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Subject: Midwest Gateway INCOSE Quarterly President's Message to the Membership

Dear Midwest Gateway INCOSE Members,

Since we are now well into the first quarter of 2006, I want to write you a note as Chapter President to give you an update on INCOSE in general and your Midwest Gateway chapter in specific. First, I want to thank you for your membership in the organization and hope to see you at an upcoming meeting. I know you've heard it before, but it's a reality even in a virtual world, that it takes all members to make an organization to function at an optimum level.

Your Board of Directors has been meeting on a regular basis and continues to work in the development of activities which are beneficial to our broad membership base. At the beginning of the year, I outlined for the board a set of chapter goals which I think will help to fulfill a vision for making INCOSE the preeminent organization for Systems Engineering. Among these goals are a quarterly Midwest Gateway INCOSE President's message (this being the first), broader membership participation, regular membership meetings, and at least one tutorial. I ask your help to make these goals a reality. Please let me know if you have any opinions on these topics, particularly those of you who have recently joined our chapter.

As a chapter, we strive to bring you quality meetings with a general theme of broadening the understanding of Systems Engineering and exhibiting how systems engineering concepts are being employed in various initiatives. In continuing with that theme, please watch for an imminent announcement for our next engaging program. Also, if you or someone you know is involved with a Systems Engineering activity which would be interesting to our chapter at large, please provide the subject and contact information to Bill Schoening, our Programs Chair at william.w.schoening@boeing.com .

Since we are in the information age, we expect to continue leveraging available technologies to broaden Systems Engineering awareness. Our chapter web site, managed by Steve Recker, is an excellent way of keeping up on past chapter meeting presentations, current chapter news/program announcements, and relevant information on Systems Engineering. You can access that information on our web site at: http://www.incose.org/mdwest . If requested by the membership, we can set up web meetings and teleconferences for off-site participation during the presentations.

Even with all the information available in the virtual world, nothing beats an enlightening conversation with another member or Systems Engineering expert. Hence, I invite you to participate in our next meeting, consider presenting at a future meeting, and bring a friend/colleague with you. Together, we can learn, grow, and explore this mysterious thing called Systems Engineering. See you at our next gathering.

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