



AMERICAN NUCLEAR SOCIETY OPERATIONS & POWER DIVISION

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OPD NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Right about now, over 4000 members of the Operations and Power Division should be reading this newsletter. Quite an impressive force in the aggregate. Many more than it took to form the United States of America over 200 years ago. Four thousand professionals who believe in their hearts and souls that Nuclear Power is good. Four thousand spokesmen & women who have credible influence over many more thousands of family, friends, and acquaintances. Who then are millions of informed believers that the time is now to proclaim the inevitable fact that Nuclear Power is the only non polluting, sustainable energy source for the planet earth. Nuclear Power is good: good for the environment, good for economic development, good for the quality of life, and good for all people.

My message to all of you is to get active and promote Nuclear Power, now! The time is right. The current energy conditions are a stark reality that helps Jane & John Public understand what the options and realities are. I urge you to write letters and emails to your representatives and editors, campaign for a sustainable future, and correct the misstatements. How many times do we see junk science spew from the mouths of self proclaimed experts? Don't leave it unchallenged. Go get'em!

I recently received a letter from this years Zinn Awardee, Dr. Bill Stratton, who wanted my advice on his draft letter to the editor of the New York Times in which he refutes false allegations and errors which were published in a May 2001 "perspective" article. Dr. Bill is eminently qualified as an expert on Nuclear Power, the least of his credentials being a key technical member of the "President's Commission on the Accident at Three Mile Island". I am humbled that he asks my opinion. You want my advice? Go get'em Dr. Bill! Layout the facts in a set of simple statements and challenge them to get it right the next time (as it is their duty under the first amendment to our U.S. Constitution to publish truths). The biggest question I have over Dr. Stratton's letter is why it took a 20 year retired member of our industry, who lives 2000 miles away from New York, to take up the cause to refute this article? Come on you easterners, let's stay in the game here.

On the subject of easterners, you have no doubt seen or heard our former ANS President, Dr. Andy Kadak, as he touts the benefits of the Pebble Bed reactors. Go get'em Andy! This is a tremendous effort by one individual to get the message out that we all need to be spreading: "Nuclear Power is Good!" If we had 4000 Andy Kadak's touting Nuclear Power, there would be waiting lines at the suppliers' offices.

So my message is simple, spread the word, "Nuclear Power is Good!"

Rich St. Onge, OPD Chair
P.O. 128, San Clemente, CA 92675

INVITATION 11/2001 OPD MEETINGS IN RENO

Join us at our winter meetings in Reno, NV:

- Executive Committee meeting, Sunday, 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Program Committee meeting, Sunday, 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- UWC Technical Program Committee meeting, Sunday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

(by Bruce Guilbeault)

The last six months have been exciting. We have added a number of new members to the Program Committee of the OPD. This new blood has helped to stimulate a great program for Reno in November. We have also developed a great set of sessions for the Hollywood, Florida meeting in June 2002. Ideas are needed for the Washington DC meeting in November 2002. We will be planning for that in Reno this November. You can be an active member of the committee even without attending the planning meetings. Send you ideas for sessions to Bruce Guilbeault or Mark Reinhart. If you are able to identify the people who can present the papers and help stimulate them to do so, then we can build off the success of the current great programs.

I want to identify those new members as well as identify a couple of members who have done a lion's share of making the committee a successful and rewarding place to continue professional activities. First of all Sophie Gutner has brought a large number of new members to the committee. If you haven't figured it out yet, Sophie is the lady who acts as our Webmaster, is responsible for the newsletter and well on the track to be the Chair of the division. Her energy is catching so beware if she calls, she will find a way that you can help the Society and the Division. Mark Reinhart is the Assistant Chair of the Program committee. He has been invaluable in developing sessions and organizing the program at the paper review. Helping Mark has been Donna Skay. Donna is a new member of the committee and has dug in with her sessions at national meetings and the UWC and paper review sessions. The other new members are Sama Bilbo y Leon, Roger Gayley, Mary Warren, James Roland, Wayne Nixon, Bill Keyworth, and Sean O'Kelly. If I have forgotten anyone please let me know as I want to

ensure we recognize and support each member. If you know some of these individuals let them know that their work is helping the Society as well as all of our professional development. I also understand that the UWC 2002 is looking for help with the program and the next meeting.

