



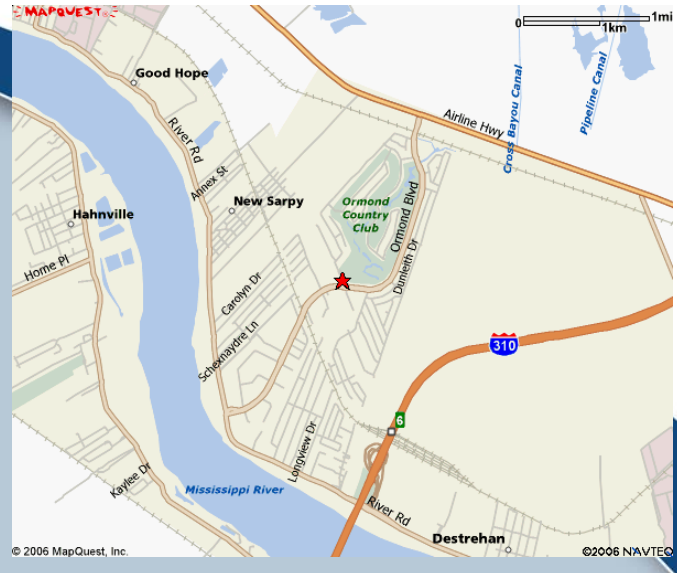
New Orleans Section

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Next Section Meeting

- Date** Friday, January 5, 2006
- Place** Ormond Country Club
Destrehan, Louisiana
- Time** Cash Bar Open at 6:00 p.m.
Serving at 7:00 p.m.
- Price** Admission \$30 per person
- RSVP** Use **Yahoo e-mail—not the Yahoo Web site:**
isa_neworleans@yahoo.com
Type your name, quantity in party
RSVP by noon Thursday Jan. 4



Honors and Awards Banquet

Please join New Orleans Section in celebrating honorees for 2006–07 special recognition awards.

This year’s banquet will be held on Friday 5 January 2007 at Ormond Country Club. Section leaders have planned an evening that will maintain the Section’s tradition of producing a high quality H&A Banquet event.

The featured speaker is Stephen R. Huffman, President of ISA for 2007. Mr. Huffman is Vice President, Strategic Accounts for Mead O’Brien, Inc., located in Saint Louis, Missouri. An ISA Member since 1977, Mr. Huffman has vast experience in Section, District, Department, and Society activities, including two Executive Board terms as a District and Department Vice President. He has served as chair of numerous Society committees and task forces, including chair of the Finance Committee. In addition, Mr. Huffman is an active member in ISA’s technical Divisions, including the Chemical & Petroleum (CHEMPID), Sales & Marketing,



Power Industry (POWID), and Process Measurement & Control (PMCD) Divisions.

In recognition of his Society service, Mr. Huffman received the ISA Distinguished Society Service Award in 1999 and the “Most Effective Section President” for his leadership of the St. Louis Section in 1986.

Mr. Huffman graduated from the University of Missouri with a Bachelor of Science Degree in business administration.

Mr. Huffman will address the audience with a brief assessment of the Society’s plans and his own plans for his tenure as 2007 President.

The Section will honor an individual Society and Section Member and a local company, both of whom have demonstrated distinguished service to the Section and the Society.

The banquet will be a sit-down affair. The menu will include gumbo, salad, baked ham, side dish veggie, bread pudding, and coffee. A cash bar will open at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. The price for the H&A Banquet is \$30.00 per person.

Ormond Country Club is on the East Bank of the Mississippi River, 10 Villere Drive, Destrehan, Louisiana.

As always, the H&A Banquet is a spouse and friend event. When RSVP’ing, please use the e-mail address stated above. Please RSVP by Thursday 4 January 2007. ■

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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. Phone (504) 813 6972.

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 either e-mail or facsimile.

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President's Corner

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Dear fellow Members,

A Belated Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to Everyone!

