

**Minutes**  
**Local Sections Committee**  
Sunday, November 11, 2007  
Calvert Room - Omni Shoreham Hotel  
Washington, DC

Agendas (**Attachment #1**) were distributed with an attached listing for Status of Local Sections.

An attendance sheet was circulated (**Attachment #2**)

**Local Sections Committee Workshop , 8:00 - 9:45**

LSC Chair, Dr. Steve Herring, facilitated the workshop discussion. Workshop attendees focused attention on challenges to the vitality of local sections and possible solutions to the challenges. Some time was given to discussing the changes that are needed to implement possible solutions.

A number of challenges were discussed:

It was generally agreed that getting people to make a “time commitment” is one of the biggest challenges to Local Sections and Local Section Leadership.

Another challenge is changing patterns of employment brought about by facility consolidations or closures, corporate realignments, and corporate acquisitions. These types of factors are known to have an impact on several Local Sections (Metro NY, Mississippi, and Colorado, for example) and played a role in the earlier dissolution of the Los Angeles Local Section.

Another challenge that was cited involves the need to demonstrate to potential local section members (particularly younger people) the benefits of membership. Attendees discussed the interest of young people in career development.

Attendees discussed the challenge of getting student members to move from Student Section activity to Local Section activity.

Possible solutions:

finding common purposes with which Local Section members can identify and commit

providing better “know-how” to leaders in helping them organize a section meeting, get a venue, locate a speaker, etc.

Help Local Sections with succession planning for leadership

Collaborate with other related organizations to help draw more people into participation; find ways to get non-nuclear engineers involved or to get non-engineers involved.

More creative approaches for meetings, such as brown-bag lunches rather than dinner meetings.

Online participation.

There was less clarity about what changes would be required to implement possible solutions, although improved communication (including more digital communication) was seen as necessary. There was a tacit agreement to leave the task of determining additional changes to a sub-group to be assembled by Committee Chair and Vice-Chair.

### **Business Meeting, 10:00**

LSC Vice-Chair, Dr. Audeen Fentiman, called the business session to order, as the chair was attending a Committee Chairs meeting with ANS President.

It was determined that with appointed committee members and Local section Chairs, a quorum was present.

#### **Agenda Item #1**

Minutes. Bob Penn offered a motion to approve the June 2007 minutes (**Attachment #3**), seconded by Ken Fox. Motion Passed.

#### **Agenda Item #2**

Business Case Proposal for Free Meeting Registration. Audeen Fentiman presented a Business Case proposal (**Attachment #4**) which would provide for a limited number of free registrations for Local Section leaders as a way to encourage involvement of willing leaders from inactive or marginally active Local Sections in order to boost activity.

The proposed program would begin with two inactive sections and one “marginally active” section. If the first year is deemed a success, the number of inactive sections would be increased by one in each following year. The estimated “forgiveness” of registration fees over three years is \$17,280. The LSC noted that it is unlikely that any of the people who would benefit from this have been attending meetings and paying registration fees, so this would not represent a loss in revenue to ANS.

The LSC would determine which Local Sections are selected for participation in the program. An application process will be established and made known.

The LSC discussed the proposal and indicated changes to be made in the proposal.

Bob Penn moved to approve the proposal as discussed and amended (**Attachment #5**) and send it to the Finance Committee. Ken Oliver seconded the motion. Motion Passed

#### **Agenda Item #3**

Utility Integration Group. It was reported that a Special ANS Committee was appointed to focus on Utility Integration in the Society. There are elements of membership, awareness, and

professional development in early discussions. It was noted that the special committee's interest in Local Section Activity should be a point for discussion with the LSC and its leadership.

**Agenda Item #4**

Dr. Steve Herring noted that he will make a written report to the Board of Directors and be present at the BOD's Thursday meeting to answer any questions which may arise. (See **Attachment #6** for Dr. Herring's written report to the Board.)

**Agenda Item #5.**

There were no additional items of business

The Meeting was adjourned at 11: 35 a.m.

Submitted by,

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