

Huntsville Regional Chapter of INCOSE Meeting Minutes April 19, 2007

1. Chester Williams, President of INCOSE HRC, welcomed the attendees who had gathered at the SAIC Millennium Room for this General Meeting. Meeting was opened at 6:05 PM.
2. Chester introduced Dr. Montgomery, the speaker for the evening. He is Dean of Dean of the School of Engineering & Technology, Alabama A & M University, and is responsible for effective operations of the School which includes enhancing the quality of curricula, facilities, students, and professors; enrollment management; research policies and acquisitions; and acquiring additional resources to carry out the functions listed above.
3. Dr. Montgomery made the presentation, answering questions from the audience along the way. He discussed the current state of the college of engineering at Alabama A&M University. The School is composed of civil, electrical and mechanical engineering programs, electrical and mechanical engineering technology programs, computer science, and industrial technology. The total enrollment is 1096 undergraduate and graduate students. There are 47 faculty members and 12 staff members. With an annual average production of 60 undergraduates, the School is currently ranked 15th in the Nation in its production of African American engineers. There slogan is "Working for excellence and securing the future". When asked why we are seeing a decline in engineering graduates across the country, Dr. Montgomery opined that "this generation doesn't want to work" at something as meticulous as engineering. His partial solution is to increase efforts in outreach and support for those wanting to get into engineering. He provided and discussed the list of research projects that are currently being work at the university. In addition he overviewed the level of collaborations with companies and other government agencies around Huntsville and across the U.S. He completed his presentation with an invitation to their annual Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) day which showcases the efforts of the students in these fields at the school.
4. After Dr. Montgomery's excellent presentation, he opened it up for Questions and Answers from the receptive audience.
5. Chester thanked Dr. Montgomery for an excellent and informative talk, and everyone applauded. Chester on behalf of the Chapter presented him a plaque/framed certificate. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.