

ASME San Diego Section – Executive Committee Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: Feb 5, 2009

Location: Solar Turbines, Pac Hwy

Attendance: See attendance Roster.

Meeting called to Order: James Powell, Chair @ 5:47 p.m.

Prior Meeting Minutes: Minutes from Jan 2009 meeting read and discussed; minor corrections and clarifications noted; approved with motion by Mike Cacciotti, 2nd by Phil Young.

AGENDA

Old Business – Discussion:

- James reported that the FEA class had 5 attendees - successful.
- FIRST Robotics Competition: James will get details & send out a notice.
- Also, High Tech High is seeking a volunteer for engrg assistant to help students w/their projects.
- Nat'l Engrs Week (NEW) Banquet at USD Joan Kroc Center, Fri Feb 20. Phil has 17 reservations so far.

Committee Reports:

- Tours – Mark: Next will be the Poseiden Pilot seawater de-sal plant at Encina power plant (Carlsbad), W Mar 25. Notice to be posted to webpage & distr by e-mail. Suggestion that tours of the college/university campuses may be of interest (maybe central plants & utility service systems ??)
- Tours – Followup discussion of a prior suggestion that members pay for tours. Mark said this could be problematic; there is really no mechanism for this; also would be uncomfortable to ask members to pay for a tour offered “free” by the host company. Discussion concluded there is really no need to do this & too much downside.
- Re NEW: James will be representing ASME at a tabletop display @ Grossmont Center Sat Feb 21st joining w/the Amer Society of Civil Engrs. Also, UCSD will have a display including HPS info.
- SDSU – Helen Anderson: Student section has several speakers scheduled during semester. Planning a “Walk on Water” competition; also trying to induce more projects.
- USD – Prof. Frank Jacobitz: Hosting a “broomball” activity at the USD ice rink (Fri Feb 6)
- UCSD – Nam Nguyen, new Student Section Chair (Nam welcomed by all): Feb 28th is a Math Counts competition @ UCSD. Nam’s goals include trying to rebuild the HPS and Robotics project teams & get enough members to sustain continuity after Seniors graduate. Currently have about 3 doz. active students & holding meetings weekly.

New Business – Discussion:

- Meetings:
 - February is National Engineers’ Week Banquet (NEW), previously noted.
 - Discussion: Still need ideas & volunteer(s) to set up one or more dinner meetings.
 - James also would really like a volunteer to aid in writing monthly newsletter.
 - Annual Awards Banquet: Refer to York’s mail suggesting date & location options. Discussion re best date option for the university scheduling; decided May 8 would probably be best. Pass info to York so he can set it up.
- Bottle Rocket Contest: Nip Shah has the equipment stored; still needs someone to take over coordination & schedule event; maybe May or June.

Motions & Votes: None

Action Items: State action, responsible member(s) & timeline

- James to send newsletter via email & have posted to webpage. Use ASME logo and recognizable format. Also, follow up on suggestion that archived newsletters be posted for accessibility by members. Suggestion that letter be sent via snail-mail (Apr?) to try to get better member coverage.

Motion to Adjourn: Phil moved, Mike 2nd, affirmation received.

Meeting adjourned: Time – 1907 hrs, PST.

Next Meeting: Thu Mar 5

Submitted by,
Stephen J. Zawadzki, Secretary

Approved: _____