



American Society of Mechanical Engineers - Fox Valley Section

**Career Development Night:
Balancing Your Technical and Management Skills.
*Executive Panel Discussion and Q&A***



**NIU – Naperville Campus, Naperville, IL
Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2008**

SPEAKERS:

- **Argonne National Laboratory**, Ali Khounsary, Ph.D., Technical Staff,
- **TTX Corp.**, Ron Sellberg, VP-Engineering (ret.)
- **Int'l. Truck**, Deborah Shust, Dir. Heavy Truck Marketing, Mechanical Engineer
- **Progress Rail/Caterpillar**, Ken Hofacker, VP-Engineering
- **Exelon Corp**, Cheryl Gayheart, Site Operations Manager, Byron Nuclear Gen. Station

Whether you are a new engineer, or well-seasoned, you've likely thought about the trade-offs involved in various career paths. This month's meeting is a chance to hear from professionals who have thrived in both technical, and managerial roles, as well as engineers who have migrated to a different field completely.

These professionals will discuss their views and experiences about pros & cons of technical vs. managerial skills, as well as marketable skills, mobility, and long-term personal satisfaction. The goal of this program is to provide some real life insight to younger engineers on why (or why not) to choose a managerial track or an engineering track, and what parameters may be considered for making that decision (including personal interest, available opportunities at the employer, training needed, etc.).

Please bring your questions and opinions. In keeping with this season of political debates, we will expect a lively discussion!

LOCATION AND DIRECTIONS:

NIU-Naperville

1120 E. Diehl Rd.
Naperville, IL 60563
Room 161

<http://www.niu.edu/regional/naperville.shtml>

From I-88, exit Naperville Road going south. Turn right onto Diehl Road. Turn left on Centre Point Circle and then left into the NIU parking lot, which is behind the building. Parking is free; no permits are needed.



SCHEDULE: 5:30 to 6:30PM Registration, 6:30PM Buffet Dinner followed by the Presentation

MEAL/COST: Catered Chicken Picatta or Vegetarian Buffet dinner.

\$10.00 Members

\$20.00 Guests

\$5.00 Students

Pay for meals at the door, by check or cash

RESERVATIONS:

Send e-mail to mmurray@packereng.com with the subject 'ASME Meeting' and include your name, phone number, ASME membership number, company name, address and entrée choice (Chicken or Vegetarian). Also include the names, contact information, and entrée choice (Chicken or Vegetarian) for any guests. If you do not have e-mail access, call (630) 505-5722 ext 1948, and leave a message stating this is a reservation for the ASME Meeting on November 12 and include the above information.

DEADLINE:

5 PM on Thursday, Nov. 6, 2008. Please cancel if your plans change.

National Engineers' Week – New Demo Ideas Wanted

The Fox Valley Section will again host a booth at the IIT-Rice celebration of National Engineers Week on Saturday, February 21. This has for several years been a hands-on demonstration of Bernoulli's Principle. However, the Executive Committee feels that it is time present a few new ideas at our booth – likely focusing on "mechanical advantage." If you have thoughts on good hands-on activities that might interest middle-school kids, please see or email any one of us.

Section Participation

We always welcome and need your input on FVS programs and section activities. Please feel free to contact us with your suggestions, comments, and concerns about the same. We look forward to your ideas and participation. Also, we are looking for volunteers who can help us with various programs and activities. Please call any of the section officers for additional information.