



Setting the Standard for Automation

New Orleans Section

November 2008
The Current Pnewsletter

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Next Section Meeting

Date November 18, 2008
Place Smilie's Restaurant
Harahan, Louisiana
Time Open at 6:00 p.m.
Serving at 6:30 p.m.
Price Admission \$25 per person
RSVP Please send email to:
isa_neworleans@yahoo.com
Type your name, quantity in party

Please RSVP by Monday November 17th

ISA New Orleans Section 2008-2009

New Year

We would like to welcome everyone back to the ISA New Orleans Section for the new section year. We anticipate a great year and encourage everyone to participate and help expand our local chapter. We ask you to share and distribute the invitations to our monthly dinner meetings as well as our many other section events. We will have a schedule of events posted in the December newsletter. Welcome back!

The following are your elected officials for the
ISA New Orleans Section 2008-2009 year:

President—Henry Suthon
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Treasurer—Roger Reedy

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Dear ISA Members,

I would like to thank you for this opportunity to serve as your 2008 - 2009 ISA New Orleans Section President. I look forward to continuing the work of the Past ISA New Orleans Section President, Larry Saunders. Larry and other section board members and volunteers worked hard over the previous year to build up the Section and continue the recovery begun by Barry Acosta and his board. I would like to thank them all for the hard work, camaraderie, and dedication during the past year. As many members probably already know, the ISA Council of Delegates met recently to vote on several issues. Most noticeable among the issues is the changing of the ISA name to the International Society of Automation. Although the word instrumentation is no longer explicitly part of the name, instrumentation is implicitly in the meaning of ISA. Instrumentation has been and will be at the core of ISA's identity, mission, and values.

International reflects the historical growth and global nature of our organization. The word Society has been brought back into the name reflecting that our organization is an association of technical individuals. Automation requires system components that sense process states, measure physical (and virtual) values, and control actuators to manipulate the plant processes. Instruments provide these functions and are an integral foundation to process automation. The name has changed to reflect a global technical community, but our identity remains amidst the growth.

Storms may have delayed our annual shrimp boil, but the efforts of Roger Reedy, Ram Ramachandran, and other volunteers produced a successful event at the Monsanto Picnic Grounds. I would also like to thank all of the companies involved for their participation and support.

I thank the current section officers and volunteers for their time and efforts. I welcome your comments, suggestions, and questions.

Sincerely,

Henry Suthon

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Articles & Announcements

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Submit an article or announcement for *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 to anna.schindler@awc-inc.com.

**Meeting Minutes, Executive Board
ISA New Orleans Section, Inc.
June 10, 2008**

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| Mike Benbow | Henry Suthon | Bob Deep |
| Larry Saunders | Toby Miller | Roger Reedy |
| Fawad Javed | Anna Schindler | Beth Walker |

Call to Order

Larry Saunders called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Agenda Adoption

Toby Miller made a motion to adopt the agenda. Henry Sutton seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

No comments on minutes from May's 2008 Board Meeting
District Leadership Conference – June 20-22, 2008

Larry Saunders directed that a decision must be made on who will attend. Henry Sutton and Fawad Javed were nominated to attend. With no quorum, this will have to be voted on via email.

New Business

General Summary and Recommendations

Larry Saunders presented the many successes of the New Orleans ISA Section this term and provided recommendations for this next term. Reference the President's State of the Section Message

Education Chair Report:

Bob Deeb discussed George McMillan presenting another seminar on continuous process control and also continuing with the Electrical Hazard Course. Monsanto and Cytec were listed as possible locations for these courses. Other suggestions were to provide a four night class on NEC focusing on trades rather than engineers, focus on instrumentation, automation, and safety instrumented systems. Toby Miller pointed out that there is a need to find a niche that serves the community which is not necessarily profitable.

Membership Update:

It was emphasized the importance of an up-to-date list for the ISA Pnewsletter. Non-members should be encouraged to attend meeting and receive the Pnewsletter. National has a non-member list. Fawad Javed will assist with scanning in database and having it ready for next year. Larry Saunders suggested to BCC all non-members and members in the Pnewsletter distribution. Henry Sutton cautioned that many corporate email servers may block this email as a source of SPAM, due to the number of individuals carbon copied.

Pnewsletter:

It was determined that return address is required. An informal letter to update members over the summer was suggested. Anna Schindler provided idea to include a technical topic of the month.

Program Chair Report:

Toby Miller reported that two speakers have been lined up for next year. Topics included safety instrument systems and network security firewall.

New Orleans Section History:

Larry Saunders reported that Hugh Roser and Bob Bishop may assist updating the "ABOUT US" tab on the website.

Adjournment

Larry Saunders adjourned the meeting at 5:55 P.M.

