

Meeting Minutes – SESHHA Hill Country Chapter Meeting – September 28th 2006.

The Texas Hill Country Chapter of SESHHA held its third quarter meeting on Thursday, September 28th, hosted by Freescale Semiconductor. 24 people, mainly from the greater Austin area attended, with our longest traveler coming from Lubbock.

The meeting started with self introductions from attendees, and introductions of the chapter officers and the steering committee members. Current chapter officers are:

President: David Sexton

Vice President: Steve Trammell

Membership / Communications: Ed McCarthy

Activities Chairperson: Tiffany Ashwell

Secretary: Steve Trammell (acting)

Treasurer: Ed McCarthy (acting)

We are excited to announce that Tiffany Ashwell from URS Corporation volunteered to assume the role of activities chairperson, and is a very welcome addition to our officer staff. Two officer positions remain open (Secretary and Treasurer). Anyone interested in one of these rewarding positions can contact any of the chapter officers for more information.

Continuing education credits are available for attendees (BCSP, ABIH, PE) and attendance certification can be requested through Ed McCarthy.

The treasury report was presented. Our chapter currently has approximately \$2200 reserved by SESHHA National for our use. Most of this is a result of the 2005 mini-conference proceeds, from which a portion was earmarked for our chapter. Prospective uses for this money are scholarships and education support. Chapter members are encouraged to submit ideas for disposition of these funds, as we will want to identify an opportunity or two shortly after our next mini-conference.

Laurie Beu, our 2007 Mini-conference chairperson, presented an update on the conference planning activities. The conference date is set for Tuesday, February 27th, 2007. The location will be the same as in 2005, at the Freescale facility on Parmer Lane. The format will include a morning plenary session with 4 speakers and 2 concurrent tracks in the afternoon, each having two sessions. The sessions will be Safety & Risk Management, Environmental, IH & OHR, and Sustainability. Additional details and registration information regarding the mini-conference will be distributed soon.

David Sexton, Chapter President, presented highlight of the Regions/Chapters teleconference. The key topic of discussion was chapter expectation and goals from National. The draft chapter expectations are:

- All chapter officers' current SESHHA members.
- Chapter Presidents responsible to develop and implement chapter activities.

- Chapter Presidents establish and lead Chapter Steering Committee.
- Chapter officers (at least one) participate in three of the four Regions/Chapters meetings.
- Chapter Presidents provide on-time completion of quarterly reports to Region Director.
- Chapter has “web contact” responsible for updating chapter information quarterly on SESHAs web site.

Draft goals from National are:

- Each Chapter to hold four meetings per year, with one that can be a mini-conference.
- Each Chapter to sponsor one mini-conference per year.
- Each Chapter to increase membership by five percent annually.

Discussion from the membership ensued, with the following key discussion points.

- Because of the significant volunteer effort needed to organize a mini-conference, it was suggested that the annual goal be adjusted to be every two years. There is a risk that due to resource limitations, speaker availability and limited subject matter, an annual conference may not successfully draw an adequate audience. Another suggestion was that regionally close Chapters (such as Hill Country and North Texas), hold their mini-conferences in alternate years, thereby increasing the potential that they can draw attendance and speakers from both Chapters.
- Staffing of EHS professionals within semiconductor companies has been in a general decline for several years; therefore increasing membership may be a significant challenge, if not impossible. One idea presented was for SESHAs to consider expanding its membership scope beyond just the semiconductor industry, and look to attract members from other “high tech” industry companies (such as Dell, Sun Microsystems, etc.).

David will present this feedback to National.

Two presentations were given, and SESHAs members can access these at the website: <http://www.seshaonline.org/regions/ssatexashillc/products.htm>. The presentations were:

“Freescale Regulatory and Governmental Affairs, An Organizational Overview and Key Issues”, presented by Fritz Fielding, Director, Regulatory and Governmental Affairs, Freescale Semiconductor.

“Plug-in-Partners”, presented by Mark Kapner, P.E., Senior Strategy Planner, Austin Energy.

The final meeting of the year will be held in December and will likely be our year-end social. Final date/time and location is currently being discussed and an announcement will be forthcoming.