



# New Orleans Section

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## April 2007 The Current Pnewsletter

*No regular meeting in April*

### Next Section Meeting

**Date** Tuesday, May 8, 2007

**Place** Smilie's Restaurant  
Harahan, Louisiana

**Time** Cash Bar Open at 6:00 p.m.  
Seating and serving begins at 6:30 p.m.  
Meeting complete by 8:00 p.m.

**Price** Admission \$25 per person

**RSVP** Use **Yahoo e-mail—not the Yahoo Web site:**  
isa\_neworleans@yahoo.com  
Type your name, quantity in party, and  
whether you require a PDH certificate.

Please RSVP by noon Monday May 7

## Golf Tournament registration

**see p.6**

### New Orleans Section Annual Golf Tournament

Don't miss New Orleans Section's Annual Golf Tournament!

This year we're having the tournament at Willowdale Country Club in Luling on Friday 20 April.

Registration and the driving range open to golfers at noon. The shotgun start is a 1:00 p.m.

The \$75 entry fee includes range balls, cart, prizes, hamburgers and hot dogs, and refreshments during play.

The tournament format is four-person teams, best ball scramble, and prizes for the longest drive (2 holes) and closest to the hole (2 holes).

Register by Monday April 16 for this ever popular event.

Barry Acosta and Bryan Pittman have organized what promises to be yet another excellent tournament. The time of the year is just right—before the summer heat.

See the last page of the newsletter for sign-up information. For more information, telephone Barry or Bryan at (504) 835 2577 and (504) 887 8550, respectively.

So join Section Members and guests for this popular event. Sign up now to guarantee your place in the tournament. ■



### Section officers elected for 2007–08

Congratulations to next year's elected officers! Your Section's 2007–08 officers are—

- President ..... Larry Saunders
- President-elect..... Henry Suthon
- Vice President..... *vacant*
- Treasurer ..... Roger Reedy
- Secretary ..... Beth Walker

Their term runs 1 July 2007 through 30 June 2008.

The Vice President position is still open. Going into the election, no one had nominated a Section Member for the position.

This position is a "succession" position—meaning that the Member who serves as Section Vice President is positioned to take advantage of Section-sponsored leadership opportunities. These opportunities include expense paid attendance at Society leadership workshops, Society meetings, and the annual Society EXPO. Serving in this position and other successor positions also presents the opportunity to develop your leadership skills and to meet influential local and national professionals.

If this opportunity interests you, contact Section President Barry Acosta to volunteer as Section Vice President.

As your new President, Larry Saunders will be seeking volunteers to staff committee positions. A table on the next page lists these positions. Contact Larry to serve in one of these positions—(504) 849 3365.

Let's support next year's officers by volunteering. ■

## SECTION OFFICERS 2006-07

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## Articles & Announcements

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Submit an article or announcement to *The Current Pnewsletter* to L.H. Iverson, 2405 N SIBLEY ST, METAIRIE LA 70003; or e-mail to [liverso@attglobal.net](mailto:liverso@attglobal.net). Phone (504) 813 6972.

### Deadline

Materials must be submitted by the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the month preceeding the issue in which it should appear. Please submit typed material via either e-mail or facsimile.

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## President's Corner

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Fellow Members,

Well, we are in the home stretch. Just two months left in this year's activities. That means two more board meetings and one monthly meeting. We will not have an April meeting due to the golf tournament. We will have a May meeting.

I would like to have a great turn out at the May meeting. On the agenda will be a special presentation commemorating the Don Iverson Scholarship Fund. The Board will present a plaque to Melanie Iverson commemorating the initiation of the scholarship fund. It would be a great gesture if members could show up in support. In addition, Curtis Miller will be our guest speaker with a topic on safety systems. So mark your calendar for May.

As a reminder, this year's golf tournament will be held Willowdale Country Club in Luling on Friday, April 20. Cost to play golf is \$75.00 per player. The format for golf is a four-man scramble. Hole sponsors are \$100.00 per hole. We still have openings. Contact Bryan Pittman or myself via phone or e-mail to make reservations for golf and the seafood boil. Please RSVP as soon as possible. Bag lunch will be provided and grilled hamburgers and hot dogs will be served later in the day.