**Meeting Minutes, Executive Board
ISA New Orleans Section, Inc.
September 30, 2008**

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| Larry Saunders | Toby Miller | Beth Walker |
| Larry Iverson | Anna Schindler | |
| Henry Suthon | Bobby Esler | |

Call to Order

Henry Suthon called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Agenda Adoption

With no quorum, all present agreed on agenda.

Old Business

Secretary Report:

Beth Walker reported that the June 2008 meeting minutes were delayed, but will be distributed for approval and placed in October newsletter.

New Orleans Section Exhibit PDH Certificates:

Henry Suthon reported that the PDH certificates from the Exhibit need to be distributed. Sign-In sheets will be sent to Henry Suthon and then forwarded to Bobby Esler to handle distribution.

New Business

Membership Chair:

Henry Suthon introduced the new membership chair, Bobby Esler. There were discussions on how to best handle the mailing list of the newsletter. Larry Saunders volunteered to work with Bobby Esler on the updated email list.

Program Chair Report:

Toby Miller reported that a speaker has been lined up for November. December will be a non-technical speaker.

Section's P.O. Box:

Henry Suthon will be given the key to the Section's P.O. Box. Secretary of State, Louisiana:

Larry Iverson inquired about status of the section with Louisiana's Secretary of State.

IRS Filings:

Need to verify that annual tax return was filed.

Website Update:

Larry Saunders reported that Dave Bishop provided the information for the "About Us Tab". This will be provided to Mike Pershall.

Annual Seafood Boil:

This is scheduled for October 24, 2008. Henry Suthon will follow up with Ram to confirm location and price.

2008 Council of Society Delegates:

Henry Suthon will decide on a delegate to attend this Council meeting in Houston. Several members will be attending, regardless.

Don Iverson Scholarship Update – Larry Iverson / Henry Suthon

Beth Walker to verify in past minutes about contributing to principle with ISA match.

Henry Suthon will send email vote requesting \$1000 scholarship per Barry's email.

Training:

Beth Walker reported company interest in the local ISA training courses.

Adjournment

Henry Suthon adjourned the meeting at 6:00 P.M.

ISA New Orleans Section 2007–08 Program and Meeting Schedule

| Date | Topic | Speaker |
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| Tuesday, November 18 | Understanding and Managing the Arc-Flash Hazard | Larry Saunders Eaton Electrical/Cutler-Hammer |
| <i>The following meeting dates for the new year are yet to be determined.</i> | | |

Guest speaker, **Larry Saunders**, will discuss Understanding and Managing the Arc-Flash Hazard. Topics will include:

- Incidence of Faults.
- Short Circuit Capacity
- High level vs. Low Level Faults
- Equipment Protection.
- Arc-Faults and PPE
- New Technologies.
- MCC arc-flash mitigation enhancements

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 is currently Past-President of The New Orleans Section.

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

He served as one of the co-authors of the API Standards RP14F and RP14FZ (Electrical Standards for Off-shore 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 currently serves as National Chair of the IEEE-IAS- PCIC Production Subcommittee and on the National PCIC Executive Committee. 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.



Report on 2008 ISA Council of Society Delegates Meeting Houston, Texas October 13, 2008

The annual meeting of the ISA Council of Society Delegates (CSD) was held in Houston, Texas, on Monday, October 13, 2008. A quorum was present, so normal business was conducted.

The Chair, 2008 President Kim Miller Dunn, recognized the 2008 recipients of ISA service awards. Then, the Council elected the following slate of officers to take office on January 1, 2009:

- Society President-elect Secretary – Nelson Ninin
- Society Treasurer – Terry Ives
- Automation & Technology Department Vice President-elect – Randy Buchanan
- Industries & Sciences Department Vice President-elect – Thomas Devine
- Publications Department Vice President-elect – Eoin O’Riain (pronounced Owen O’Ree-an)
- Standards & Practices Department Vice President-elect – Donald Dunn

Next, the CSD voted to change the name of the Society to “International Society of Automation.” This change takes effect immediately. It retains the abbreviation, ISA, but simplifies the explanation of what ISA stands for. If the legal name of the New Orleans Section is “ISA New Orleans Section,” there is no need to change the legal name of the Section.

The CSD approved a change in the annual dues level for regular members from \$85 to \$100. However, the higher dues level includes free membership in two Divisions: one in the A&T Department and one in the I&S Department.

Next, the CSD approved a reduction of the section rebate from 20% to 15% of dues. This action does not lower the effective dues rebate to the Section, because the sharing of the rebate with the District has been eliminated. The District will now be fully funded by the Society.

The Chair introduced members of the various governing Boards of ISA, recognized retiring officers, and then transferred the gavel to next year’s president, Gerald Cockrell.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert M. Bailliet, PE
Acting Delegate, New Orleans Section

Announcements

Please submit any announcements via email to Anna Schindler at anna.schindler@awc-inc.com.