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President's Message

March, 2010

by Jack Chandler

The first item of business is to thank last year's president Kevin Duncan for a great year. From the dinner meeting in March where John Kinnear presented "Process Capability and Transitional Analysis", monitoring ESD events within the process itself. From our regional Tutorial program last May. To company visits and tours at Daktronics in Redwood Falls (where some members were able to display their golfing talents), at Conductive Containers Incorporated in New Hope with a session on measuring packaging materials and at Data Sciences in New Brighton.

For ESD Control, this Chapter is the place to be. We have what I believe to be an unprecedented ability to attract the top people in the ESD Control field as speakers at our quarterly meetings.

Our dinner meeting scheduled for March 15th, is a valuable opportunity for those in the Chapter that would like to implement changes to their ESD protection programs. Our speaker, Steve Halperin, of Halperin and Associates, will be presenting "Estimating the ESD Impact in the Complex Organization", including how to communicate details to management that focuses on cost and return on investment as related to ESD control programs.

We have our tutorial coming up on April 14th and 15th offering local training opportunities, where all classes count toward ESD Association Program Manager Certification curriculum. More details on the Professional Certification Programs offered by the ESDA are on our website at www.esda.org/certification.html.

Our Board of Directors met last week to plan the coming year. In a nutshell our plans include several company visits, and a possible Supplier Sales Presentation Meeting in December. As always we are interested in company visits, recent ESD developments, and invite suggestions from our membership.

2010 Chapter Meeting & Event Schedule

Tim Jarrett – Program Chairperson

March 15, 2010 - Membership Dinner Meeting
Location - Holiday Inn & Suites International Airport, Three Appletree Square, Bloomington, MN 55425, phone 952-854-9000

Technical Topic - “Estimating ESD Impact in the Complex Organization”, presented by Steve Halperin, President of Stephen Halperin & Associates, Ltd. and Prostat Corporation

April 14, 2010

Tutorials and Seminar, Holiday Inn Select Hotel and Suites, Bloomington, MN

- Ionization and Answers for the Program Manager - Arnie Steinman
- Cleanroom Considerations for the Program Manager - Chris Long
- Device Design Seminar, Day 1 - Jim Miller, Charvaka Duvvury

April 15, 2010

Tutorials and Seminar, Holiday Inn Select Hotel and Suites, Bloomington, MN

- Packaging Principles for the Program Manager - David E. Swenson
- ESD Standards Overview for the Program Manager - David E. Swenson
- Device Design Seminar, Day 2 - Jim Miller, Charvaka Duvvury

June 21, 2010 - Chapter Meeting

Host Site: TBD

Technical Topic: TBD

September 20, 2010 - Chapter Meeting

Host Site: TBD

Technical Topic: TBD

December 13, 2010 - 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

Our membership is off to a good start; we presently have 31 members signed up and look forward to more at the March 15 meeting. The credit card transactions are going good; we are accepting Visa, Master, and Amex at this time. The credit card business will close down at the end of March and won't open again till February 2011.

2009 ended with 69 members, 44 users and 25 vendors. Thanks to Goodrich Aerospace with six members and Production Automation with 5 members. We had nine from 2008 that did not renew membership last year.

Membership cost is \$35 for the year starting January 1 and ending December 31. Five or more members from the same company pay \$30 each. Membership is good for the dinner meeting, our other three meetings during the year and a discount at the ESD tutorials in April.

Secretary's Report

December 7, 2009 Chapter Meeting

Hosting Company: Data Sciences Inc. and our own Bernie Reiland, New Brighton, MN.

Sign in: Started 4:00

Welcome and Presentation of DSI Business:
Presentation by Gerry Huber, DSI Operation Manager.

DSI is a global leader in Implantable Telemetric Physiological Devices. Primarily used by the large pharmaceutical manufacturers for testing and qualification of drugs. Customer base is small but well established. DSI offers an array of standard devices, as well as customizable options.

Production Floor Tour

Dinner

Business Meeting opened

- Secretary's Report of previous meeting by Steve Braun (for Kevin Leonard)
- Treasure's Report: Craig Zander
- Membership Report: Bernie Reiland
- National Delegate's Report: Dale Parkin
- Program Chair Report: Tim Jarrett
- Newsletter/Website Report: Tom Lee

Election and Confirmations:

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Open Topic Forum: The intent here is to stimulate conversation and exchange among members, regarding ESD related issues individuals may have. The belief is that there may be others sharing the same problem or have ideas on how to address.

A fairly healthy dialogue took place on a number of subjects.

We would intend to continue with this forum in the future, with exceptions made for scheduling of unique events.

Next Meeting to be Membership Dinner meeting on Mar. 15, 2010. Guest speaker: Stephen Halperin, "Estimating ESD in the Complex Environment".