A nominations committee was formed, the committee recommended a slate of board officers, and the Members elected them. They are listed on p.1. Congratulation to them all.

*Barry*

## Players and Sponsors Golf Tournament Sign-up

Players use the form on p.6 of this newsletter to sign up for the tournament. Remember, the slots usually fill up fast.

Hole Sponsors use the same link that brought you to this newsletter to find the sign-up form for the Golf Tournament.

**Meeting Minutes, Executive Board  
ISA New Orleans Section, Inc.  
March 6, 2007**

Barry Acosta	Bob Deeb	Larry Saunders	Toby Miller
Roger Reedy	Henry Suthon	Hugh Roser	Gerald Wilbanks
Larry Iverson	Mike Benbow	David Bishop	

**Call to Order**

Barry Acosta called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes were accepted without objection.

**Agenda Adoption**

The agenda was adopted without addition.

**Old Business**

**Finance**

The Treasurer, Roger Reedy, distributed the latest balance sheet and income statement. He reported no issues to discuss.

**Golf Tournament Update**

Barry Acosta reported that arrangements for the 20 April tournament were progressing well.

**Nominations**

The Nominations Committee reported that the slate of candidates they nominated were voted in unanimously by voting Section Members. No nominee was presented for the position of Vice President; and there were no write-in votes for the position.

Following are the elected officers for 2007–08:

President.....Larry Saunders	President-elect..... Henry Suthon
Treasurer ..... Roger Reedy	Secretary ..... Beth Walker

The Executive Board encourages any Section Member interested in holding the Vice President position to contact Barry Acosta—or any Section officer—to volunteer for the position.

**Seminar Update**

Bob Deeb reported that the seminar was virtually booked to capacity. Dave Bishop reported that his arrangements were on schedule.

**New Business**

**Monthly Meeting Schedule for April and May**

A regular meeting will not be held during the month of April in lieu of the Golf Tournament to be held on Friday 20 April at Willowdale Country Club in Luling, La.

Barry Acosta reported that he had a commitment from a speaker for the May meeting. (Refer to the p.4 for the speaker and topic.)

**2006 Income Taxes**

Follow-up discussion was delayed to the May meeting.

**Scholarship Selection Process**

Barry Acosta distributed policy statements he obtained from the University of New Orleans regarding contributions to and awards of scholarship funds.

**Updating the E-mail Mailing List**

Larry Iverson distributed copies of a list containing 17 names of ISA Section members for whom the Society does not report an e-mail address in the Section Roster. He requested assistance from meeting attendees in tracking down the missing e-mail addresses. The addresses will be entered into the list server that the Section uses to distribute the newsletter.

**Next Board Meeting**

The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 April 2007, 5:00 p.m., at the 5th floor conference room of JacobsLinder.

**Adjournment**

Barry Acosta adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting**  
**Executive Board**  
**Tuesday**  
**April 3, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.**  
**JacobsLinder Office, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conf. Rm.**

**ISA Electronic Certification Exams are now available during defined testing windows**

Prepare now to submit your application by the deadline. ISA certification exams are available at Prometrics test sites worldwide during defined testing windows in 2007. Apply now to test in one of the 2007 testing windows. See the schedule below for testing and application deadlines for upcoming testing windows.

**Exam Testing Window**

Window 2 .....	1 Jul.–31 Aug. 2007
Window 3 .....	1 Nov.–31 Dec. 2007

**Exam Application Postmark Deadline**

Tuesday .....	15 May 2007
Monday.....	17 Sep. 2007

Click here to review full testing window details.

Contact ISA Customer Service at (919) 549 8411 if you have any questions.■

**Save on the CAP Learning System**

ISA’s CAP® Learning System was designed to provide automation professionals with comprehensive and effective CAP exam preparation tools. This self-study program blends printed textbooks with online review that includes over 400 practice questions and diagnostic feedback on areas needing further study.

Special Spring savings are available 1 March through 30 April. Save up to \$255 off the CAP Learning System

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11+	\$650		\$395	

with this special limited time discount.

