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Spring weather is coming and before you know it summer will be here. I would guess that many of you are starting to make plans for the summer, especially vacations. Things don't always go according to plan, but usually things go better with a plan than without a plan. Well, as I mentioned in the last newsletter, your Board of Directors has been working on plans for this year. We completed and approved an Operating Plan and will continue to try to work to this plan through the year. We meet monthly to coordinate our activities and adjust the plan as needed. Any member is welcome to attend a Board of Directors meeting to just listen or provide input. If you are interested, please contact me to verify the date, time and location. We are also working on a Communications Plan, Membership Plan and a long term Strategic Plan. We would like to receive input from members on the

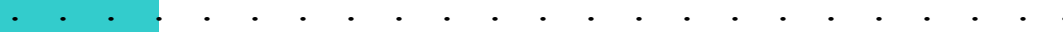
Strategic Plan, so look for more information on that in the coming months.

Some of the items that the Board of Directors have done so far this year are: submitted an entry for a Chapter Circle Award; submitted our annual financial report to INCOSE; approved the donation of a gift to be used during the 2011 International Workshop to help raise funds for the INCOSE Foundation; participated in weekly telecons between Region IV Chapter presidents started in late February, to coordinate activities between chapters; discussed how we could aid members seeking new job opportunities. The last item I'd like to mention is the appointment/re-appointment of Committee Chairs. Sean Beckman and Tony Jannette agreed to return as Chairs of Communications and Outreach, respectively. We also welcomed Tony Rus as the Program Chair. He is working hard to make sure that information about the chapter meetings gets out to the membership, and is looking for ways to increase attendance at meetings.

In this newsletter you'll hear details about a number of our Chapter's activities, both at the local level and at the International level. I look forward to the rest of this year and working with all of you to help you and the chapter grow. As always, If you have any thoughts, ideas, or other feedback, feel free to drop me a note at dennis.rohn@incose.org.

Did You Know ...

Did you know that you can also update your INCOSE biography and even your picture?



To keep your membership information up to date, just go to www.incose.org. On the left side, select the option to View / Update Member Record or Reset Password.

Do You Need A Systems Engineer?

Our INCOSE C-NO Chapter is considering developing a user web-based service to help its members post a resume or find a position in systems engineering. Obviously our resources are limited when compared to some services such as Monster.com. But, through a suggestion made by one of our members, the chapter leadership is considering setting up a web page where members can both post resumes and also look at others' resumes should they need a systems engineer for their company. The web-based system would simply be a site to post and browse, probably on a public page. If you are interested in this service please let us know. Many aspects would need to be considered: would we allow companies to post positions needed(probably)? Privacy? (probably not). Anonymity? (maybe, if some automated approach could be developed). If you have ideas or expertise in doing this we would really like to hear from you. If there is some interest expressed in this, the C-NO Chapter is willing try a 6-9 month trial to see if it is useful.

IW2010

The International Council on Systems Engineering (INCOSE) 2011 International Workshop (IW) was held in Phoenix, Arizona. Meetings began on Saturday, January 29, 2011. Similar to past years, there was a Model Based Systems Engineering (MBSE) Workshop that ran Sunday and Monday. There were a number of reports provided at the Opening Plenary. It was reported that INCOSE membership numbers continue to climb and there are

now over 750 Certified Systems Engineers that have gone through the INCOSE Certification Program. INCOSE is also looking at several strategic initiatives. One of the areas talked about was a revision to the current Vision 2020, which will now be Vision 2025. A second is focusing on lines of business: Membership, Certification, Publishing, Conferences, Training, and Advertising. The other one to mention is branding. The INCOSE logo is going to be trademarked and a professional developed set of graphical formats for various items will be developed. The Cleveland-Northern Ohio Chapter had six members in attendance, including three Sean Beckman, Rich DeLoof, and Bert Golden, who focused on the Model Based Systems Engineering workshop. Marton Forkosh, Dan Gauntner and Dennis Rohn were the other three Chapter members.

IS2011 Funding Contest

The Cleveland-Northern Ohio (C-NO) Board of Directors (BOD) has authorized the reimbursement of \$400 each to two C-NO Chapter members who go to the 2011 International Symposium, to aid them in paying for registration and/or travel costs. The \$400 will be paid following the Symposium upon receipt of evidence defined below. IS2011 is located in Denver, CO this year and takes place June 20-23. Taking advantage of early registration will provide cost savings for symposium registration.

Eligibility: Open to all active members (paid up dues) of the INCOSE C-NO Chapter as of April 30, 2011, who remain in active membership status through IS2011.

Schedule:

- March 31 – Call for entries
- April 14 – Entries Due
- April 21 – Selections made/Notification of Winners

- July 7 – Winners required to submit evidence for reimbursement

Selection Criteria:

- Expected benefit to individual (50%)
- Expected benefit to chapter (50%)

Entry Information: Individuals interested in entering the contest shall submit entries to Tony Johnson via email (tony.johnson@incose.org) by midnight (EDT) April 14, 2010. Entries shall include the individual's name, contact information, and an essay (approximately 350 – 500 words) describing the benefit the individual expects to get from attending the Symposium and the resulting benefit to the Chapter.

Selection of Winner: The C-NO BOD will select two winning entries based on an evaluation of essay using the stated criteria. BOD members who have submitted an entry will not participate in the evaluation/selection.

Evidence: The winners will need to show evidence that they attended the Symposium and affirm that they were not fully reimbursed by an employer or other entity.

New Members

Please join us in welcoming two new members of our chapter. Mr. Rich DeLoof of NASA GRC and Mr. Lawrence Stupka of Battelle.

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