The results of the Spring 2014 Trinity Section election are in: Bill Flor (LANL) was elected Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect (for his second time around); Kimberly (Clark) Klain (LANL) was appointed to fill the last year of CJ Solomon’s term as Secretary; Pat McDaniel (UNM) was appointed to fill the last year of Tom Conboy’s term as Treasurer. CJ Solomon (LANL) and Ed Blandford (UNM) were elected to 3-year At-Large positions. Also, Mario Ortega was elected as the new UNM Student Section President. Please see the complete 2014-15 Board contact listing below.

Election Results

Sept 2014 Dinner Meeting

The 12 September 2014 ANS Trinity Section quarterly dinner meeting at the Courtyard by Marriott in Santa Fe featured Alan Carr, the current LANL Historian, who gave a spirited and informative presentation about The British Mission at Los Alamos. While his main emphasis was on the British participation at LANL, he also discussed some of the other foreign national contributors to the physics advances of the day and to the key technical discoveries made and wartime solutions developed at the Laboratory. In his conclusion, he recapped his presentation with an Epilogue along the lines of “Where are they now?” or “What happened to them after the main war effort came to a conclusion?”

May 2014 Dinner Meeting

The May 2014 ANS Trinity Section dinner meeting at the National Museum of Nuclear Science & History in Albuquerque was a great success. Dr. Michaelie (Mikey) Brady Raap, ANS Vice President / President-Elect, entertained and informed us with her presentation US DOE Laboratories and the Remediation of Fukushima Dai-Ichi. No ANS Silver (25-year) or Gold (50-year) membership certificates were due to be presented this year. Two student scholarships were presented, the newly elected Executive Committee members were introduced (see above article), a selection of the UNM student poster sessions which had been presented at the 2014 ANS Student Conference at Penn State were mounted for display during the evening, and the Museum was open for our exclusive use.

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Fundraising

Trinity Section’s fundraising initiative focuses on providing more assistance to our students—supporting their participation in the ANS national student meetings, supporting Student Section social events, paying for expenses incurred during outreach activities, and providing several small scholarships. Two student scholarships of $500.00 each were awarded during our May dinner meeting, and several students were partially sponsored to the ANS national student meeting at Penn State. Please see our fundraising / donation page (at http://local.ans.org/trinity/fundraising.html) for more information.

Next Dinner Meeting 7 Nov

The next Section dinner meeting with speaker will be on 7 Nov at the Courtyard by Marriot, Santa Fe, and is a joint meeting with our colleagues from Southwest Regional Chapter of INMM. Our speaker will be Dr. Brian D. Boyer, International Safeguards Project Leader, Nuclear Engineering and Nonproliferation Division, LANL. His topic is directly from today’s headlines: Gas Centrifuge Technology: Proliferation Concerns and International Safeguards. On-line signups are accepted until 3 Nov via our “Calendar” page.

Renew Section Membership

It’s membership renewal time! All renewals after 1 Nov run through the following calendar year. Annual dues are $15. Student and Emeritus members do not need to pay dues. We ask that everyone complete a Membership Form (see our “Join” page) to confirm your contact information. At the bottom of the form, please tell us about your interests in the Section and provide any suggestions you may have for 2015 programs and activities.