



Long Range Planning: Your Ideas Will be Heard

Our 202nd ECS meeting in Salt Lake City was a resounding success! Special thanks to all of you who organized, ran, or participated in the technical symposia and committee meetings. About 1,350 people were in attendance. It was a meeting in perhaps the best hotel facility we have ever had. Our professional staff from Pennington did an exceptional job, as usual, to ensure that all aspects of the meeting ran smoothly. Thank you one and all!

In addition to technical symposia, Society and Division committee meetings on all topics of concern to a professional organization, were held from Sunday through Thursday. They discussed publications, finance, honors & awards, education, membership, and symposium planning, to mention just a few. A lively breakfast meeting of our *ad hoc* Long Range Planning Committee (LRP Committee) provided an energetic start for this newly formed group. Their charge is to assess the current state of ECS functions and operations, and propose actions that should be taken by ECS to enhance its role as a professional society. Their task is both exciting and daunting as we become more international in our membership. In addition, lean economic times make it increasingly difficult for industrial members to actively participate. We look to this diverse and enthusiastic group to suggest the creative vision ECS needs at this time.

The LRP Committee is designed to represent all ECS members, and to reach independent conclusions regarding actions that will best serve Society members in our ever-changing environment. They have begun gathering ideas, and will prioritize topic areas for in-depth analyses, and finally, suggest action plans for implementation. Subcommittees requiring more volunteers will undoubtedly be needed for examination of high-priority topics, and we hope that you will agree to serve if asked.

We need everyone's ideas! Please give our future some thought, and contact any of the committee members listed below concerning your visions of ECS's future. Their telephone numbers and e-mail addresses can be found in the member directory on the ECS website.

ECS Long Range Planning Committee Members October 2002

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It was great seeing many of you in Salt Lake City, and I hope to visit with even more of you at the Society's spring meeting in Paris during the week of April 27 - May 2, 2003. ■

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