Click here to take advantage of these instant savings. Hurry—this discount offer ends 30 April.■

## ISA New Orleans Section 2006–07 Program and Meeting Schedule

Date	Topic	Speaker
Friday 20 April	Golf Tournament Willowdale Country Club in Luling, La.	—
Tuesday 8 May	In planning Smilie's Restaurant	A safety systems topic Curtis Miller

Monthly meetings are held at Smilie's Restaurant, 5725 Jefferson Highway—corner of Jefferson Highway and Edwards Avenue—Harahan, Louisiana, unless noted otherwise in *The Current Pnewsletter*. For other meetings, watch for announcements in *The Current Pnewsletter*. For comments or questions regarding this year's program schedule, contact the Chairman, programs, whose name and telephone number are listed on page 2.

### District Leadership Conference

This year's Conference will be hosted by the Brazos Section and will be held on board Carnival's Cruise Ship "Ecstasy," 2–6 Aug. 2007, departing from Galveston, Texas. Contact Personal Account Manager, Heather Corona, at Travel and Transport, toll free (800) 226 3482; or via e-mail: hcorona@tandt.com.

All ISA Members are encouraged to attend this year's DLC, and show your support for the development and continuation of strong ISA Sections.

It's highly recommended that you make an initial deposit by 30 March deadline in order to participate wholly and enjoy the amenities presented to our particular group. ■

### Summer Leaders' Meeting

Coming a bit later this year is the SLM in Scottsdale, Arizona, 23–27 June. Check the schedule at by clicking on this link.

ISA President Steve Huffman is challenging Committee Chairs to conduct business by e-mail or conference call prior to the SLM in order make the on site meeting time more efficient. In light of this, the following changes have been made to the traditional Leader Meeting schedule:

- Meeting time slots will be 50 minutes with a 10-minute break between each time slot.
- An "ad hoc" meeting room will be available on site to be used for meetings that require less than the 50-minute time slot. Scheduling of the ad hoc meeting room will be coordinated in the registration area.
- The lunch time is now 70 minutes.
- The Leader Training Seminar will be held on Sunday.
- The Board of Department and Board of District Vice Presidents will meet on Monday.
- A free afternoon has been provided for team-building. A golf outing is being planned for the free afternoon.

Hotel and meeting registration information is available on the website, with details about the special group event. ■

### ISA Rewards for Recruiting Program

You know how beneficial ISA membership is in your professional life and what it has meant to your technical and career development. The idea behind the Rewards for Recruiting Program is that ISA Members themselves can get the word out about ISA membership benefits and as a result, help ISA membership grow. Expanding your network of professionals is simple:

- Recruit one new ISA Member and ISA will send you an ISA Wireless Mouse
- Recruit 5 or more new ISA Members and receive a \$100 gift certificate good for ISA merchandise.

Just make sure your name and Member number appear in the Sponsor Information area of the new Member's enrollment form. Your colleagues will appreciate your contribution to their career development. Note: Student Memberships do not apply to this program.

Rewards for Recruiting Tips:

- Invite a prospective colleague to attend a Section or Division meeting to experience first-hand the professional benefits of ISA membership.
- Start a discussion about ISA, emphasizing the benefits and value of membership.
- Share your copy of InTech magazine with a prospect.
- Publish an article in your company publications explaining how ISA helped you in your professional career.
- Post announcements of ISA EXPO or Division Symposium.
- When discussing membership to a prospect, listen for clues as to what they look for in a professional society. Stress those member benefits that meet their needs.

Please click here to learn more about the Rewards for Recruiting Program. ■

# Announcements

## Seminar—Generating Station and Industrial Plant Protection, Operation, Maintenance and Design

Sumatron is sponsoring a comprehensive four-day electrical engineering seminar (6–9 November 2007) at the Wyndham Hotel in Costa Mesa, Ca., entitled “Generating Station and Industrial Plant Protection, Operation, Maintenance and Design.”

The course is based on Sumatron’s EE Helper Notebook and covers over 100 calculations in support of protection, operations, maintenance, and the design of generating stations, refineries, and other large industrial facilities. It is also approved for continuing education credit by both IEEE and NETA.