New Year's Day marks the halfway point of our Section's operating year. Half of the meetings, half of the newsletters and half of the events are over. As you read this, our nominating committee is putting together a slate of officers for next year. Ram Ramachandran has scheduled our Honors and Awards Banquet. Bryan Pittman and I are working on the golf outing in April. Bob Deeb is scheduling a seminar on hazardous area classification to be conducted by Dave Bishop.

The Honors and Awards Banquet will be held Friday, January 5, 2007 at Ormond Country Club. See the notice on page 1 for more details.

This year's Golf Tournament will change venues. Ormond announced a major renovation of their golf course; therefore, Bryan and I have arranged this year's event to be held at Willowdale Country Club. More information will be forthcoming.

I'm proud to announce that the Section has signed the formal documents with ISA to proceed with the Donald G. Iverson Memorial Scholarship. We wrote a check for \$5,700 to the ISA Foundation Endowment fund. ISA has matched our \$5,700 with \$5,700 of their own. The next step we are working on is setting up the scholarship procedure with the University of New Orleans.

Hope to see you all at the Honors and Awards Banquet.

Barry



**New Orleans
Section**

**Meeting Minutes, Executive Board
ISA New Orleans Section, Inc.
December 5, 2006**

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

Call to Order

Barry Acosta called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The November meeting minutes were accepted with one clarification. Barry Acosta had been assigned to collect and finalize information regarding Ormond Country Club for January awards banquet. The minutes were accepted.

Agenda Adoption

The agenda was adopted without addition.

Old Business

Finance

The Treasurer, Roger Reedy, reported that he discussed with the Section's tax advisor the implications of investing Section funds in a Certificate of Deposit or another type of interest bearing account. His finding was that it is permissible to use Section monies to do so. Barry Acosta motioned, seconded by Larry Saunders, for the Treasurer to review interest rates on money market accounts at Chase and to invest up to \$10,000 into a money market account. The motion passed without objection.

Scholarship Fund

The President, Barry Acosta, and the Treasurer, Roger Reedy, executed on behalf of the Section the ISA Foundation Endowment Fund Agreement form furnished by ISA. Barry reported that he has contacted the University of New Orleans to begin the UNO scholarship process. Riley Parker was tasked to check with UNO if matching gift funds can be used to fund scholarships and to report his findings at the January Board meeting.

Hugh Roser requested a standing committee be established within the Section to continue oversight of endowment and scholarship. The committee would be made up of the President, Treasurer, and one other member.

Further discussion was held on other possible revenue sources for the scholarship fund (e.g., online newsletter advertising, golf tournament, etc.).

Education

Bob Deeb, Education Chairman, presented information on the "Area Classification" training course to be held at the Reilly Wesco training room and to be taught by Dave Bishop on 21-22 March 2007.

The price of the training course is \$400 for Members. The price for non-Members is \$485 and that fee includes a one-year membership to ISA. Terms are payment in full 30 days in advance of 21 March. Reservations made after 21 February will be accepted on a first come first served basis up to 30 attendees.

Barry Acosta accepted the Action Item to contact the Baton Rouge and Lafayette Sections to inform them of the training course.

Bob Deeb accepted the Action Item to provide Larry Iverson a description of the course for inclusion in the January newsletter.

Web Site

No report.

New Business

January Honors & Awards Meeting

The Honors and Awards Banquet will be held at Ormond Country Club in Destrehan on Friday 5 January 2007. Serving will be at 7:00 p.m. with a cash bar beginning at 6:00 p.m. Ram Ramachandran will be tasked to provide additional information regarding menu and accommodation for inclusion in the January newsletter. The Board set the price for the Honors and Awards Banquet at \$30 per person.

Next Meeting
Executive Board
Tuesday
January 9, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.
JacobsLinder 5th Floor Conference Room

Monthly Meeting Schedule

Hugh Roser volunteered to invite Stephen R. Huffman, ISA President for 2007, to attend the Honors and Awards Banquet and to address the attendees.

