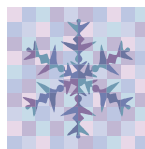




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January 25th Meeting Information:

Spotlight on MD Section Committees:

- The Engineering Society of Baltimore (ESB) Associate Societies Council
- The MD Air Quality Control Advisory Council (AQCAC)



6 p.m. at the Engineer's Club of Baltimore on Thursday, January 25th. Cost is \$30.

Please send your email address to broeper@eaest.com, so that we can forward you information on future events!

Engineering Awards Nominations

The Engineering Society of Baltimore (ESB) is currently accepting nominations for their annual awards for Engineer of the Year, Young Engineer of the Year, Meritorious Service to the Engineering Profession, and Outstanding Engineering Achievement. This year, the ESB is advertising directly to the Engineering firms that are members of the ESB and all member societies. *Each member society can make two (2) nominations for each award.*

The forms are relatively simple, requesting primarily contact information and basic background information about the candidate. For copies of the forms or if you have any questions, please contact Barb Roeper.

The postmark deadline for submitting nominations is Wednesday, February 7, 2006.

Officer nominations for the AIChE MD Section 2007-2008 program year are being accepted now. Contact Barb Roeper or Amy Glemza at aglemza@eaest.com.





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December Meeting Review

Last month, we invited Dr. Maria Burka to speak at the Engineer's Club in Baltimore. Dr. Burka is an elected AIChE National Board member, and a Program Director for Process and Reaction Engineering for the National Science Foundation.

After our usual time to speak with others and dinner, Dr. Burka gave her presentation. Much of her talk centered on the current national AIChE, and how it has rebuilt itself over the past few years under the leadership of Dr. John Chen. The AIChE was facing serious financial difficulties a few years ago, as a result of mismanagement, declining membership, a hesitancy to pursue current media options, and what some viewed as a departure from the organization's "core" efforts. All of these — combined with the ever-increasing competition for time and resources of potential and current members — led to an ominous times for the organization. Through multiple efforts, all of these issues have been reviewed in great detail, and changes were made accordingly. The national AIChE is still working its way back to the financial solvency it enjoyed less than a decade ago, but it certainly appears from her presentation to be on the right path to recovery. Noted current projects include expansion into Asia, expanding internet-based media options, and automated membership renewals.

Dr. Burka also discussed her position at the National Science Foundation. The direction of that organization has also changed over recent years — but more in an attempt to help the country better prepare for the development of technology and science as the years roll forward.

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Associate Engineer's Council — Kathryn Gunkel

Open Positions: Vice Chairperson & Young Member Coordinator

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

January 25th: Spotlight on MD Section Committees at the ESB—*Note that this date has changed!!!*



February 21st: Student Forum at John's Hopkins—*Note that this date has changed!!!*



March 15th: TBA

April 19th: Dean Nicholas P. Jones of the Johns Hopkins University Whiting School of Engineering

May 17th: TBA

June 21st: Aberdeen Ironbirds Baseball Game

