



**Crossroads of America Chapter**

# Chapter Status Report

Chapter Meeting- Ft. Wayne

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# Introductions

- Chapter Officers
  - Acting President: Joseph Rayes, ICTT System Sciences (through Dec 09)
  - President Elect: Mike Sevcovic, General Dynamics
  - Treasurer: George Stant, Raytheon Technical Services
  - Secretary: Fareed Taha
- Chapter Board of Directors, Past President
  - Past President: Jason Sherey, ICTT System Sciences
  - Board of Directors:
    - William Schindel, ICTT System Sciences
    - Jessica Shea, Raytheon Technical Services
    - Stefan Weinert, Roche Diagnostics
    - William Mihelc, Rolls Royce Corporation,
    - Dr. Steven Walter, IPFW

# How are we doing?

- Chapter Active Membership as of 09-18-09
  - 88 affiliated with COA spanning IL-IN
    - Chicago is in process of forming its own chapter
- Summary Statement of Status:
  - Rebuilding Underway: Chapter has been nearly dormant for 2 years, New elections prompted an influx of energy and dedication for giving the chapter a pulse and supporting the needs of its membership.
- Specific Goals and Observations:
  - Goal: Maintain a master list of officers, board members, and members
  - Result: Master list established and being used for communications.
  - Goal: Establish a web collaboration space for the chapter (either current chapter site revamped or connect)
  - Result: Currently a web collaboration space is available and preliminarily set up on INCOSE Connect. Will maintain current website [www.incose-coa.org](http://www.incose-coa.org) in addition to developing Connect site.

# How are we doing? (Cont.)

- Specific Goals and Observations (Cont.):
  - Goal: Schedule meetings in areas convenient to population centers of the organization
  - Result: 2 in-person meetings planned this year, monthly core team telecons, quarterly BOD telecons.
    - Tonight: October 14, 2009 in Ft. Wayne hosted by IPFW. Keynote speaker Mike Celentano to discuss commercial and practical SE and its application to Biomedical.
    - December 10, 2009 in Indianapolis hosted by Roche Diagnostics. Keynote: Eric Cotton of ECI Wind and Solar LLC to discuss impacts of wind and solar energy and its impacts. Dinner and refreshments provided. Cross pollinating efforts being made to improve attendance.
    - Consideration of resurrecting the Spring Mini-Conference in April timeframe
  - Goal: Encourage Certifications through meeting topics, email, and other communications
  - Result: Good success achieved by Dr. Steven Walter at IPFW. Chapter has stepped up our support of certification through collaboration with neighboring chapters and active participation in IS2010.

# How are we doing? (Cont.)

- Observations (Cont.)

- Major obstacles overcome with the election of a new BOD and officers.
  - Formerly had more than 12 members with only 2 active essentially crippling our ability to operation within our by-laws .
  - Chapter officers are engaged and passionate about the chapter's success with a positive forward looking attitude for the rest of 09 and 10.
- How do we serve such a large geographic area?
  - Regional Coordinators for regional membership meetings
    - Suggested regions could be Indianapolis, Southern Indiana, Ft. Wayne, Central Illinois
  - Web and Teleconferencing Services for membership ease of participation
- Certification Statistics- Dr. Steven Walter, IPFW (see separate slides)

# How are we doing? (Cont.)

- Observations (Cont.)
  - Formation of new Biomedical Working Group chaired by one of our chapter members, Mike Celentano of Roche Diagnostics
  - Support of the inaugural regional Bio-medical conference in conjunction with Michigan Chapter (next in October 2010)
  - Support of IS 2010 to be held in Chicago
    - Numerous COA members supporting the planning committee
    - Aiming to be the biggest and best International Symposium to date
    - 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of INCOSE
    - A time to pause and salute becoming a truly International Organization
    - Interested in Sponsorship or Exhibitor opportunities? Please email [joseph.rayes@incose.org](mailto:joseph.rayes@incose.org)
    - For more Symposium information visit <http://incose.org/symp2010/>

# Call for Nominations, Elections

- Call for Nominations will go out this week via email to all members:
  - Election Committee Chair- *Immediate need!!!*
  - Programs Chair
    - Regional Coordinators
      - Northern Indiana
      - Central Indiana
      - Southern Indiana
      - Southern Illinois
      - Central Illinois
- 2009-2010 Elections:
  - Offices up for election:
    - President-elect
    - Secretary/Communications Chair
    - Treasurer
  - Ending Balance 31Aug2009: \$14,394.63

# Spring Mini Conference?

- We have had good success in the past?
  - Over 50 attendees
  - 4 tracks with panels and presenters
  - Great revenue source for chapter
  - Our budget situation could support it
  - Need dedicated committee to orchestrate
    - Any chair volunteers?

# Upcoming Events

- **Oct 25-26 INCOSE Region IV Conference in Cleveland**
  - Great networking, continuing education, increased skill sets in systems engineering methods and tools, great presentations in the power and energy areas
  - Keynote Speaker, Dr. Harrison Schmitt
    - Former US Senator and NASA Apollo 17 Astronaut – the last man to walk on the moon – talk about options for a return to Deep Space.
  - Registration: <http://www.incose.org/cleveland/RS09/RS09main.htm>
- **December 10 Crossroads Chapter Mtg & Keynote**
  - Keynote Speaker, Eric Cotton, ECI Wind and Solar
    - Presentation on the Wind Corridor IL-IN and the impacts it will have on the local environment
  - 6:30-8:30 Roche Diagnostics, Indianapolis
  - Flyer will be distributed and posted on website this week