Golf Tournament

Barry Acosta reported that he and Bryan Pittman began a dialogue regarding possible venues for April golf tournament location. The Board also discussed the possibility of using the tournament as a means for further scholarship funding.

Election of Officers for 2007-08

The election will be conducted in March.

Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday 9 January 2007, 5:00 p.m., at the JacobsLinder 5th floor conference room.

Adjournment

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



ISA makes Standards free for ISA Members

During the Fall Leaders' Meeting and EXPO, ISA's Executive Board approved the new policy under which ISA Members will be able to download (in PDF form) any ISA standard for free as of 1 January 2007. Included in ISA's Executive Board approval of this new Member benefit is a financial commitment to support standards development, enabling the Society to continue to grow its standards programs and fund future initiatives.

ISA has traditionally invested over \$1 million per year in its industry standards development programs. The Society has typically recovered only 70 percent of that investment through the sale of standards. This additional funding commitment assures that ISA will underwrite the annual financial deficit allowing standards development to continue unabated, independent of any other Society business trends. It also adds the new benefit for the Society to provide standards at no charge to its Members. ■

ISA New Orleans Section 2006–07 Program and Meeting Schedule

Date	Topic	Speaker
Friday 5 January	Section Honors & Awards Banquet	Stephen R. Huffman, ISA President
Tuesday 6 February	Empowering the Digital Oilfield: Capitalizing on Real-Time Data and Information Smilie's Restaurant	Scott M. Shemwell, D.B.A. Strategic Decision Sciences
Tuesday 6 March	In planning Smilie's Restaurant	
Friday 20 April	In planning	
Tuesday 8 May	In planning Smilie's Restaurant	

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.

New Orleans Section to present Area Classification seminar on March 21–22

New Orleans Section will sponsor a two-day seminar covering the aspects of electrical design in hazardous locations.

Hazardous (classified) locations are defined by the National Electrical Code as locations where fire or explosion hazards may exist due to flammable gases or vapors, flammable liquids, combustible dust, or ignitable fibers or flyings. The seminar will present information on the Division and Zone classification schemes for such locations, explaining the advantages and disadvantages of each, and discuss what electrical equipment and what wiring methods are allowed by the two schemes. Emphasis will be on facilities surrounding oil and gas drilling and producing facilities. Information applicable to refineries and chemical plants also will be presented. Material presented will be from NFPA 70 (National Electrical Code), API Publications RP500, RP505, RP14, and RP14F as well as other publications by NFPA, IEEE, and ISA. Videos will supplement the oral presentation, and a class exercise will test the student's understanding of the material presented.

Upon completing the class, the student should be able to perform the following activities:

- Prepare classification drawings using both the Division and Zone classification schemes
- Specify equipment that is suitable for hazardous locations
- Specify wiring methods suitable for hazardous locations

- Inspect electrical systems installed in hazardous locations and determine if such equipment is installed properly and is suitable for the location.

The class will consist of 16 hours of class time, approximately 8 hours per day for 2 days. Attendees will be eligible for 16 Professional Development Hours (PDHs), applicable to the requirements for professional engineers in most states. Each attendee will also receive a detailed binder of all material presented for use as a personal reference.

The course will be presented by Mr. David N. Bishop, P.E. Dave is an ISA Fellow grade member, holds BS and MS Degrees in Electrical Engineering and has a lifetime of electrical engineering experience in the oil and gas industry. Dave has presented this class to other groups that have rated the course content as excellent and most appropriate.

The course will be presented March 21–22 at the Reily Electrical Supply training room at 3011 Lausat Street, Metairie, Louisiana. The enrollment fee for ISA Members is \$400.00, and \$485.00 for non-members (the latter includes ISA membership for one year) is required by February 21. Reservations made after 21 February will be accepted on a first come first served basis up to 30 attendees.