(By Sophie Gutner)

As seasoned- OPD members, you already know what the Program Committee represents. For our new members, here is a short summary. The Program Committee, under the chairmanship of Bruce Guilbeault and Mark Reinhart, selects topics of interest to ANS and OPD members covering a wide range of issues. It also works closely with other Divisions to jointly sponsor complementary sessions. Once the topics are identified, ANS publishes a general Call for Papers for each meeting and encourages any interested party to submit summaries of papers describing work that is significant and relevant to the nuclear industry. Members of the OPD Program Committee are also responsible for inviting speakers as experts for selected sessions.

It is already time to think about registering to attend the 2001 Winter Meeting in Reno, Nevada (November 11-15). All the information you will need is available at <http://www.ans.org/meetings/winter/>. **Remember to sign up as MENTORS** to help the new ANS members or students in learning about the Society; this is a very important role that each of you can play. Look for the Registration form in the Meeting Preliminary Program (also available on the Internet).

For the June 9-13, 2002 Hollywood, Florida meeting ("The Revival of the Nuclear Energy Option"), the Program Committee is currently working on the following sessions:

- Early site permits.
- Research reactors: the next generation used for industrial and medical applications.
- Forecast of nuclear power generation in the U.S.
- Regulatory framework for the next generation of nuclear power plants.
- International outlook for nuclear power.
- Risk-informed regulation.
- Nuclear workforce: staffing challenges.
- Management of spent nuclear fuel.
- A collaboration of resources in the nuclear industry.
- Public outreach and interactions.
- Special nuclear material accountability at U.S. power reactors.
- Generation IV advanced nuclear energy systems: U.S. Department of Energy roadmap update.
- Nuclear energy research initiative: waste management projects.
- Information management for tomorrow's nuclear power plants.

Check out the Call For Papers at

<http://www.ans.org/meetings/pdfs/2002/am2002-cfp.pdf>

Want to get involved in the prestigious OPD Program Committee? The Committee meets twice a year at the

national ANS meetings and also conducts a lot of its business electronically. The sessions, organized by this committee, range from current industry challenges, like deregulation, to detailed technical sessions on break-through industry events. Openings are available on the Program Committee for people interested in a wide range of nuclear operations and power activities, including: reactor operations, engineering, licensing, procurement, public outreach, and space technology. And, Program Committee membership often leads to nomination for elected positions on the OPD Executive Committee.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2001 ANS Winter Meeting, November 11-15, 2001, Reno, NV "Nuclear Research and Development"
- Radiation Protection and Shielding Division Topical, April 14-17, 2002, Santa Fe, NM
- 2002 ANS Summer Meeting, June 9-13, 2002, Hollywood, FL "The Revival of the Nuclear Power Option"
- SPECTRUM 2002, August 4-8, 2002, Reno, NV
- Utility Working Conference, August 11-15, 2002, Amelia Island, FL
- 5th Topical Meeting on Spent Fuel and Fissile Material, September 16-19, 2002, Charleston, SC
- International Topical Meeting on Probabilistic Safety Assessment, October 6-10, 2002, Detroit, MI
- PHYSOR 2002, International Conference on the New Frontiers of Nuclear Technology: Reactor Physics, Safety, and High Performance Computing, October 7-10, 2002, Seoul, Korea
- 2002 ANS Winter Meeting, November 17-21, 2002, Washington, DC.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

(by Sophie Gutner)

We all know that the livelihood of the Society lies in its members: YOU. But we also know that our membership has been declining in recent years, because of the "recession" experienced by our industry. This recession is turning around and our industry's future looks brighter every day, mostly because of our members' tireless efforts in their jobs and in their volunteer activities around the Society.

