



Core Happenings

News from the Pittsburgh Local Section of the ANS

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About Core Happenings

Core Happenings, the newsletter of the Pittsburgh Local Section of the American Nuclear Society (ANS), was created to consistently inform others about recent Pittsburgh Local Section news, events and member achievements.

The left-hand column of the newsletter provides the editor's contact information and links to the National and Pittsburgh Local Section of the ANS web sites. It also identifies the Pittsburgh Local Section officers and committees. The body of the newsletter will feature active member question and answer interviews, messages from the Pittsburgh Local Section chair, scholarship information, outreach event highlights, and other timely news that is related to the Pittsburgh Local Chapter.

Readers are welcome to submit ideas and articles, as well as any feedback, via email to Shannon Farr, the Local Pittsburgh Chapter Communications Committee chair, at farrsl@westinghouse.com. Interested persons can also contact Shannon to request copies of articles and pictures for use in affiliated publications.

Please feel free to forward this to anyone who you think may be interested in our news. Thank you for your readership!

Meet the 2013 Pittsburgh Local Section Chair



Tyler Crummy, of Westinghouse Electric Company, is the 2013 Pittsburgh Local Section chair. Tyler has provided leadership in N-Vision, Westinghouse's community outreach program, and he is a founding member and the current president of the Westinghouse Toastmasters Club. Tyler is also the professional development officer of the North American Young Generation in Nuclear (NAYGN). Tyler joined the ANS in 2011. We asked him a few questions to get to know him a little better.

What is your vision for the future of the Pittsburgh Local Section?

Our Pittsburgh Section will be the recognized credible advocate for advancing and promoting nuclear science and technology, as well as professional development. New members will want to join for its opportunities to engage the public, and to improve their knowledge, skills, and abilities within the nuclear field.

Why did you decide to take on the chair position?

I want to build upon the success that the current executive committee has established. We already offer a brilliant dinner lecture series, as well as frequent events for membership recruitment/retention and public outreach. I would like to better engage new members through formal recognition at events, and by making information about the history and mission of the ANS available to them. I also have a plan for how to effectively manage the executive committee.

How has joining the ANS contributed to your professional development?

Through networking and access to information. Our program events have given me the opportunity to meet and learn from other nuclear professionals. The monthly publications and lecture events keep me up-to-date on the latest news in nuclear, so that I can accurately inform my friends, family, and the public.

How has your active membership in Toastmasters, NAYGN, the ANS and the N-Vision program developed you professionally, and how will your acquired skills and knowledge contribute to your Pittsburgh Section leadership?

Through the N-Vision program, I have given dozens of presentations

Scholarships

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on engineering, electricity, and nuclear technology in high schools, middle schools, and elementary schools. While preparing to explain the basics of these topics to students, I have learned to frame the discussion in a way that the general public can understand. As a member and leader in Toastmasters, I have learned how to efficiently and effectively run an organization. I will apply these lessons to my leadership with ANS.

What are your hobbies outside of your membership with the ANS?

Teaching is my passion, and music is my outlet. Few things are as fulfilling as helping someone grasp a new concept. Few things are as relaxing as playing the piano. And if anyone wants to learn how to play guitar, I would be happy to lend one to you.



Local Pittsburgh Chapter Participates in Networking Event with Pitt Student Section

Westinghouse employees who are members of the Pittsburgh Local Section participated in a networking event with the newly chartered University of Pittsburgh Student Section at Hemingway's Café in Oakland. The purpose of this social event was to establish a mentoring relationship between local professional members of the ANS and the University of Pittsburgh undergraduate and graduate students.



Student and professional members of the ANS pictured networking at Hemingway's.

"Establishing a mentor relationship between professional and student members of the ANS plays a vital role in the ANS as a whole," said Dr. Rita Bowser, Westinghouse vice president, ANS patron, and advisor to the Local Section executive committee. "The ANS members' enthusiasm and willingness to share, experiences, information, and ideas in two-way relationships with each other lay a foundation for our interactions with the public. The public interactions are then a keystone in our ability to shape and sustain the future of the nuclear energy industry. The upside for us is meaningful careers, whilst contributing to society."

During the event, student and professional members of the ANS shared appetizers, established new contacts and exchanged ideas regarding the nuclear industry. Professional members used the event as an opportunity to tell new student members what it's like to work in the nuclear industry.

"As a young professional, I rely on many of the relationships I've made through ANS to enrich my experience and guide my career. It's extremely rewarding to have an opportunity to have that same impact on a college student or new professional," said Gale Hauck, of Nuclear Fuels and chairman for the Pittsburgh Local Section. Gale is also the current chair of the ANS Young Members Group (YMG).

At an event sponsored by the Pittsburgh Local Section in March 2012, ANS President Eric Loewen presented the University of Pittsburgh Student Section with their charter. Westinghouse members of the ANS encouraged the establishment of this charter, and they are excited to also support the nuclear engineering undergraduate and graduate programs that enabled the Student Section to be formed. The networking event at Hemingway's was a great way to show the support that Westinghouse has for these students.

"It is nice to see young professionals so excited about the nuclear industry, and passing along that enthusiasm to us students," said Rita Patel, a doctorate student of materials science at the University and the Student Section president. "It's also very helpful to hear about what engineers in the nuclear industry achieve after they're out of school."

How to Join the ANS

Now is an exciting time to be part of the ANS, and the Pittsburgh Local Section is welcoming new members!

The core purpose of the ANS is to promote the awareness and understanding of the application of nuclear science and technology. As an ANS member, you can serve the nuclear community by creating a forum for sharing information and advancements in technology, and by engaging the public and policymakers through communication outreach.

To learn more about the ANS or to join the Local Pittsburgh Section, contact Gale Hauck at hauckge@westinghouse.com.

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