News and Events from Around the Chapters

- New England: The chapter is launching its student design competition in late August when students will be back to school. Jim Blount would like to distribute the student design competition information among chapter officers once the launch is finalized. The chapter is also working on recruiting more board members and members to help plan initiatives.
- National Capital: The chapter planned a few events such as happy hours and has one event scheduled for the fall, but would like to recruit more people to assist in planning efforts.
- North Carolina: The chapter is busy planning the Annual Conference and recruited more people to help plan events. There is an outing planned to a Durham Bulls game in August and a November educational event recapping conference highlights for those who can’t attend. *The chapters would like tips on getting sponsorships from those chapters that have done it well.*
- Atlanta (new): The planning committee in Atlanta is nominating officers for election in August and hopes to launch the chapter before the conference. The planning committee has a few questions about how to recruit members and what sponsorship levels are appropriate. *Phil will send an email about what constitutes chapter membership; Tony Ziegler’s email address is tziegler@labsga.com.*
- Windy City: The chapter is hosting quarterly educational and networking events. September’s event is on facility resiliency. The chapter recently held officers’ elections and has about 35 members, with a growing number of volunteers. Dan Doyle is coordinating with AIHA’s chapter.
- Heart of America: The chapter held a well-attended tour at the University of Kansas and is planning an education day. The chapter is also transitioning two board members and is still looking for more assistance.
- Colorado: The chapter has had two quarterly meetings so far and is planning a tour/educational event. The chapter is also busy preparing to host the 2019 conference.
- Northern California: The chapter had a kickoff and brainstorming meeting, which was very successful and garnered a lot of interest. The board has been expanded to 16 members and is looking into ramping up sponsorship efforts.
- San Diego: The chapter is looking to revitalize the board members’ involvement and increase membership.

News from Headquarters

- 2018 Conference: Phil reminded the group that early bird registration expires August 10 for the conference in Raleigh, North Carolina, October 14-17, 2018. There are nine booths left in the Tech Fair, and sponsorship/speaking opportunities are still available for the Opening Plenary, closing lunch, and other sessions. Chapters are welcome to host their own happy hours during the conference.
- NIST Proposal: Phil thanked Alison Farmer for pulling together a proposal that I2SL submitted to the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) to support the lab benchmarking database/effort.
- Research Group Memberships: I2SL HQ is launching a pilot program for universities and nonprofits to obtain a group I2SL membership for $600 annually. This group membership would
apply similarly to individual memberships regarding conference registration, High-Tech Talks webinar access, conference archive presentations, etc.

- Chapter News for I2SL’s Scoop: I2SL HQ would like to feature chapter news on a national level. Chapters can share any news about chapter contacts (e.g., chapter members or sponsors) that have updates on building projects, sustainability efforts, and other items of interest to the I2SL community. **ERG will distribute a format for Sustainability Scoop contributions from chapters.**
- 2019 Conference: The 2019 conference will be held in Denver, Colorado. The Colorado Chapter began planning efforts and is looking into hosting a fourth conference day at the University of Colorado.

Headquarters Administrative Topics

- Accounting Procedures: Chapters should continue to use direct deposit systems, but need to let I2SL HQ know what their username and password is to match up payment activity. Chapters should continue sending sponsorship and other payment checks to ERG in order for them to be processed.

REMINdERS: Chapter Officers’ Meeting, Sunday October 14 from 6:00 - 7:30 PM  
Chapter Officers’ Network (social) from 7:30 PM on

Attendees:
Phil Wirdzek  
Beth Shearer  
Kevin Brettmann  
Nick Caronna  
Mark Paskanik  
Melodee Spradlin  
Alison Farmer  
Kelly Weisinger  
Patrick Kantor  
Julie Higginbotham  
Jim Blount  
Dan Doyle  
Gary McKelvey  
Star Scott  
Tony Ziegler  
Randy Ehret  
Jim Baldwin