New Mexico Chapter

The New Mexico Chapter had a busy summer. First, we elected Chapter officers in July: Warner Talso, President; Bill Harwood, Vice President; and Scott Smith, Treasurer. Appointed chairs are Steve Seiffert, newsletter and Dan Aranda, membership. We look forward to an active year with this group. Chapter goals include a strong meeting and speaker program, emphasis on the Chapter newsletter, and involvement of new members from the Conference.

The N.M. Chapter was well represented at the last ISSC. Eight current Chapter members and seven new associate members were present. Leadership roles at the Conference included Stacey Durham Medina as Conference Treasurer and Conference Co-Chair, Steve Mattern as Co-Master of Ceremonies for the Awards Luncheon, and Darrell Stokes as Director of Conferences and consulting member to the Conference committee.

Two tutorials were also presented:
- “Readiness Review Process Overview,” presented by Stacey Durham Medina and Dr. Caren Wenner (Assoc. Member)
- “Human Factors Engineering,” presented by Dr. Caren Wenner and Stacey Durham Medina

There were also three papers from our International N.M. Chapter Members:
- “Project Management for Transport Accidents with Hazardous Items Response,” by German Smirnov, Tatiana Kozhina and A. Petrov
- “Are There Enhanced Safety Concerns Given the Current Economic Climate?” by Malcolm Jones

N.M. Chapter members also received awards:
- Stacey Durham Medina — President’s Award
- Darrell Stokes — President’s Award
- Alexey Sokovishin — Best Paper Award

Congratulations to all and thanks for a job well done.

Saguaro Chapter

About one third of the Saguaro Chapter attended the 2010 ISSC conference in Minneapolis. It was the first time many members met in person. Like many chapters, the Saguaro chapter is geographically spread out.

A joint Chapter meeting with the Sierra High Desert Chapter, Washington DC Chapter and several other chapters was held during the Conference.

Since then, the Chapter has kicked off the 2010-2011 year with a leadership meeting, which offered an opportunity to flow ideas gleaned at the pre-Conference Executive Council meeting to Chapter leadership. These ideas were used as a springboard for the upcoming year. One of the goals outlined during the Chapter leadership planning meeting is to develop and send out a membership survey asking about meeting preferences and how the leadership team can take steps to improve
the Chapter. We thank Amanda Boysun, Saguaro Chapter secretary, for facilitating this survey.

The chapter will also divert its energy to planning next year's Conference. The countdown has begun for the 29th International System Safety Conference, which will be held at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, Nevada August 8-12, 2011. The theme for 2011 is "Don't Gamble With Safety," and the Conference team is led by Rene Fitzpatrick. More information will follow as details are developed. We look forward to a successful 29th ISSC. Remember, it is not too early to write papers for submittal for the 2011 Conference. We look forward to seeing you next year.

Sierra High Desert Chapter (SHDC)

The Sierra High Desert Chapter had a great showing at this year's Conference in Minneapolis, with a total of 18 members attending. Two of our members, Chapter President Stephan Bussell and Ken Chirkis served as session chairs, and John Leipper hosted a roundtable entitled "Off the Record," and served as one of the facility co-chairs. By attending the outstanding tutorials, several members were able to obtain CEU credits.

Jerry Banister, Chapter founder and membership chair — who is also the Director of Chapter Services for the Society — presented the Chapter of the Year Award during the banquet. Steve Schiavone was the lucky recipient of a door prize, along with Ken Chirkis, whose name was drawn for the submarine from General Dynamics. We were also fortunate enough to come together with the Washington DC Chapter and hold a joint chapter meeting/social that was well attended. In preparation for the 29th ISSC next year, Steve Bussell and Ken Chirkis made a site visit to the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Tennessee Valley Chapter (TVC)

The Tennessee Valley Chapter won the Chapter of the Year Award, and the plaque will be rotated through the companies that provide support to the Society. Several TVC members were recognized: Rhonda Barnes received the National Society President's Award, David West received the National Manager of the Year Award and John Frost received the National Professional Development Award. David West and Bill Pottratz were upgraded to Fellow members. Phil Eder was presented the Huntsville Association of Technical Societies' (HATS) Professional of the Year Award.

On September 15, 2010, Steve Hosner, QinetiQ-NA, presented a brief titled "System and System Safety Engineering: Complementary Disciplines" to 18 members and three guests.

Washington DC (WDC) Chapter

Dr. Kady presented his research in emergency evacuation modeling and safety during our Chapter Meeting on August 12 at URS in Dahlgren, VA.
A joint chapter meeting with the Sierra High Desert Chapter and several other chapters was held during the 28th ISSC. WDC Oktoberfest was held in Fredericksburg, VA on October 22, 2010.

The Chapter also completed officer nominations at the end of October and election results will be available soon.