The annual election of Trinity Section officers and executive committee members is underway. Please cast your ballot by 8 April 2013. Only members in good standing (members whose dues are current, plus emeritus and student members) are eligible to vote. If you need to renew your membership, please visit the Join page of our web site (URL above). If you are in good standing and did not receive a ballot, please contact our Secretary, C.J. Solomon, 505-695-8820, clell.solomon@gmail.com.

May 2013 Dinner Meeting

The May 2013 ANS Trinity Section dinner meeting with speaker will be held on 3 May at the National Museum of Nuclear Science & History, 601 Euclid Blvd SE, Albuquerque. The speaker will be Donald R. Hoffman, ANS Vice President / President-Elect, speaking on ANS Vision, Small Modular Reactors, and other Nuclear Science and Technology Topics. Dinner will be catered by The Cooperage. Attendees will also have exclusive access to the exhibits of the Museum for the evening. The Museum will open at 5:30 pm for the event. There will be a social hour beginning at 6:00 pm, dinner at 7:00 pm and presentation beginning at 7:45 pm. At this meeting, we will also honor this year’s recipients of ANS Silver (25-year) and Gold (50-year) membership certificates. For additional information, and to sign up for the meeting, please visit the Calendar page of our web site.

Fundraising Initiative

For 2013, the Section goal is to raise $3,000 for additional student assistance (small scholarships, assistance for participation in ANS student and professional meetings, and small subsidies for Student Section activities). Funds raised by membership dues and hosting ANS meetings do not go as far as the Section would like in support of these activities. Therefore, we are embarking on a fundraising campaign to expand our student assistance program. If you can lend your support, please visit our Fundraising page for additional information about the program and about making a donation. Also, at this time of year when a number of our employers are collecting information about volunteer activity participation during 2012, please keep ANS Trinity Section, a registered 501(c)(3) corporation, in mind as a possible recipient of your employer’s contribution.

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Public Information

ANS Trinity Section was a repeat recipient of the ANS Best Small Section Public Information award in 2012. Various public outreach activities are described on our Calendar and on our Public Information & Outreach web pages. Your participation in any of these activities is always welcome. Please contact our Public Information Chair, Allison Miller, 505-845-3684, admille@sandia.gov, to offer your assistance with any of our programs. Trinity Section is also a member activity of Volunteer Match (www.volunteermatch.org), through which other individuals can express interest in participating in our activities … and don’t forget, hours you spend on Trinity Section activities can be counted toward employee volunteer hours to earn employer contributions.

UNM Student Section Update

The UNM ANS Student Section is sending 13 undergraduates to the ANS Student Conference at MIT 5-7 April 2013. Ten of the 13 had papers accepted for presentation. Most papers focused on reactor design and thorium fuel cycles, but a couple of students also worked in the arena of health physics and thermal hydraulics. The Student Section would like to thank ANS Trinity’s members for their continued generous support, which has made it possible on multiple occasions for more students to be able to present their work in an academic environment. Posters presented at the MIT conference will be displayed at the May Trinity Section Dinner Meeting and the students will be available to discuss their work.