Now is the time to look around you and ask your (new and old) colleagues to become members of ANS. ANS membership brochure and application are easily found on the ANS website at <http://www.ans.org>. Remember the incentive from ANS to recruit the largest number of new ANS members by October 31? You can win a laptop computer (generously donated by Donald Hoffman, Excel Services Corp, an active member of the Society); even if you already have a laptop computer, recruit new members anyway, and donate the laptop to your neighbor's kid! And the more members you recruit for ANS, the more members you also recruit for OPD!

Feel free to send us your testimonials and we will post them on the OPD website!

Below is Bruce Guillbeault's *testimonial* describing the reasons he remained an active member of the Society throughout his career.

"As we proceed through the continuing changing employment environment it is sometimes easy to lose sight of why involvement in professional organizations is worth the effort. I joined the ANS as a student. As I look back I can't say exactly why I joined but at the time it seemed right. As I was a mature student, I had been in the Navy before university. I was not just following the pack. Over the past almost 30 years I have remained active. At times my participation waned because of family or job pressures. What I have found is that both my career and the companies that I have worked for have benefited from this involvement. I have worked in most of the various parts of the nuclear industry and have found that the society provided a forum to address issues in each segment as well as a way to meet and know others who had similar issues to those I was facing. I believe that this involvement has been the basis to my ability to satisfy my desire for new and increasing job challenges. As I look back I can see that those I have associated with in the society have been both my mentors as well as becoming my friends. Today I still maintain my activity in the society as a means to keep my technical skills in tune for the future as well as the satisfaction of being a part of the organization that supports what I view as a necessary form of energy generation."

PRESENTING A LOCAL SECTION

Virginia Local Section Plans an Active Year

(by Tom Snow)

OPD members are invited to join the Virginia Section of the ANS. The Section draws its membership from the Richmond, Hampton/Newport News, Lynchburg, and Charlottesville areas. The group generally has a dinner meeting once a month, from September through May, at locations throughout Virginia. Most meetings feature a technical presentation on nuclear topics suggested by the members.

This year's meeting schedule includes talks on the Bush administration's new energy plan, the nuclear services business, the Department of Energy's program in the Russian nuclear cities, the U.S. nuclear work force, and other similar topics. In the spring, the Virginia Section is arranging for a tour of research facilities at the Jefferson Lab in Hampton. The Section will also participate in two educational events: a workshop for science teachers from throughout Virginia and an open house at Dominion's North Anna Power Station for promising high school and college students.

Section membership only costs \$5 per year. Contact Tom Snow, the Section's Treasurer (and OPD Executive Committee member), for further information and an

application form. Also visit the Section's website, currently under construction: <http://local.ans.org/virginia/>.

FINANCE COMMITTEE & HIGHLIGHTS FROM TREASURER'S REPORT

(by Loyd Wright and Sophie Gutner)

At the June meeting in Milwaukee, the OPD Executive Committee revised the 2001 forecast budget [June actual figures] as follows:

The division's income comes from: member allocation from ANS Headquarters (\$4,000 [\$4,447]), carry-forward from 2000 (\$23,000 [\$27,520]), and other income such as from the 2001 Utility Working Conference (\$6,000).

The division's expenses are:

- Newsletters: \$1000 (for this second 8-page newsletter)
- Awards/Plaques: \$500
- National Meeting Costs: \$1,000
- Division Officer Expense: \$0
- Student Support: \$4,000 (\$2,000 for Texas A&M Student Conference, \$1,000 for each national meeting) [\$2,000]
- Scholarship/NEED funding: \$2,000 for NEED
- Other expenses: \$0

By the end of 2001, OPD officers are expected to be asked to financially support the Student Mini Conference at the November Reno meeting, which has not been budgeted (due to a misunderstanding between our committee and the Student Sections Committee). Read the section describing the Mini Conference in this newsletter.

