



Huntsville Regional Chapter of INCOSE Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2006

1. Rick Leonard, President of HRC INCOSE, welcomed the 17 attendees with a special welcome to General Snider.
2. Rick thanked VP Jerry Wocken for hosting last month's meeting as he was tied up in a TIM with a customer.
3. Rick stated that the Huntsville Chapter just received notice that we got a Silver Award. He stated that he was not notified on what was downgraded, but would find out from the National INCOSE..
4. Bob Robinson was successful in getting this meeting announced in the *Huntsville Times* newspaper.
5. On a sad note, Treasurer Eric Schacht's Father-in-law passed away Tuesday. The funeral was today.
6. Rick passed out new INCOSE pins-Jana First.
7. Rick stated that our speaker for next month will be State Senator Tom Butler speaking on the following topics:
 - Economic Development in the Golden Triangle,
 - Legislative initiatives for jobs and economic growth,
 - State Government Perspectives.He exhorted everyone to come. He also asked (webmaster) Bob Robinson to please touch base with Representative Butler in the very near future. He thanked Bob in advance.
8. Rick asked if there was anything the membership would like to add?
9. Rick introduced tonight's speaker, Jim R. Snider, Major General (Retired). Rick read his bio: General Snider has served as the Deputy Project Manager, National Test Bed, Strategic Defense Initiative; Program Manager for the Apache Attack Helicopter; and Program Manager for the Comanche Reconnaissance and Attack Helicopter. He has a Ph.D. in Aeronautical Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA and is also a graduate of the Command and General Staff College, the Defense Systems Management College and the Army War College. General Snider is currently employed by the University of Alabama in Huntsville where he is the Associate Vice President for Research, the Director of the Rotorcraft Systems Engineering and Simulation Center, a Research Professor in the department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering and an Adjunct Professor in the College of Administrative Sciences. More on the HRC web-site. His presentation is entitled "**The Changing Role of the DoD Project Manager**". Here is General Snider.
10. Rick thanked General Snider for his fine talk, and then held an impromptu Officers' meeting before adjourning. He discussed these topics:
 - a) Checks (Eric Schacht)
 - b) Quarterly Reports.
 - c) Need a speaker for May. Wanda has been trying to book David Gunther.
 - d) July – No general membership meeting but we will have an Officer's meeting to start turning things over to Chester.Chester, it is never too late to start lining up speakers.
11. Rick reminded everyone of the April 20 general membership meeting with Alabama Senator Tom Butler discussing "Economic Development in the Golden Triangle" and "Legislative Initiatives for Jobs and Economic Growth."