



ANS-SR TECHNICAL MEETING JANUARY 10, 2018

Location: Newberry Hall
117 Newberry St SW
Aiken, SC 29801
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Attendance: 72

Presenter: ANS National President Bob Coward

Tonight's speaker was 2017-2018 ANS National President Bob Coward, head of consulting firm MPR, who spoke about "*Nuclear Power Looking Forward: The Opportunity and the Implications*". Bob is long time commercial nuclear expert, having worked in some capacity at or for every nuclear power plant in the U.S. and a number of foreign plants.

Tonight's event was jointly hosted with CNTA and had a different format than usual. The typical dinner was replaced with heavy hors d'oeuvres. The typical table setting was replaced by a social setting with standing tables, allowing members to network and mingle. The cost was also lower than other events coming in at a mere \$25 (with a 20% discount for students, educators, and retirees).

The crowd numbered about 72 at Newberry Hall in Aiken, South Carolina. "*Nuclear Power Looking Forward: The Opportunity and the Implications*" highlighted the current energy situation in the U.S. where the energy markets are at a crossroads with significant disruption and serious questions regarding the direction forward. The role of nuclear power is a critical element of those decisions. He discussed the current situation, the role of nuclear power contributions in meeting "decarbonization" objectives, the overall opportunity in front of us, and the resulting implications as they relate to nuclear power in the U.S. and worldwide.

Coward's conclusion: things are not so good right now in the nuclear industry, but the immediate future is very promising.

Additionally a moment was taken from tonight's meeting to recognize last year's winners of the Benjamin Scholarship.



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