HONORS & AWARDS COMMITTEE
<http://opd.ans.org/chonors.html>

(by Peter Reagan)

Composed of not fewer than three members, the OPD H&A Committee is responsible for recommending to the Executive Committee, Division members as candidates for Society Honors and Awards, nominees for Society officers and membership on national committees. For 2001-2002, the Committee membership includes Peter Reagan (Chairman), John Sackett, and Harold Stiles. Nominations for OPD honors and awards should be sent to (or emailed): Mr. Peter L. Reagan, OPD Honor and Awards Chairman, c/o EXXEL, Inc., Box 891, Natick, MA 01760

WALTER H. ZINN AWARD

The 2001 Zinn Award recipient was **Dr. William R. Stratton**. Dr. Stratton, pictured with the 2000-2001 OPD H&A Committee Chairman Richard St. Onge, received his award at the June 2001 ANS Annual Meeting in Milwaukee. His notable contributions in this field were the genesis for the significant severe accident source term study of the past several years. Although it took the industry two decades to adequately resolve the nuclear power reactor source term regulatory issues, Dr. Stratton's initiatives in this matter were ultimately successful. Examples of that success are Regulatory Guide 1.183, *Alternative Radiological Source Terms For Evaluating*

Design Basis Accidents At Nuclear Power Reactors, July 2000, and Standard Review Plan SRP-15.0.1, Rev. 0, *Radiological Consequence Analyses Using Alternative Source Terms*, July 2000. Licensees are now able to use a more technically sound basis for evaluation of postulated accident consequences.



From left to right: William Stratton (Zinn Award Recipient) and Rich St Onge

BEST SESSION – PAPER - PRESENTATION

YOU determined the following awards! OPD tallied the submitted evaluation forms that were available in the meeting rooms during each presentation. Your assessment was used to determine the award winners. At the next conference, use the evaluation forms (available at <http://opd.ans.org/cprog.html>) to rate the sessions, formal papers, and presentations in which you participate.

A. Grimsley Award (Best Session)

The Grimsley Award was named in honor of Mona I. Grimsley. It is given to the organizer of the best-rated session at each ANS National Meeting. In June 2001, **Kyle Turner** was awarded this prestigious award for his session entitled "Financing the Next Generation of Nuclear Power Plants."

B. Best Paper Award

There were no nominees for the Best Paper Award at the June ANS Meeting in Milwaukee. We look forward to your selections for nominees at the November ANS Meeting in Reno!

C. Excellent Presentation Award

The following individuals won Excellent Presentation Awards in recognition of their top-rated presentations at the ANS Annual Meeting in June. They will receive their award certificates at the ANS Winter Meeting in November.

1) **Steve Trautman** in "Business Challenges for the Young Generation (I)," Senior representative for Naval Reactors, "PERSPECTIVE OF NAVAL REACTORS ON THE WORKFORCE ISSUE."

- 2) **Pat Kelly** in "Financing the Next Generation of Nuclear Power Plants," "FINANCING THE NEXT GENERATION OF NEW REACTORS IN THE U.S."
- 3) **David Slaughter** in "Managing Manpower at Non Power Reactors."
- 4) **Vicki Bier** in "Business Planning for License Renewal and Plant Acquisitions," "EFFECTS OF DEREGULATION ON SAFETY."
- 5) **Charles Richardson** in "Business Planning for License Renewal and Plant Acquisitions," "ENTERGY NUCLEAR - ANO-1 LICENSING RENEWAL PROGRAM."

MERITORIOUS PERFORMANCE IN OPERATIONS AWARD

Refer to <http://opd.ans.org/chonors.html> for a list of past winners and additional information. **Peter Martin**, Superintendent of Daily Plant Scheduling, Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Company, was the 2001 award winner.

The award consists of an engraved plaque given to a single individual or a group that works as a team, and the awardees need not be members of ANS. A major objective is to encourage exemplary performance in nuclear operations and recognize truly meritorious contributions irrespective of organizational affiliation.



From left to right: Kyle Turner (OPD Chair), Sophie Gutner (Mona Grimsley Best Session Award Recipient), Peter Martin (Meritorious Performance in Nuclear Operations Award Recipient), Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Stratton, William Stratton (Zinn Award Recipient), Rich St Onge (OPD Vice Chair and Honors & Awards Committee Chair).

