

## ASME San Diego Section – Executive Committee Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: Wed Aug 19, 2009

Location: Hamilton Sundstrand

Attendance: See attendance Roster.

Meeting called to Order: by Nip Shah, Chair @ 5:43 p.m.

Prior Meeting Minutes: Minutes from June 2009 meeting read & reviewed. Approved, motion by Phil Young, York Lew, 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **AGENDA**

#### Old Business –

- Baseball – Nite @ Petco Park, Thur Aug 20; Nip has sold about 20 tickets. Some folks will meet early at the Tin Fish restaurant.

#### Committee Reports:

- Introductions: Along with the usual attendees, we welcomed member Mike McCord. Helen Anderson, former chair of SDSU Student section, has graduated and now has a “real” job at a medical devices company in Encinitas; congratulations Helen.
- Treasurer’s Report – York reported updates for end of June. Highlites discussed included;
  - Accounts consolidation in progress, as previously discussed
  - Opened two CDs at SDCCU, \$10k w/HPS funds and \$11k w/section general funds
  - The WAMU/Chase account will be closed soon
  - General section funds and HPS funds will continue to be kept separately
  - York needs to coordinate a gathering of people authorized to sign checks, and get the new signature cards in place
  - Report approved; motion by Phil, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Z.
- Proposed 2009-2010 Section Budget – presented by York Lew; discussion included;
  - Phil suggested adding a line item for a student mentoring night (no \$ amt suggested)
  - Professional Development courses undetermined at this time; the FEA course conducted by James Powell in Jan. will probably not be repeated
  - Newsletters?? Nip wants to do several postal mailed newsletters. York said we would have to re-instate our Non-Profit Org permit (about \$200) plus cost of postage; cost estimate not included at this time
  - Question of using paid advertising to help defray costs. York said there are restrictions for non-profit groups; also a size limit for ads (more details forthcoming if discussion continues)
  - Budget, with revisions, will be further discussed at the Sep meeting

#### New Business – Discussion:

- Nip asked for a roundtable discussion focusing on job help, looking for ideas & suggestions to aid out-of work members. See roundtable comments on second page.

#### Action Items:

Motion to Adjourn: York moved, Phil 2<sup>nd</sup>

Meeting adjourned: 7:16 pm

Next Meeting: Wed Sep 9 @ Hamilton Sundstrand

Submitted by Steve Zawadzki, Secty

Approved:

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### Page 2: Roundtable Comments

1. Mike McCord: Explore all sources, include networking, job fairs, newspaper ads, although some of these don't seem to work very well (maybe not well suited for the engineering profession). Mike attended a job "Boot Camp" in Temecula awhile ago.
2. Mia Hamilton: Has researched for job growth areas. "Green" jobs & alternative energy appear to be active for job growth. Mia has some links to companies involved in renewable energy & a list of schools offering specialty education & training in the Green segment. (make list & links available to members ??)
3. Helen Anderson: Mentioned that City of San Diego has aids to assist in job seeking (more info?)
4. York Lew: Supported Mike's remarks in difficulty penetrating the "electronic" contacts & resume scanning. Hard to reach an actual HR person for one on one.
5. Javier Larriategui: Has been out of work himself for several months; trying to establish his own consulting business. Finds that most employers want more experience (he has 3 yrs)
6. Steve Zawadzki: Contact placement service agencies; find out what skills & jobs they are seeking (problem here is that jobs probably are not local). Will recontact Navy (NAVFAC SW) for potential openings or listings.
7. Phil Young: Suggested capturing the ideas here & consolidate into a Primer of resources, useful links & strategies that could go on the section website (possibly Mia, Mike & Helen discuss)
8. David Waltzman: Currently working as a student engineer at Navy SPAWARS. Observes that Gvt (Navy) will probably have influx of hiring to replace retirees. As a current student (UCSD) David asked about potential benefits of ASME membership for unemployed engineers (for networking, corporate contacts, etc)
9. Mark Shin: Suggested having a "Networking Forum" where people (hopefully employers & jobseekers) can just get together & talk. Also, experience w/tours has shown that most people get the news from direct email notices rather than the website. Suggest having a regular (monthly) newsletter so people will get used to seeing a newsletter on a regular basis.
10. Nip – Discussion Summary & wrapup:
  - a. Need more membership involvement; more newsletters & website activity. Also, organize the kind of meetings targeted to bring people together.
  - b. Training – coordinate some form of training. Provide platform with links to resources, educational opportunities, etc.
  - c. Make section website more friendly, add info for jobseekers, newsletter
  - d. Work towards having meetings (also tours) dealing w/more specific engineering topics & applications