

Dear Midwest Gateway INCOSE Members,

This is my first president's message for 2011. I would like to thank Bob Scheurer for an excellent job as our previous president and his continued support of the Midwest Gateway Chapter and to all of INCOSE. Let's look at our plans for 2011 and be sure to take a look at our chapter web site at: <http://www.incose.org/mdwest/index.htm> for upcoming events, previous presentations, the newsletter, resources, outreach opportunities, the directors and upcoming program fliers and related information. We have an upcoming program on robotics hosted at the Engineer's Club on Lindell on Thursday, February 3rd along with other organizations. For more information, please go to the website and sign up.

Your new board is listed on the website and we will try to highlight one of the members each month. I'll go first.



Bill has over forty years at McDonnell-Douglas Corporation (MDC) / Boeing in Modeling and Simulation and is a Boeing Technical Fellow. He works with avionics software, energy and other engineers to build reusable prototype software to perform experiments and test in real time simulators. Bill is a member of several organizations including being the current and a past president of the International Council of Systems Engineering (INCOSE) Midwest Gateway Chapter and has held other offices including the programs chair, secretary and treasurer. He is an associate fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA). He has been the Technical Paper Chair and General Chair for several AIAA

Modeling and Simulation Technologies (MST) Conferences and is a past chairman of the AIAA MST Technical Committee. He is a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers and has participated in the "A World in Motion" Program and "Engineer's Week" presentations at local elementary schools. He is on the National Society of Professional Engineers Mentoring Task Force, is on the MSPE's St. Louis Chapter Board of Directors as secretary and is the PEI Awards Chair. Bill has a BS in Aerospace Engineering from Iowa State University, an MS in Aerospace Engineering from University of Missouri-Rolla, an MBA from Maryville University and is a licensed Professional Engineer in Missouri in Mechanical Engineering. Bill is married to a retired special education teacher, Mary Jo, and they have 5 grown sons and 11 grandchildren.

We just had our first program of the year by Jill Malcom on the Mastodon Art / Science Regional Fair. Many of us were surprised that they put on one of the largest fair in the country not very far away at Jefferson College in Hillsboro MO during the week of 13 March. There are many opportunities from contributions, to being a judge, to providing outreach with the children K-12. Her presentation and pictures are on the website. Our chapter plans to participate at several levels. Please consider joining us or doing the same.

Our chapter's strength and success is directly related to the involvement of members in chapter activities. We appreciate everyone who is involved at whatever level possible. These are challenging times to say the least, but being involved in a professional society, whether it be at local or international levels, is an ideal way to network with others and overcome the challenges together. Please consider making a presentation on the things you do by contacting Bill Jennings at william.e.jennings@boeing.com. We will be updating and sending out a new **chapter survey** soon, so you can make your preferences known, so we can better serve your needs.

I hope to see you at an upcoming INCOSE event – and feel free to **bring along a colleague**.

Thanks,

William J. (Bill) Bezdek P.E.
President, Midwest Gateway INCOSE Chapter