UTILITY WORKING CONFERENCE AWARDS

Several OPD awards are closely linked with the annual Utility Working Conference (UWC), and are presented at that Class I topical meeting each August. These awards consist of the Utility Leadership Award, the Utility Achievement Award, and the new UWC Implementation Award. If you know of personnel or facilities deserving of these awards, please contact the UWC Awards Chairman, Larry Curfman. Criteria for these awards can be found at <http://opd.ans.org/uwc.html>. Nominations for 2002 should be submitted prior to April 30th 2002.

1) UTILITY LEADERSHIP AWARD

In this time of rapid change in our industry, market and competitive pressures are placing greater and greater challenges on our management and leadership. The

challenges facing nuclear utility management are diverse, highly technical, and of great importance to the survival of many companies.

Roy A. Anderson, Executive Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer, Nuclear Management Company, earned the 2001 Utility Leadership Award. He demonstrated great accomplishment and leadership at the highest level in the industry.

Since 1994, the Operations and Power Division has presented the Utility Leadership Award as part of the ANS Utility Working Conference. The purpose of this award is to recognize an individual who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and has contributed greatly to the success of our nuclear industry. This is a tremendous chance to get a leader in your organization well-deserved industry recognition. So, get your pen out and start writing that nomination.

2) UTILITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Established in 1994, this award is presented to a nuclear power station in recognition of outstanding achievements and/or improvements in performance. The 2001 Utility Achievement Award winners were **McGuire Nuclear Station, Duke Power, and Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Tennessee Valley Authority.**

3) UWC IMPLEMENTATION AWARD

This year, **Jeanne Kittler**, Shift Manager, Energy Northwest, won the first UWC Implementation Award. The implementation of a concept she became aware of at the 2000 UWC led to enhancement of the Shift Technical Advisor program at Columbia Generating Station.

The Utility Working Conference has a well-deserved reputation for providing practical ideas that add value for your business... in fact, that is an expectation. Attend the UWC, gain insights into solutions for today's and tomorrow's challenges, then put that knowledge into practice. Describe what you did in sufficient detail to allow its evaluation, and you (or your team) could be the 2002 award winner.

OPD-RELATED SCHOLARSHIPS

The following scholarships were funded, either in part or entirely, by OPD (or its predecessor Divisions). The ANS Scholarship Policy Coordination Committee now administers these scholarships. Refer to <http://opd.ans.org/chonors.html> for more information about these scholarships. Let's congratulate this year's recipients of the following OPD scholarships:

1) ROBERT G. LACY SCHOLARSHIP

Cindy L. Jones, University of Tennessee

2) ANGELO F. BISESTI SCHOLARSHIP

Gabriela A. Lugo, Texas A&M University

3) OPERATIONS & POWER DIVISION SCHOLARSHIP

Erica M. Ludlum, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

STUDENT MINI-CONFERENCE "THE FUTURE OF NUCLEAR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY"

The ANS Student Sections will hold their inaugural Mini-Conference November 10-12, 2001 in Reno, NV, prior to the ANS Winter Meeting. The conference is open to all undergraduate and graduate students. The students will present their technical papers and posters, participate in a Professional Development Workshop and Mentoring Program, a career fair, as well as some recreational/networking opportunities in the Reno/Tahoe area. Students will be able to meet with professionals in their fields and discuss career paths and job opportunities. The General Chair is Dr. Karl Umstadter (kumstadter@archimedestechology.com). [Excerpts from the Call for Papers.]

OPD professionals and industry participants are encouraged to participate in the technical sessions and to become mentors.

2002 ANS STUDENT CONFERENCE

Penn State is organizing this Student Conference April 10-13, 2002 with the theme "Back to the Future of nuclear technology." Check out <http://www.clubs.psu.edu/ANS> for more information or contact Frank Buschman, fxb129@psu.edu, 814-865-6351. If you are a Penn State alumni, work in the area, or just want to help our Nuclear Engineering and Health Physics students, get involved!

OPD MANUAL

OPD is preparing a major update of the Division Manual. This how-to collection of guidance for OPD activities is under development. The former Power Division and/or Nuclear Operations Division Manuals will be used for some content. OPD Executive Committee members are now reviewing and developing information related to their current committee assignments. This is a significant undertaking, and feedback and/or involvement by any OPD member would be most welcome.

