



Newsletter:

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President's Message:

President Barack Obama begins his presidency with national and international financial markets in a downward spiral, a foreign, and a political environment in a high state of unrest. President Obama will have to develop his goals and objectives, establish an integrated team of advisors, and scribe the optimum path to success while continuously applying corrections as needed.

As President of the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter (SFBAC) of INCOSE, I am privileged to work with an integrated team of officers and members to achieve the INCOSE mission to advance the state of the art and practice of systems engineering in our local industries, academia, and government. To achieve this goal the board members are working to increase our involvement in local industries, professional organizations, and local universities through an assortment of outreach programs.

The board is surveying the SFBAC membership to determine where to prioritize our efforts to meet our membership interest. We are looking at education opportunities in mini-seminars in membership desired SE subjects, conducting classes for CSEP certifications, and arranging guest speakers on topics of interest. Please take a few minutes to help the board identify where the greatest results can be achieved by completing the survey. The results will be provided in the February Newsletter. I conclude with sharing an acronym I find applicable to our efforts:

TEAM; Together Everyone Achieves More.

Membership Renewal:

All members should review their membership renewal dates to continue taking advantage of the benefits and information offered by INCOSE. You can renew your membership at:

<http://www.incose.org/>

Systems Engineering Professional Certification (CSEP):



The International Council on Systems Engineering has established a multi-level Professional Certification Program to provide a formal method for recognizing the knowledge and experience of systems engineers, regardless of

where they may be in their career. For additional information see the CSEP information at the INCOSE home page. For additional information you can also visit with David Mason or Chin-An Cheng who are CSEP certified.

Monthly Meeting Presentations:

January 13: Scott Workinger presented: System of Systems, where's the Beef? Visit the SFBAC Calendar of events to review the program.

February 10: Panel discussion on the events at the International Work Shop, panelists will be Dorothy McKinney, Chin-An Cheng, and David Mason. Other panel topics will include SVEC meeting and membership survey.

Additional Notes:

Mario Sanchez has donated his spare time to develop the SFBAC Trifold and Chapter Banner. These will be used in the upcoming SVEC Dinner meeting and membership drive. Look for the photograph next month to see a picture of the SFBAC banner in action.

Upcoming Chapter Activities

January 31 to February 3: INCOSE International Work Shop at the San Francisco, see the details at

<http://www.incose.org>

On February 19 2009, the SFBAC Chapter will have a table at the Silicon Valley Engineering Council (SVEC) annual dinner. The cost is \$85.00 per person, and the guest speaker at the event is Lt. Governor of California.

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM, February 07, 2009

[INCOSE-LA Mini-Conference: Enhancing Systems Engineering: Expanding our Process to Meet Future Needs](#)

March 02 - 05, 2009

[Second International Conference on Model-Based SE \(MBSE'09\)](#)

March 17 - 19, 2009

[HSIS 2009 Human Systems Integration: 2+2=22! Greater than the Sum of its Parts](#)

April 02 - 04, 2009

[The International Council on Systems Engineering Region V Spring 09 Conference](#)

April 20 - 23, 2009

[INCOSE Track at SSTC 2009](#)

April 20 - 22, 2009

[CSER 2009 - Conference on Systems Engineering Research](#)

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM, April 28, 2009

[Accelerating Innovations in Medical Care: Advancements & Opportunities in Architecture, Design, Mobility and BioMedical Engineering](#)

July 19 - 23, 2009

[2009 International Symposium](#)

Please contact SFBAC (david.mason@incose.org) to share with the SFBAC membership. Please develop an article and photographs for inclusion in the SFBAC Newsletter.