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President's Message

June 22, 2009

by Kevin Duncan

We are already half way through 2009 and already we have had a pretty good year. The ESDA held its' Summer Standards meeting series at the Minneapolis Hilton on May 7th through May 12th. Our local chapter had four tutorial offerings during this meeting series. The four Tutorials were, *ESD Basics for the Program Manager, How To's of In-Plant ESD Auditing and Evaluation Measurement, System Level ESD/EMI: Testing to IEC and Other Standards and Device Technology and FA Overview*. We had twenty-one participants and feedback that we received was very positive. One comment from a participant, *"The two courses I attended in Minneapolis last week were excellent! The instructor was fantastic and the local chapter did a great job and really made us feel welcome."* This is a testament to our great chapter. Thanks to everyone involved who made our tutorial program such a great success.

We recently met at Daktronics in Redwood Falls, MN. I personally found the discussion and tour to be very interesting. We have a local company in MN that has its' work featured all over the US. This is an area of manufacturing that I hadn't previously thought too much about. I will say that after attending this meeting, I find myself looking for their logo (Galaxy) on the bottom right corner of all the electronic signs that I see.

We are currently looking for topics and meeting locations for the September 21st and December 7th, meetings. If you have a topic you would like to see presented, or a location that you are able to volunteer for meeting please let us know.

Secretary's Report

June 8, 2009 Chapter Meeting

by Kevin Leonard

The ESDA will be holding its' 31st Annual EOS/ESD Symposium and Exhibits at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim, CA from August 30th through September 4th. This has always been a well-attended venue. There are several new tutorial offerings this year as well as some new workshop discussions. If you have the chance to attend I encourage you to due so. It is always a great opportunity to learn something new in the area of ESD control and to network with colleagues and friends. More information is available online at WWW.ESDA.ORG. Hope to see you there.

2009 Chapter Meeting & Event Schedule

Tim Jarrett – Program Chairperson

September 21st - Chapter Meeting
Host Site: TBD
Technical Topic: TBD

December 7th - Chapter Meeting
Host Site: TBD
Technical Topic: TBD

Additional meeting details will follow via e-mail announcements. If you are not on the chapter's list, please contact Tim Jarrett [tim.jarrett@bsci.com]

We strongly encourage all chapter members to consider hosting a future meeting. In addition, if you have a static related control topic you'd like the local board to cover during a future meeting, please contact Tim or any of the Chapter Board members.

Membership

by Bernie Reiland

The membership is at 65 now. We welcome new members from Itron in Waseca, Chen Zhisheng, Bill Corwine, Mark Denn, Bill Oleson, Donnie Sartori and Chester Stuckmayer. We also have had a few inquires lately. Never to late to become a member.

The meeting was held at Daktronics in Redwood Falls, Minnesota on June 8th 2009.

Chapter members met at the Redwood Falls Golf Club before the meeting for a social round of golf and camaraderie.

4:00 pm Sign in and social time.

4:20 pm President Kevin Duncan called the meeting to order requesting reports from the officers.

Secretary's Report: Kevin Leonard summarized the minutes from the March meeting which was held at the Bloomington Holiday Inn Select. The guest speaker was John Kinnear of IBM Poughkeepsie, NY. His paper was titled "Process Capability and Transitional Analysis".

Treasurer's Report: Craig Zander reported that the money market account was merged into the checking account due to inactivity. The Tutorial in May had 22 attendees yielding about \$500.00 after expenses.

Membership Chair's Report: Bernie Reiland reported our current 2009 membership at 65. There were 6 members from Itron that signed up.

National Delegate Report: Kevin Duncan filled in for Dale Parkin reporting that the standards meeting will be held before the Symposium on August 27th through the 30th. The 2009 EOS/ESD Symposium will be held August 30th through September 4th at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim, CA.

Program Chair Report: Kevin Duncan filled in for Tim Jarrett reporting that we are looking for locations to have the upcoming meeting. The dates are September 21st and December 7th.

Please contact Tim Jarrett if you would like to enter your facility as a candidate.

Website Editor Report: Kevin Duncan filled in for Tom Lee reminding everyone of the website address to go to.

4:35 pm Kevin Leonard recapped the minutes from the meeting.

4:40 pm Steve Suedbeck and Lary Roberts introduced Daktronics to the group by giving some back ground on the company. Daktronics manufactures electronic signs and scoreboards. The company was founded in 1968 by two college professors in Brookings, SD. They manufacture in three facilities located in Brookings, Sioux City, and Redwood Falls. Their annual sales are \$582mm and they employ about 3000 people world wide. Steve played a short video from the Discovery channel describing the manufacturing and assembly of the KC Royals scoreboard.

4:55 pm Dinner was served.

5:25 pm The group was split up into 3 groups for the tour. The tour provided a look at the manufacturing and assembly process. There was a working unit to observe and ask questions.

6:20 pm Jim Hanson, the manufacturing manager, presented a brief slide show discussing the product and markets Daktronics participates in. They have regular customers such as CVS, Burger King, Kwik Trip, and Walgreens. Daktronics is also building the scoreboard for the new Minnesota Gopher stadium.

6:35 pm Kevin Duncan concluded the meeting.