The seminar is designed for protection engineers, protective relay technicians, distribution engineers and generating station and large industrial plant design and support electrical engineers.

Students completing the course will have the confidence to perform electrical studies in support of operations, calculate protective relay settings for large generators and auxiliary power systems, complete betterment project designs, perform design reviews of existing facilities, and provide calculations in support of facility maintenance.

Presenter, Tom Baker, is a consulting engineer for Sumatron in support of large generating stations. With over 40 years of electrical experience, he has performed many electrical design reviews of existing multi-unit generating stations as large as 2,800 megawatts; including 1 nuclear, 12 oil/gas, 8 coal, 7 combustion turbine, and 5 off site peaking unit plants in the US and overseas. He has also completed a design review for a major refinery. He is the author of the EE Helper Notebook and developed the EE Helper Software program. Tom completed a Master’s Degree in Electrical Power Engineering and Management. He holds two patents in electrical power metering, and developed the ideas for two SCE patents, one for a motor analyzer, and the other for a DC fault locator for plant battery and generator excitation systems. He has also developed unique schemes for AC ground detection and for generating station zone 1 backup protection.

Make enquiries to Tom Baker, phone (949) 360 0386; e-mail: [tbaker@sumatron.com](mailto:tbaker@sumatron.com). ■

## RTP and Tyco announce partnership

RTP Corporation Inc. and Tyco Fire and Integrated So-

lutions UK Ltd. (formerly known as Wormald Ansul (UK) Ltd.) are delighted to announce formation of a Strategic Oil & Gas and Petrochemical Partnership designed to provide superior systems and service to customers requiring the best Fire and Gas Systems, Emergency Shutdown Systems, and High Integrity Protection Systems.

Under agreement’s terms, Tyco Fire and Integrated Solutions UK will become the exclusive Oil & Gas/Petrochemical representative for RTP 2500 SIS in the United Kingdom, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Bahrain, India and Kazakhstan. Additionally this agreement provides Tyco F&IS UK a global non-exclusive arrangement to be RTP’s preferred supplier for their RTP 2500 SIS with Tyco F&IS UK promoting the RTP 2500 as their preferred solution for Safety & Control Systems.

As a part of this agreement RTP’s responsibilities will be to continue its leadership position in the design and manufacture of SIL-1 through SIL-3 safety systems offering the highest availability, highest integrity, and highest degree of scalability in the industry.

Founded in 1968, RTP Corp. is a developer and manufacturer of high-performance critical control and safety systems.

Tyco Fire & Integrated Solutions, a major business segment of Tyco International Ltd, and a leader in the provision of special hazard safety within the Oil and Gas and Petrochem markets across Europe, Middle East and Africa and Asia. ■

## Hach Co. 9245 Sodium Analyzer

Hach Company announces the availability of the 9245 On-Line Sodium Analyzer for boiler/steam generation and cooling water applications. Measurement of sodium concentration, recognized as an important index for water quality control, enables plant chemists and utilities managers to monitor several critical areas of their process to optimize performance. Monitoring indicates possible stress corrosion of the super heater, gives early warnings of excursions on condensates, detects hydroxides and chlorides that contribute to the stress corrosion of austenitic steel, helps manage ion exchange resin, and ensures the quality of de-mineralized water delivered to the makeup plant.

The 9245 provides a detection limit of 0.01 ppb and measures in the range of 0–0,000 ppb. Time-saving features of the 9245 include: automatic reactivation without acid etching; small volume grab sample; programmable pH set point with temperature compensation; minimal maintenance.

For more information contact Hach Company, P.O. Box 389, Loveland, Co., 80539 USA; tel.: (800) 227 4224; fax: (970) 669 2932; e-mail: [orders@hach.com](mailto:orders@hach.com); online: <http://www.hach.com/power>. ■



**Golf Classic**  
**Willowdale Country Club**  
**Friday, April 20, 2007**



Please complete and return this entry form by April 16, 2007. Register early as this tournament always sells out.

**Team**

(Single players will be assigned to a team)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Player Entry Fee: \$75 × Number of Players**  
**(Includes green fees, cart, hamburgers and hot dogs)**

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