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Press Release – AIME News For Immediate Publication In Member Society E-News

Happy Holidays! The AIME Board held strategic planning sessions for the first time in several years to crystallize AIME's future mission and goals. And, the good news is that the group came together to project a bright future for AIME. In addition to becoming more visible to members, especially younger ones, through new marketing efforts and AIME representatives at Member Society events in 2007, several new initiatives are planned.

Two groups have been formed to work on 1) Supporting the advancement of the Member Societies, and 2) Representing AIME and its Member Societies in the larger engineering and scientific community. Initial ideas around the first effort are

- hosting a multi-disciplinary workshop, symposium, and/or conference
- establishing new multi-disciplinary awards and/or scholarships
- publishing multi-disciplinary papers in joint publications
- distributing publications among the Member Societies
- offering Member Society grants.

On the second initiative, AIME would like to be more involved in

- obtaining UEF grants and disseminating UEF information
- having appointed liaisons to various Washington agencies and other engineering and scientific organizations (e.g., Trade Associations, FMS, NAE, NSF, NMAB)
- developing an advocacy platform
- promoting joint-engineering Society activities (e.g. R&D Symposium, Engineers' Week).

Streamlined and enhanced AIME awards and scholarships documentation and processes will be rolled out next year to continue the great tradition of recognizing the top contributors in the industries and supporting promising young students. In fact, our Smith Scholarship Committee voted to increase the amount of that graduate scholarship to two \$10,000 awards last year. Additionally, staff continues to archive important corporate records and historical data and improve content and navigation on the website, www.aimehq.org. One specific project that AIME staff is looking forward to is the digitization of AIME Transactions from 1871-1970 and making them available to members all over the world via a link from Members Society websites.

As AIME moves into 2007, the Board and Member Society Executive Directors are excited to help the organization enter a rejuvenation of sorts. We look forward to interacting with you more often to intimately understand your needs and how AIME can best support and represent its member organizations.

Member Societies

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Metallurgy, and
Exploration
Littleton, CO

The Minerals,
Metals, &
Materials Society
Warrendale, PA

Association
for Iron &
Steel Technology
Warrendale, PA

Society of
Petroleum
Engineers
Richardson, TX