To enroll, e-mail your request for a reservation to Robert.Deeb@selu.edu. Instructions will follow via reply e-mail for fee payment. Reservations will be confirmed as the fee is received. Class size is limited to 30 attendees. ■

Announcements

Particle Measuring Systems announces Jerry Haik and acquisition of Molecular Analytics

Particle Measuring Systems announces that Jerry Haik has joined the company as Regional Industrial Accounts Manager.

Jerry, who earned his BSEE from LSU, has over 20 years experience in industrial process analyzer applications and sales. He can be reached at the following numbers: Phone (504) 733 1610; fax (504) 733 6210; cell (504) 491 4653; e-mail jhaik@pmeasuring.com.

Particle Measuring Systems also announces acquisition of Molecular Analytics. The company specializes in measuring trace/contaminant gas levels in air and process (HF, CL2, and NH3, and etc.). Its Web site is www.pmeasuring.com. ■

Dates for ISA Electronic Certification Exams

Beginning 1 January 2007, ISA Electronic Certification Exams will be available during three defined testing windows.

Prepare Now to Submit Your Application by the Deadline.

See the schedule below for electronic testing and application deadlines for each testing window.

Exam Testing Window	Exam App. Postmark Deadline
Window 1: 1 Mar.–30 Apr.....	Tuesday, 16 Jan.
Window 2: 1 Jul.–31 Aug.....	Tuesday, 15 May
Window 3: 1 Nov.–31 Dec.	Monday, 17 Sep.

Click here to review full testing window details.

Thank you for your interest in ISA certification programs. Please contact ISA Customer Service at (919) 549 8411 if you have any questions. ■

Known history of New Orleans Section's Commendation Awards

The tabulation to the right lists the history of the Section's commendation awards to individuals and companies.

The record isn't continuous.

In 1989, Section leaders prepared the Operating Procedures manual. It was revised in March 1992. The manual lists awardees starting in the Section's 1982–1983 year and finishing the 1991–92 year.

The Editor has no record of the next three years—1992–93, 1993–94, 1994–95.

The record of the next 11 years is certain.

Should any reader be able to fill in the blanks and furnish the information to the Editor, the tabulation could be updated in a subsequent issue of *The Current Pneusletter*. See page 2 for the Editor's contact information. ■

Year	Individual	Company
2005–06 ¹	Bryan Pittman	W.H. Linder and Associates
2004–05 ¹	Betty Bailliet	Rockwell Automation
2003–04 ¹	Dean Bickerton	Yokogawa Southwest
2002–03 ¹	Leo L. Holzenthal	Wilson Valve Specialties
2001–02 ¹	None	Warren Electric
2000–01 ¹	Bryan Pittman	John H. Carter Company
1999–00 ¹	None	Cytec
1998–99 ¹	Toby Miller	Waldemar S. Nelson and Co.
1997–98 ¹	Becky Bailes	Monsanto
1996–97 ¹	Larry Iverson	Shell Offshore Inc.
1995–96 ¹	Bill Godsey	Allen-Bradley Company
1994–95 ²	Unknown	Unknown
1993–94 ²	Unknown	Unknown
1992–93 ²	Unknown	Unknown
1991–92 ³	Hugh N. Roser	American Cyanamid
1990–91 ³	William R. Walvoord	Mahl and Associates, Inc.
1989–90 ³	William S. Jay	Breard-Gardner, Inc.
1988–89 ³	Donald G. Iverson	M S Benbow and Associates
1987–88 ³	Robert N. Bose	Chevron U.S.A., Inc.
1986–87 ³	None	Waldemar S. Nelson and Co.
1985–86 ³	None	Valve Actuators Co., Inc.
1984–85 ³	None	None
1983–84 ³	David N. Bishop	None
1982–83 ³	Robert M. Bailliet	None

Sources:

¹ *The Current Pneusletter*, 1995–96 through 2005–06

² No sources available

³ Operating Procedures, 5 Dec. 1989, revised 10 Mar. 1992

