference (RAC) on April 25-27. Returning to Baltimore for the first time in over 10 years, the conference will be held downtown at the Admiral Fell Inn and is open to any members who would like to attend. The Regional Operating Board will meet in the evening of Thursday April 25, and the full RAC meeting will occur all day Friday April 26, with a conclusion in the morning of Saturday April 27. The Baltimore Section is sponsoring an Oriole Park tour on Saturday afternoon after the RAC meeting.

The ASME Region III stretches from Washington DC to upstate New York, encompassing 14 professional sections and 44 student sections. The RAC is a yearly opportunity for the leadership of all the sections in the region to gather together with the Regional Operating Board and conduct the official business of the region. More importantly, this meeting helps to plan the direction of the region and the ASME as a whole. Each section benefits greatly by talking to the leaders of other sections and learning about the things that they are doing to attract members and keep them involved in the section meetings!

The RAC is also a great chance for members to learn more about the opportunities available to them to participate with the ASME beyond the section level. In addition to the leadership from all the sections, the RAC attendees will include the Region III professional staff, the Regional III Operating Board, and members of the ASME national office professional staff. If you are interested in getting involved with ASME in a technical or administrative capacity, this is a terrific opportunity to meet with people who are already involved in all aspects of the society and learn how you can make a difference!

If you would like to know more about the RAC, contact Mike White at [whitem414@asme.org](mailto:whitem414@asme.org) or 410-993-5855. There is also an official web page for the RAC on the Region III web site at <http://www.asme.org/regions/regioniii/>

## 2001-2002 ASME Baltimore Section Program Schedule

May 16, 2002	Honors and Awards Engineering Society of Baltimore
July 2002	2002-2003 Program Planning Meeting

## The Art and Science of SIX SIGMA Webcast

<http://www.iil.com/technology/sixSigma.htm>

ASME Professional Development has negotiated a \$100 discount for ASME members on 'The Art & Science of SIX SIGMA.'

If you'd like to learn how Six Sigma has delivered unprecedented returns to hundreds of organizations, this 3-part satellite learning series is a must see. Led by Dr. Mikel J. Harry in his first ever satellite broadcast, the program will lay out the proven road map for deploying 'Six Sigma' in any organization. Listen to the best practices and lessons learned from DuPont Corporation, and Ford Motor Company, as their Corporate Champions join Dr. Harry during the second part of the series to share insights into their respective Six Sigma Initiatives. Take advantage of the opportunity to bring 'Six Sigma' practices to your organization.

Date and time: **April 9-11, from 11a.m.-2:00pm**

Price for all three sessions: **\$650-\$100 ASME**

**Member Discount = \$550**

CEU Credits: **.9** PDU Credits: **9** ASQ RU Credits: **.9**

To get your discount, **use coupon number (ASME01) on the IIL registration page**

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### **Here's Your Opportunity to Propose Individuals for Society Office**

The future success of the Society depends on the effective utilization of the knowledge and abilities of its individual members. If the Society is to improve or refine its present programs, it is essential that the members continue to select new officers who are capable, dedicated individuals with exceptional leadership qualities.

The 2002 Nominating Committee, consisting of 38 voting members, urges that you submit your proposals now. As part of its selection process, the Committee will study each of the written proposals submitted on behalf of all proposed nominees for office and will interview the proposed nominees and their supporters.

The Nominating Committee will select 13 nominees for Vice Presidential positions for the 2003-2006 term. There will be five Regional Vice President positions (I, VII, IX, XI and XIII); three Engineering Vice President positions (Engineering & Technology Management, Environment & Transportation, and Int'l Gas Turbine Institute); two Codes and Standards Vice President positions (Conformity Assessment, and Safety Codes & Standards); and three other Vice President positions (Engineering Education, Government Relations and Member Interests & Development).

The Nominating Committee will select three nominees for the member-at-large positions on the Board of Governors for the 2003-2006 term, and a nominee for President for the 2003-2004 term.

If, as a member of ASME, you are interested in submitting a proposal for any one of the above elective offices, please contact Rita M. Patterson, secretary, 2002 Nominating Committee, at 409-772-9071, [rita.patterson@utmb.edu](mailto:rita.patterson@utmb.edu). The nomination package is available at <http://www.asme.org/honors> or copies may be obtained from Gilda A. DiTullio at ASME Headquarters at 212-591-7736, [ditulliog@asme.org](mailto:ditulliog@asme.org). The deadline for submitting completed proposal forms is **April 15, 2002**.