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President's Corner

Bob Scheurer

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Our year is off to a strong start and promises to get even better as we move through 2010. Thanks to Marcos Chu for a very interesting presentation to our chapter in January regarding techniques being used to infuse more interest in technology in our youth. Also at a local level, your Midwest Gateway Board of Directors has identified some quality programs and at least one tutorial. We have scheduled the tutorial "Achieving Best-Value Solutions through Systems Engineering Analysis Techniques" for April 24

<http://www.incose.org/mdwest/tutorial1004.htm>. We're also issuing a member survey shortly to make sure we are providing the right member benefits and addressing the types of programming you'd like to know more about or perhaps even contribute to through the year.

At the International level, the International Workshop has just concluded in Mesa, AZ, with

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Outreach at St. Charles Community College

Four Midwest Gateway members presented in Prof Dave Niermann's Pre-Engineering classes at St. Charles Community College in February. We have done this for several semesters.

Two Midwest Gateway members present in each section of the course (two sections this semester). The typical presentation includes a systems engineering overview, biographical information about the speakers and benefits of student INCOSE membership.

"To receive more information on the Midwest Gateway Chapter Outreach initiative, inquire about your own participation

in INCOSE Outreach, or arrange for an Outreach speaker for another organization, please contact Mike Mobley, Outreach Chair, at 314-777-0659.



Dale Waldo and Lou Pape presenting at St. Charles Community College

Certified System Engineering Professional News

Congratulations to Richard Mayer of Boeing for passing the INCOSE CSEP-Acquisition Extension exam in February.

He joins Dana Peterson of DRS as one of two CSEP-Acqs in the Midwest Gateway Chapter. The chapter has three other CSEPs: Michael Araiza of Finmeccanica, Michael Mobley of Boeing and James Strohmeyer of DRS.

For more information about INCOSE's CSEP certification program, see: <http://www.incose.org/educationcareers/certification/>.





President's Corner Cont'd

possible changes to the INCOSE organization as we approach our society's 20th anniversary at IS2010 this summer in Chicago. Among the possible improvements are 1) updates to geographic structure of the organization, including a USA-centric division, 2) new INCOSE products and services, and 3) refreshes to current ones (e.g., SE tools guide, SE Body of Knowledge, etc.) We'll see more news on those items from INCOSE Central Communications and the Member Board in the future.

For on-going updates and reference to our current chapter activities, see our chapter web site at:

<http://www.incose.org/mdwest> as well as your personal account on INCOSE Connect at:

<https://connect.incose.org/default.aspx> If you have any difficulty accessing INCOSE Connect, please send a note to INCOSE Central at info@incose.org.

Thanks for your on-going involvement in our chapter.

Reaching the Vision

With the new year beginning and new board members in place, our local chapter has already begun providing value to our membership.

Below is the challenging target list of activities and goals, and how we are doing in reaching the vision.

Goal	Status	Score
1) Develop and deliver at least one tutorial	●	In-Work
2) Have at least two member papers accepted for the next symposium	●	TBD
3) Provide at least three special recognitions to members in the chapter	●	TBD
4) Publish at least four chapter newsletters	●	1/4
5) Conduct at least five outreach engagements with other societies, universities, schools, etc.	●	1/5
6) Have participation of at least six Midwest Gateway Chapter members in IS2010	●	TBD
7) Identify at least seven events where our chapter banner is exhibited (and photographed where possible).	●	1/7
8) Hold at least eight chapter general membership meetings/presentations	●	1/8
9) Receive at least nine new members into our local chapter	●	3/9
10) Conduct at least ten Board of Directors meetings.	●	2/10

It is impossible to make anything foolproof because fools are so ingenious.

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INCOSE Calendar of Upcoming Events

March 17-19, 2010

8th Annual Conference on SE Research at Stevens Institute of Technology, New Jersey.

http://sse.stevens.edu/fileadmin/cse/r/2010/CSER_preTECHprogram2010.pdf

April 24, 2010

Midwest Gateway Chapter Tutorial at Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri.

<http://www.incose.org/mdwest/tutorial1004.htm>

July 11-15, 2010

INCOSE International Symposium, Chicago, Illinois.

<http://www.incose.org/symp2010/>