The intent of the OPD Manual is to capture, in writing, the practical tasks, schedules, and activities associated with OPD governance. When completed, it will be a living document (through periodic updates) that contains a body of knowledge for doing OPD business. As such, it will make OPD governance much easier and more effective for future generations of OPD leadership. Pete Reagan is coordinating this effort, and he can be reached by e-mail or at: 1st Vice Chair, OPD, c/o EXXEL, Inc., Box 891, Natick, MA 01760.

CNC UPDATE

(by Kyle Turner)

As many of you know, several nuclear operating companies are actively investigating the Early Site Permit (ESP) process (10CFR Part 52) as a method for moving forward to license new nuclear power plants. In response to this burgeoning interest, cNc is initiating a series of technical sessions on ESP.

The first session will be at the Reno meeting; speakers will provide an overview of ongoing industry activities to support preparation of ESP applications. Subjects will include guidance on site selection, relationships between ESP and plant design, site characterization, preparation of the site safety analysis and environmental reports, and industry initiatives with the NRC. A summary of announced utility plans for ESPs will be provided. Future sessions in this series will address detailed requirements for applications, actual experience with ESP projects, and experience with NRC review of ESP applications.

THIS IS A VERY EXCITING DEVELOPMENT IN OUR INDUSTRY, AND WE HOPE TO SEE MANY OF YOU AT THESE SESSIONS AND AT OUR CNC MEETINGS.

OPD MINI SURVEY

You may wonder whatever happened to the OPD Survey mentioned in the last newsletter. After discussing it with Gloria Naurocki, ANS Marketing Director, we decided to wait a while. ANS Headquarters is planning to conduct a thorough and comprehensive survey of all its members, and we thought it best not to burden our members with another survey. However, we greatly value your input and we would still like to hear from you to improve our services to you. So, we are conducting a "mini survey" in this newsletter.

Send your answer to the following questions to Sophie Gutner by email or snail-mail at P.O. Box 4646, Glen Allen, VA 23058-4646, by November 5th. This mini survey will help focus OPD's efforts in order to better meet your needs.

- A) What should be the three primary focus of OPD in the upcoming year?**
- B) In your opinion, how can OPD better use its website?**
- C) How could we encourage young/student members to become active members of OPD?**

MARCUS' UTILITY SECTOR OUTREACH SPECIAL COMMITTEE

ANS Special Committee on Utility Sector Outreach ANS President Gail Marcus has appointed a special committee to look for additional ways that ANS can provide value to organizations and personnel in the utility sector. ANS Vice President Harold B. Ray (Executive Vice President of Southern California Edison) will chair this committee. The committee plans to work by teleconference to look at all aspects of ANS activities, including meetings, publications, standards, etc. They will also consider the development of additional products and services tailored to the utility sector. If you have thoughts on how ANS can better support the utility sector, please contact Loyd Wright and make your voice heard!

MARCUS' BUSINESS PRACTICES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

This Special Committee, established by ANS President Marcus, is chaired by former president Stanley R. Hatcher. Committee members include the Executive

Director and Chairs of the Program, Professional Divisions, Publications Steering, Finance, and Local Sections committees, as well as several of the Society's most distinguished and experienced former Board members. The Committee is charged with determining how the Society can work more effectively and more in concert with the needs of its members. The Committee charter is as follows:

The Business Practices Committee of the American Nuclear Society is a Special Committee set up by the President to examine the business practices of the Society and recommend improvements that will lead to more efficient and effective activities within the Society.

In particular, the committee will address:

- Board operation
- Financial accounting and reporting
- Product line evaluation
- Business plan development and evaluation
- Financial forecasting
- Specification of metrics to measure performance
- Tracking of performance

Watch for a report on the recommendations of this new Committee in future newsletters.

UWC 2001

(by Bob Hess)

There were approximately 300 attendees at this year's conference (a new high) consisting of representatives from over 30 US and foreign nuclear utilities, 17 NRC attendees and representatives from INPO, NEI, EPRI and all major industry vendors. The conference kicked off on Sunday morning with a pre-conference scramble type format golf tournament in which approximately 60 attendees and their guests participated. Sunday concluded with the opening reception and banquet. Mr. Tom Sullivan, an actor, singer, entertainer, author, and producer who happens to be blind, presented a very inspirational talk centered around his rule that "any negative can be turned into a positive".

