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CHAIR'S MESSAGE – THERE IS A LOT GOING ON

Dear Central Ohio ASME members,

There is a lot going on the Central Ohio Section. Check our web site at www.centralohioasme.org for details. Our webmaster, Carl Jaske, is doing a great job of updating the site with relevant information, activity reservation forms, and a new professional development survey. You can send him your comments at cjaske@cctlabs.com.

In response to some questions, and to satisfy the curiosity of our Professional Development (PD) Committee, Bill French has created a survey to poll the wishes of our members. Go to www.centralohioasme.org/pd_survey_form.html to fill out the 18 questions of this survey. We want your response!

We are looking for some new people for our Executive Committee. Please contact our Secretary, Donna Rudge, at dmrudge@yahoo.com if you want to come to our organizing meeting or if you want to nominate somebody to serve on the committee next year. I can tell you from my own experience that it is a very rewarding job and a lot of fun too!

I am proud to announce that Friday through Sunday, April 27-29, the Central Ohio Section will be hosting the Regional Administrative Conference (RAC) at the Marriott Northwest in Dublin. This conference is an annual event where the 19 sections of Region V come together to report on their activities. Last year, Kamal Kassouf and I attended the RAC in Detroit; this year it is our turn to organize the RAC. We will have a professional development workshop on Finite Element Analysis, hosted by ANSYS, on Friday evening. The workshop will be 3 hours in length, and the costs for section members will be \$25 each. During the break, at the reception, you will have the opportunity to interact with our guests from other sections. We are asking for company donations to fund some extra things during the Conference, so that our guests will get a good impression of our section. A suggested donation of \$150 will help us make the receptions on Friday and Saturday night a success. In addition, we plan to make a T-shirt for the participants, and we can print your company logo on those if you make a donation.

I am further pleased to say that the attendance for our monthly programs has risen by more than 25%, compared with last year! We started using email to distribute the newsletters, which also allows us to give a direct link to the reservation form on our web site. It saves money in printing and mailing, too. Our members are responding very positively to these developments, and more people are signing up for the programs. In addition, some people have told us that they find the second email reminder very handy, because at a time closer to the event they know if they can fit an activity in their already busy agenda.

Michiel Brongers
Chair, ASME Central Ohio Section

MARCH PROGRAM

AEP Picway Power Plant Tour

In terms of generating capacity, the Picway Plant is the smallest of the coal-fired generating stations operated by the AEP companies. In 1980, the last of the plant's original units was retired, leaving the 100,000-kw Unit 5 as the sole generating unit. Unit 5 was retrofitted with low NOx burners in 1995, to meet the requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

- WHO:** All ASME members, spouses, and guests
- WHEN:** **Thursday, March 15, 2001; 6:00 PM**
- WHERE:** American Electric Power's Picway Power Plant
- DIRECTIONS:** Picway Plant is located approximately 16 miles south of downtown Columbus, OH, off US 23. The plant entrance is just south of the Pickaway County line. Upon arrival, park in the parking lot, use the phone on the outside of the guard shack to dial x3005 or x3020, and then ask for Nelson Moorhead. He will escort you to where the tour begins.
- RESERVATIONS:** It is expected that the tour will take 1-1/2 to 2 hours. Due to safety requirements, we need an advance count of participants. The plant will provide hard hats, safety glasses with side shields, and ear protection. Please RSVP with number and names of participants not later than 5:00 PM on Monday, March 12, 2001 --
- AT WEBSITE: <http://www.centralohioasme.org> or
 - PRIMARY: Paul Grimes, TEL/VOICEMAIL: (614) 223-3480, EMAIL: prgrimes@aep.com,
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A LOOK AHEAD

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
April 19, 2001	Honda Tour	To be determined
April 27, 2001	ANSYS Finite Element Workshop	Columbus Marriott Northwest
April 27-29, 2001	RAC-V-2001	Columbus Marriott Northwest
May 12 or 19, 2001	Professional Development Seminar	To be determined
May 17, 2001	Honors & Awards Banquet	Columbus
June, 2001	Annual Golf Outing	Mt. Vernon

REMINDER: COMPLETE THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SURVEY

If you have not already done so, please take a minute to submit your Professional Development Survey. Simply go to our Section ASME web site at www.centralohioasme.org/pd_survey_form.html, check off your preferences, and click the submit button. If you do not have access to the Internet, contact William French by telephone at (614) 766-1633 for a printed copy of the survey. Your input is appreciated and will be used to plan future professional development seminars, courses, and workshops. Send us your input and be counted!

2001-2002 SECTION OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Please use the following form to make your nominations for Section officers:

2000-2001 Central Ohio Section ASME Nomination Form		
Office	Name of Nominee	Home or Business Address and Telephone
Chair		
Vice Chair		
Secretary		
Treasurer		
Other Office		
Mail, fax, or scan and e-mail a completed copy of this form to the Section Secretary, Donna Rudge, Control Solutions, Ltd., 940 Science Blvd., Columbus, OH 43230, TEL/FAX: 614-751-7746/7745, E-MAIL: dmrudge@yahoo.com , no later than March 13, 2001.		

OSU STUDENT SECTION NEWS

The Ohio State University Student Section will have officer elections on Wednesday, February 28. The new officers will take over at beginning Spring Quarter (March 26). The new officers will attend the Region V Student Conference (RSC) at University of Dayton from April 5-7. Justin M. Reed and Jeff Webb won first and second place, respectively, at the local Old Guard Competition in February. They will present at the RSC as well.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AND LOW-INTEREST LOANS

ASME and ASME Auxiliary offer 63 undergraduate and graduate scholarships totaling over \$100,000. The ASME Scholarships have a postmark deadline of March 15, 2001, and the application package should be sent to the attention of Theresa Oluwanifise, ASME International, Three Park Avenue, MS 23S1, New York, NY 10016. ASME Auxiliary Scholarships also have a March 15, 2001, postmark deadline and the application materials should be sent to the contact indicated on the form. ASME and ASME Auxiliary Scholarship Applications are both downloadable from www.asme.org/educate/aid.

ASME and ASME Auxiliary also offer low fixed interest student loans to ASME undergraduate student members. Last year over \$400,000 was awarded to ASME student members. The student loan offered by ASME's Council on Education has a postmark deadline of March 15, 2001, and should be mailed to Theresa Oluwanifise, ASME International, Three Park Avenue, MS 23S1, New York, NY 10016. The student loan offered through the ASME Auxiliary is available throughout the year, and should be mailed to the attention of Ms. Deborrah Mercer as indicated at the end of the loan application. The loan applications also can be downloaded from www.asme.org/educate/aid.



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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: People interested in serving on the Section's organizational team called the *Executive Committee* are invited to come to the Executive Committee meeting at 6:14 PM, on Thursday, March 1, 2001, at Battelle, 505 King Avenue, Columbus.

CORRECTION REGARDING NCEES: The chair's message of the February newsletter stated that the NCEES is "in charge" of P.E. licensing. This is not correct. Each of the 50 states (plus D.C. and some U.S. territories) has a P.E. licensing board. Those boards are given authority by the respective state legislature to license engineers and, in most states, surveyors. NCEES is an organization that promotes uniform licensing criteria and examinations, but it does not have the power to issue (or revoke) P.E. licenses. See www.ncees.org for more information about NCEES. Thanks to ASME Fellow Dick Pawliger, P.E., for making this correction.