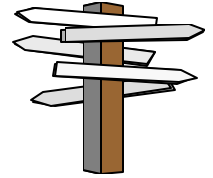


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Chairman's Corner

Last month on November 13th we met as a Chapter in a joint meeting with INCOSE. See recap details elsewhere. In that meeting we held center stage as a Chapter and presented the topic, "Systems Engineering in Systems Deployment and Retirement". The presentation went well and the audience proved to be very interested in the topics asking detailed questions on the subject. Thanks to those members who supported this joint meeting with their presence and thanks to Ken Dacas for pinch-hitting as "PowerPoint slide coordinator" for Joe O'Brien, CPL, at the last minute. We have posted the presentation on our web site for your reference (downloadable).

For our December meeting we gather for our annual Christmas Party. Ken Dacas led the way again this year with the planning tasks and has scheduled another promising event (following the fine Christmas Party of 2002).

In January we will be meeting with the Council of Logistics Management with their presentation of the topic, "How Six-Sigma and Supply Chain Integrate". We hope to gain some understanding and apply that to the "Service Chain". See scheduled date elsewhere in this issue.

Our newsletter this month shows some of the photos we have accumulated in the year's meetings. We hope you enjoy them.

I wish to thank all of our active members for participation in Chapter events this past calendar year. We have had a number of meeting events, including tours, which were both interesting and informative. The newsletters with recaps of those events are on our web site.

This month, of course, we are reflecting on the year 2003 as it comes to a close. We wish all our members and readers of this newsletter and their families the best wishes for the coming year.

Season's Greetings during the Holiday Season and Best Wishes to all for Happy New Year,

Larry G. DeVries, CPL
Chapter Chairman

November Meeting Recap

The Chapter met in a joint meeting with the North Star Chapter of International Council on System Engineering (INCOSE). See <http://www.incose.org/nrthstar>. The meeting was held on November 13th at the Lockheed-Martin facility on Pilot Knob Road in Eagan.

The North Star Chapter had a short session of their plans and for the past and future meeting schedule at 6:45 to begin the evening. Following that we began the main session with our presentation, "Systems Engineering in Systems Deployment and Retirement".

The presentation focused on concepts and activities in each of the System Life Cycle Phases as described by Ben Blanchard author of "Logistics Engineering & Management" (now 6th Edition, Prentice-Hall). We showed a copy of the 5th Edition of that book and referred back to that as a source for the presentation.

The presentation contained 21 slides and focused on an overview of the topic. In addition to a review of the activities and tasks in each of the phases from the reference book we added slides such as ILS Elements; SE Tasks, Skills and Methods; Life Cycle Cost Model Cost

Categories, Analytical Models/Tools; Reference Books; and Extension Education. For additional reference books that lean more toward the commercial products and systems we recommended two available from the Society of Automotive Engineers: "Reliability, Maintainability & Supportability Guidebook", 1995 and "Reliability and Maintainability Guideline for Manufacturing Machinery and Equipment, 1999.

Larry DeVries, CPL, made the presentation ably assisted by Ken Dacas, who manned the PowerPoint side projector.

As we said during the presentation the topics of logistics cover a wide and varied range of topics and an hour could be spent on each of many challenges in logistics.

At the end of the presentation we offered to send a copy of the slide presentation to the North Star Chapter for their use and posting on their web site. We have subsequently sent the presentation and also posted a downloadable copy of the same on our web site.

We appreciated all of our own members of the Minneapolis – St. Paul Chapter who attended and participated in the Q & A session after the presentation.

We thank Eileen Arnold, Chapter Chair, and John Palmer, Program Coordinator, both of the North Star Chapter of INCOSE, for their invitation, introductions and hospitality.

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Larry DeVries was designated as a Certified Quality Manager (CQM) in October 2003 by the American Society for Quality (<http://www.asq.org>). This certification is granted after his passing an exam consisting of essay and multiple choice questions. Other

certifications by ASQ include a number that are relevant to the logistics field. See web site for details.

UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETINGS - -

2003-2004 MEETING TOPICS

| Date | Event | Remarks |
|-----------------------|--|--|
| December 8, 2003 | Christmas Party | Location : Hotel Sofitel, Bloomington |
| Thursday Jan 15, 2004 | "How Six Sigma and Supply Chain Integrate" | Dinner Meeting and Case Study with CLM |
| Tuesday Feb. 10 | "Supplier Qualification" | Joint meeting with ASQ |
| March TBD | "Tour of the Super Valu Distribution Center" | Hopkins Plant |
| Tuesday, April 13 | "QS9000/TS169 49/DOE maybe FMEA" | Joint meeting with ASQ |
| TBD May 2004 | Technical Meeting TBD | |
| TBD June 2004 | Tour TBD | |

VISIONS OF THE PAST YEAR

In the past year the chapter has held a number of interesting and informative meetings, tours and events.

Below is a collage of pictures taken by our official photographer George Rumble.



The Chapter Banner of our Chapter received after the Society's name change (2000).



At the Ellingson Car Museum thinking about our lost youth (October 2002).



Instructor (left) and Chapter guest lecturers Ken Dacas & Joe O'Brien (right) after the Logistics presentation at St. Thomas University (April 2003)



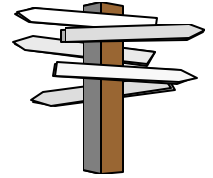
Testing (playing with?) Jack's setup at the meeting (June 2002).



Going over material at a Chapter-history focused Chapter meeting (May 2003)

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MINNEAPOLIS/St. PAUL CHAPTER

MEETING DATE: **Monday December 8, 2003**

LOCATION: La Fougasse Room
Hotel Sofitel, Bloomington

TIME: 6:00 pm, Social Hour
6:30 pm, Dinner Ordered from the Menu
7:30 pm, Meeting

COST: Menu Item Price

MEETING TOPIC: Events of the Past Year

Spouses and guests are very welcome. Our meeting will focus on the Chapter results of the past year: We have accomplished some good things, let's talk about them.

The Chapter will contribute \$5.00 per person to the cost of the meal.

The Hotel Sofitel is located at 5601 West 78th Street, Bloomington. This is at the intersection of I-494 and Highway 100 (northwest quadrant).

RESERVATIONS: Call for reservations not later than 5 December 03:

Honeywell

Lockheed Martin

United Defense

Other

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Joe O'Brien

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