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Dear Exec Comm Member,

Here are the minutes of today's meeting.

Anthony took care of business related to signature authority.

The past dinner meeting was very well received and spawned discussion about passive solar bldg. design and over-design. Thanks to Mike S.

ASME exec comm. meetings over the past couple of months were devoted (i didn't mean hijacked) to the lunch meeting with LANL dir. This meeting happened last week with most of the exec comm. present at the meeting. Mike S. spearheaded the effort and delivered the presentation. He thought that Mike's response was cool. Suzanne and Anthony thought that Mike, the dir. was apprised of various details about ASME that he had no clue about. Partha thought that possible future sanctioning of prof. organizations like ASME was great step forward. Mike S is following up on a road towards the sanctioning with the dir. Besides sensitising the dir. about the activities of ASME, an open line of communication has resulted from the lunch auction that was won by ASME (thanks mainly to Anthony)

Doug Thacker presented an outline of a possible lunch/dinner talk. He is recently back from an Afghanistan tour of duty through the National Reserve. There was consensus about the general attractiveness of Doug's possible presentation. Suggestions about an enhanced technical focus was offered. The title is "Engg. in Afghanistan", but includes substantial dwelling into ancillary, non-technical items. Partha offered to take the lead on arranging a lunch talk. Possibility of a later dinner talk will be considered after the lunch talk.

Time of the year to think about the election of the exec. comm (EC) for the upcoming year. Elections should preferably be finished by end of May? General consensus on the need for new members to the EC. Bob Meier was suggested as the person to lead the nomination committee. He preferred someone active in the Lab. Suzanne would like to be active in the EC, but step down from president. She has an inclination to take up a position of secretary devoted to enhanced communication with the ASME members/community. This will be a second secretary position open to more creativity and hopefully less onerous. Another member

devoted to the producing a section newsletter off of the National template is possible and sought. Given the usual rotation of duties amongst EC members and a general difficulty of recruiting new members to the EC, one or two new members are sought. Partha is willing to step up to Chair. Given demonstrated extraordinary efficiencies, Anthony is willing to continue rendering yeoman services to the EC as treasurer (his 3rd year). Balu is willing to take on the VP position, with an outstanding offer to do the minutes of randomly chosen meetings

It was agreed to suggest and ratify the slate of contestants for the EC elections by email.

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