

Regions and Chapters Update

As you'll see below, 2008 is off to a great start! You may recall from late 2007, the chapters have been reorganized into regions that include the North, South, Southwest and West.

The SSHA chapter website has also been cleaned up and given a fresh start. There are several new features, please take a moment to check it out!

<http://www.sshaonline.org/regions/index.php3>

North Region: Paul Connor, Regional Director, Pconnor@rohmmaas.com

Mid Atlantic Chapter: David Ayers, President, David.ayers@nsc.com

The Mid-Atlantic Chapter continues to stay active through the creative use of powerpoint presentations shared with chapter members by e-mail. This approach continues to work well for these members. They are now trying to rollout these materials into webinars for the chapters.

New England Chapter: Joe Richard, President, joe.richard@raytheon.com

The New England Chapter held a successful mini-conference in October. Superb speakers covered very timely topics such as Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Regulation (Chemical Security Assessment Tool), Emergency Management and Business Continuity Planning, Energy Conservation, Toxic Gas Management Systems and Code Updates. Members paid \$50.00 to attend the mini-conference, co-sponsors covered lunches and break expenses.

Twin Cities Chapter: Jay Rodstein, President, Jay.Rodstein@honeywell.com

The Twin Cities Chapter held their most current chapter meeting in December. Their next chapter meeting is scheduled for March 7th, with Student Papers being presented by UMD and Stout students.

South Region: Dawn Speranza, Regional Director, Dawn.Speranza@intel.com

Texas Hill Country Chapter: Steve Trammell, President, Stevetrammel.ismi.sematech.org

The next Texas Hill Country Chapter meeting is scheduled for March 5th. Scott Stuki and Sara Gibson of Del will be talking about Silane. Meetings scheduled for 2008 will be held quarterly Zephyr Environmental, with Zephyr sponsoring lunch. Mini-conferences are planned biennially, with the next scheduled for 2009. This chapter is also actively working on increasing membership.

North Texas Chapter: Russell Hill, President, russellhill@ti.com

The North Texas Chapter has already held their first quarterly meeting for 2008 - locking arms with TX instruments Emergency Response Seminar. The meeting was a great success! The Chapter is trying to get CEU points attached to all the meetings, which is a great benefit for members. The North Texas Chapter is working on membership. This year the Chapter will poll membership through a Survey Monkey to get feedback on how to improve the Chapter and meetings.

SouthWest Region: Kim Smieja, Regional Director, Kimberly.smieja@intel.com

Arizona Chapter: Christine Pomerence, President, add email

Christine Pomerence is the new president; Dave Yost is the vice president of the Arizona Chapter. They are working on reinvigorated the Arizona chapter, getting much support from AZ SESH A Steering Committee. The Chapter will be holding a chapter meeting on March 12th. The agenda includes three speakers: Solid Regulatory Rule Making speaker for local Regulations, ANSI Z359 Fall Protection, Wellness Programs in the Workplace. This Chapter is also looking into holding a mini-conference for April 22nd.

Rocky Mountain Chapter: Jamie Rubin, President, jamie.rubin@avagotech.com

The Rocky Mountain chapter had two meetings in 2007. They have a core group of active people in the chapter. Student presentations for went well. As a result, there will be a student present for the 2008 SESH A Symposium.

West Region: Mary Majors, Regional Director, majorsma@airproducts.com

Northern California Chapter: Michelle Lan & Trang M Le, co-Presidents, michelle_lan@amat.com and Trang_m_le@amat.com

Michele and Chan are partnering to lead the Northern California Chapter. The mini-conference was held at Stanford and was a success. Thank you to Brian Sherin for providing the meeting place and help with planning. Membership came back with great feedback. Many attendees were interested in Solar, lead to discussions for a potential ½ day meeting in April to focus on Solar. They are getting a lot of volunteers to support SESH A and are considering charging for the SESH A ½ day.

Southern California Chapter: Mark Frankfurth, President, mfrankfurth@cymer.com

The Southern California Chapter attempted a chapter meeting in October but was unable due to the expansive fires plaguing the region. The Chapter does have plans to have a teleconference soon to get back on track.