



New Orleans Section

Setting the Standard for Automation

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Next Section Meeting

Date Tuesday
February 7, 2012

Place Smilie's Restaurant
Harahan, Louisiana

Time Open at 6:00 p.m.
Serving at 6:30 p.m.

Price Admission \$15 per person

RSVP isa_neworleans@yahoo.com
Type your name, quantity in party



GO Tech, The Gas & Oil Technical Table Top Expo is set for Thursday March 22nd, 2012. The Expo will be held at the Lafayette Cajundome Convention Center in the heart of Cajun Country. The Expo showcases the latest oil & gas technical innovations.

All facets of our industry are represented including product manufacturers and distributors, fabrication and installation contractors, communications, engineering and consultant firms, computer and software representatives, and major oil and gas companies. Participants will also have opportunities for excellent speakers offered by industry experts.

When: Thursday - March 22, 2012

Where: Cajundome Convention Center Ballroom

Event Schedule

- ✦ Exhibitor Setup, 8 a - 10 a
- ✦ Exhibitor Networking, 10 a - 11 a
- ✦ Lunch, 11 a - 12 p
- ✦ Keynote Luncheon Speaker, 12 p - 1 p
- ✦ Expo Open to the Public, 1 p - 4 p
- ✦ Social, 3 p - 5 p in the Cajundome Convention Center foyer
- ✦ Exhibit Take Down, 4 p - 5 p

Exhibitor Registration

- Cost for tabletop is \$250, \$150 for additional table top.
- Cost for a booth + annual sponsorship is \$400
- If you would like to be located adjacent to another exhibitor, please note that preference on the registration form.
- One (1) single electrical outlet (120 VAC, 5Amp) is provided. Booths are 6' deep x 8' wide and include a 6' foot skirted table, 2 chairs and divider.
- Each Exhibitor receives 2 free luncheon tickets. Additional tickets may be purchased when registering or contact Ashton Chiasson at (337) 280-8962.

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Dear Fellow Members,

The ISA New Orleans Section is working hard to deliver interesting automation topics for your professional growth.

On January 10th, Mike Williamson presented a very interesting talk on Sub Sea Oil and Gas Technology from an Engineering and Design Perspective. All requesting member received PDH's certificates.

On February 7, 2012, Larry Saunders will present "Medium Voltage Motor Starting." If you would like a PDH certificate when be sure to come have dinner with us.

I look forward to seeing you at our next members meeting, on February 7th.

Sincerely,

Chaille Percy

Articles & Announcements

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Submit an article or announcement to *The Current Pnewsletter* to Anna Schindler at anna.schindler@awc-inc.com.

Deadline

Materials must be submitted by the 10th day of the month preceeding the issue in which it should appear. Please submit typed material via e-mail.

MINUTES**ISA Board Meeting**

1/10/2012

5:30 PM

Smilie's Restaurant
5725 Jefferson Highway
Harahan, LA 70123

Meeting called by:	John Chaille Percy (504-214-8612)
Type of meeting:	Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Members Present:	Chaille Percy, Bobby Esler, Toby Miller, Mike Williamson, Beth Walker, Chris Bruno and Ram Ramachandran

Agenda Topics**1. Call to Order - 5:30 PM****2. Old Business****2.1 Reviewed Meeting Minutes**

2.2 January Newsletter Discussed deadlines for January Newsletter submissions.

2.3 UNO Capstone Project - Section Involvement Mike Williamson made a motion to finally support a UNO Capstone Senior Project this Spring. Toby Miller seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed. Toby Miller motioned the support be in the amount of a \$300 one-time donation. Mike Williamson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was passed. Chris Bruno will get a list of projects from UNO and the board will choose to fund the project with the best alignment with ISA goals and focus. A member of the selected project team will need to present an overview of the project to the section and a recap of the project and lessons learned at its conclusion.

2.4 Section Vendor Directory Plan We are still exploring the possibility of a Vendor Directory. Toby shared the last published Vendor Directory from the New Orleans Section (circa 1997). Bill Brock send information on how the St. Louis Section currently publishes their vendor directory.

3. New Business

3.1 Technical Symposium The board is evaluating hosting a Technical Symposium in April instead of the Semi-Annual Exposition. A possible venue is the Crowne Plaza in Kenner. At the next meeting we will evaluate progress and determine if this event can be held around April 19 or if it will need to be pushed to October. Ram will be looking at potential speakers for the Symposium for both dates.

3.2 Treasurer's Report and Financial - Chris Bruno Chris gave an updated financial report.

3.3 Program Chair - Calendar of Events - Toby Miller

- Still in need of a speaker for the March meeting. Beth is exploring an option. Dean has a backup option.
- Toby's phone number still needs to be updated in the newsletter. It is (504)908-8564.

3.4 Membership Chair - Bobby Esler 142 Active Members, 8 Members in Active Grace, 232 Contacts on email distribution list.

3.5 Website - Beth Walker Beth is looking at adding a counter to the website to determine traffic and use.

3.6 Honors & Awards - Ram Ramachandran Looking at holding the awards meeting in May at Andrea's. Will explore the possibility of the Southern Yacht Club.

5. Next Meeting: February 7th at Smilie's

6. Adjournment

ISA New Orleans Section 2011–12 Program and Meeting Schedule

Date	Topic	Speaker
Tuesday, 7 February	Medium Voltage Motor Starters Smilie's Restaurant	Larry Saunders Eaton Corporation
Tuesday, 6 March	In planning Smilie's Restaurant	
Friday, 13 April	Golf Classic	
Friday, 18 May	Honors and Awards Banquet	

Section Meeting: Tuesday—February 7, 2012

Guest Speaker: Larry Saunders

Topic: Medium Voltage Starters

In a fast-paced presentation, presenter will discuss the following topics:

Methods of starting Medium Voltage Motors:

Across-the-line Starting.

Reduced-Voltage Starting Methods Including Soft Starting.

Medium Voltage Adjustable Frequency Controllers.

How to Select the Proper Starting Method.

Integrated Switchgear Concept and Its Advantages.

How to Select the Best Layout

Larry Saunders received his BS Degree from Louisiana State University and his MBA from Loyola University. His more than 30 years in the Electrical Industry include various sales engineering, marketing and management positions with Square D Company, with Westinghouse, with Allen Bradley, and most recently with Eaton Electrical / Cutler-Hammer as District Engineer.

Larry is active in the ISA where he has served on the Executive Committee for many years in various committee positions and as Vice President and President.

He has served in leadership positions with the Electrical Association of New Orleans as Vice President and Director and as an active member of IAEL.

He served as one of the co-authors of the API Standards RP14F and RP14FZ (Electrical Standards for Offshore Floating Platforms).

Larry has been active in IEEE as a member of both the Power Engineering Society and the Industry Application Society. His authorships include two IEEE-IAS-PCIC papers and presentations, an IEEE-IAS Transactions paper, an IEEE-IAS-PCIC tutorial, and a 1997 PCIC Best Paper Award. He served as National Chair of the PCIC Production Subcommittee. Seeing the need for an enhanced safety (arc-resistant) low-voltage MCC, Larry was instrumental in the approval for development of IEEE Standard P1683 and currently serves on the committee writing the standard. Larry served as a director of IEEE Region 5 New Orleans Section.

Announcements



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