We had an excellent Plenary Session focused on the theme of "The Leadership Challenge- Shaping Our Future", with NRC Chairman, Richard Meserve, Mr. J. Yelverton from Entergy, Mr. Joe Colvin, President & CEO of NEI, Mr. John Miller, Managing Director, Public Financial Management Inc., and Mr. Vic Parrish, CEO of Energy Northwest. These industry leaders presented their views on what we in the nuclear utility industry need to do to be successful in the future. They also provided information on what the financial community would expect from us prior to building a new nuclear unit.

Following the Plenary session, the UWC had special track sessions focused on Regulatory Relations, Engineering, Operations, Maintenance, Business, and Supply Chain. Some of the key sessions in these tracks were on "Recruiting, Retaining and Developing Engineers & Leaders", "Attaining High Performance after Mergers &

Acquisitions”, “Career Development Beyond the Control Room”, “Deregulation: Its Effect on Supply Chain”, and “Maintenance Focus on Reliability Over Capacity Factor”. These and the other sessions in these tracks provided an open exchange of ideas and solutions between the utility representatives, regulators, and vendors related to current industry issues. Many of the participants were returnees from last year and are planning to return again for next year’s conference, because of the benefits realized from such a well-rounded and informative program.

We also had very informative vendor exhibits that provided current product information and some hands on demos for the attendees. It is also important to note and thank all the exhibitors, event sponsors and golf sponsors for their continuing financial support of this valuable conference. This list includes: Cutler-Hammer Nuclear Programs, Energy Northwest, EXCEL Services Corp., Flowserve Corp. - Pump Division, Framatome ANP, GE Nuclear Energy, Proto-Power Corporation, Sargent & Lundy, TMP Worldwide, Westinghouse, Atlantic Group, Bechtel Nuclear Power, CFS Utility Services, Constellation Nuclear Services, Nova Machine Products , PG&E Diablo Canyon, rapidpartsmart/Scientech, Johnston Pump Company.

Planning has already begun for the UWC 2002. I encourage you to place next year’s UWC on your calendars; it is a great experience and a wealth of knowledge for everyone. Please continue to support this conference so that we can continue to exchange ideas and solutions for our mutual benefit and have another successful UWC.

UWC 2002

The 2002 Utility Working Conference is scheduled for August 11-15, 2002, at Amelia Island, Florida. Roy A. Anderson, Executive Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer, Nuclear Management Company, will be serving as the General Chairman. Planning for UWC 2002 program has already begun with many members of the very successful 2001 Program Committee continuing their efforts for the 2002 meeting. Consistent with previous meetings, the program will be organized into six tracks: Business, Engineering, Maintenance, Operations, Regulatory Relations, and Supply Chain. There are still opportunities for anyone wanting to contribute. For more information, visit <http://opd.ans.org/uwc.html> or contact Harold Stiles (919-546-4570).

NEWS FROM THE BOD

OPD continues to contribute heavily to the ANS Board of Directors and Officers (list names). Major initiatives addressed by the Board include:

- Continued advancement of the strategic initiatives arising from the ANS 2000 Strategic Plan (including a membership survey you have received or will soon).
- Updating and expanding ANS public policy positions
- Workforce task force

- Bylaws and Rules updates and streamlining
- ANS participation in international policy and society meetings.

The Board is also deeply involved in developing budget policy with which ANS can move confidently into the future. If you have a message for the BOD, contact Kyle Turner (OPD Past-Chair) or Sophie Gutner (OPD Second Vice-Chair), both serving on the BOD.

Advertisement

POWER PLANT DECOMMISSIONING STANDARDS

There will be a working meeting to review plans and progress with three DD&R power plant decommissioning standards at the November 2001 Reno Winter Meeting. This meeting will be in the Cascade 1 room on Thursday, November 15 from 8 to 10 A.M. These three standards address decommissioning security, safety, and training and should be of interest to OPD members as well, especially those with multiple unit sites. All OPD members that are interested in participating are invited to attend.

**ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS
OPD WEBSITE**

A new committee within OPD was launched at the June meeting in Milwaukee: the OPD Website committee. Sophie Gutner, Roger Gayley, and Jim Rowland are working together to update the OPD website, both its content and its format. As always, the OPD website is a tool for you to use. Send OPD website questions and suggestions to the Webmaster, Sophie Gutner.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Interested in taking advantage of the opportunity of being an OPD Officer or committee member? Read on!

OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thinking about getting involved in OPD governance? Typically, one starts by serving on the Executive Committee. Then, based on performance and interest, the usual progression is: Treasurer, Secretary, 2nd Vice Chair, 1st Vice Chair, Chair. While serving as an OPD Officer or Executive Committee member, it is also possible to be an ANS Board member. You can find a summary of the key functions of the OPD Officers and Executive Committee members at <http://opd.ans.org/opdbyl.html> including Chair, first Vice-Chair, second Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.

OPD is managed by an Executive Committee that constitutes the governing body of the Division and has power to act for the Division in all matters, subject to the OPD Bylaws and to the Certificate of Incorporation and the Bylaws and Rules of the Society. OPD’s Standing and Special Committees are appointed by the Chair to serve to the end of the Chair's term, except as otherwise specified in the OPD Bylaws. The Executive

Committee ratifies committee appointments, and may change the appointed personnel of committees at any time at its discretion. Committee members are not eligible for reappointment to the same committee for more than three consecutive terms. In addition to the Executive Committee, standing committees include:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - composed of not fewer than three members, is responsible for sending the names of candidates for the Executive Committee and for Division Officers to the Secretary and the Executive Director no later than five months before the Annual Meeting. (The Executive Director then prepares and forwards a ballot to each member of the Division.)

PROGRAM COMMITTEE - composed of not fewer than five members, is responsible for planning meetings of the Division and special sessions sponsored by the Division at national meetings of the Society. For special sessions of contributed papers at national meetings, the Program Committee selects session chairs and other officers required for presiding at technical meetings of the Division and at its special sessions in national meetings of the Society; all such meeting officers must be members of the Division. The Program Committee, as needed, calls on other members of the Division to serve as long-range planning coordinators for particular meetings or special sessions. The Chair of the Program Committee is responsible for liaison with the Program Committee of the Society.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE - composed of not fewer than three members, is responsible for bringing the advantages of Society and Division membership to the attention of qualified candidates.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - composed of the Treasurer and not fewer than two other members, is responsible for the financial activities of the Division in cooperation with the Society Treasurer and Executive Director.

HONORS & AWARDS COMMITTEE - composed of not fewer than three members, is responsible for recommending to the Executive Committee, Division members as candidates for Society Honors and Awards, nominees for Society officers and membership on national committees.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES - Special committees are established from time to time by the Chair, subject to authorization by the Executive Committee, and are dissolved upon completion of their assigned duties.

If you are involved in nuclear operations or nuclear power, involvement in OPD governance is an excellent opportunity for you to directly interact with industry leaders, establish yourself as a recognized contributor, and get your career in high gear. Visit the OPD web site (opd.ans.org/cnomi.html) or contact the OPD Nominating Committee Chair, Kyle Turner, for more information concerning OPD Officers and committee positions. Sophie Gutner and Peter Reagan also serve as members of this committee. The deadline for this year's nominations is October 31, 2001; so get your name in

soon! Nominations, including a brief resume, should be sent to (or emailed):
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2001-2002 OFFICERS

Current Officers and Executive Committee members are listed at <http://opd.ans.org/offmemb.html>.

- **Chair** - Richard St. Onge (stongerj@songs.sce.com)
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- **2nd Vice-Chair** - Sophie Gutner (s_gutner@yahoo.com)
- **Secretary** - Pedro Pérez (Pedro.Perez@vynpc.com)
- **Treasurer** - Loyd Wright (wrightla@songs.sce.com)

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