

Richmond Joint Engineers' Council

NEWSLETTER June 2004

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2004-2005 Kick-off

1. Reconnect!

As the incoming chair I want to thank all of our member societies for making our May Summit meeting a success! One of the best things to come out of the Summit meeting was for our members societies to **reconnect** with each other. It was phenomenal to see how many of us know each other from past work experiences, professional society activities, and many continuing friendships. This is a testament to the strength of our membership and the commitment to promoting engineering and technology within the Richmond Community. This year we plan to capitalize on these strengths and work together to achieve success for our member societies and RJEC.

2. Joint Goals

The **JOINT** part of RJEC is absolutely vital to our organizations. Without strong member societies, RJEC cannot be successful in its mission. Using insights from the Summit meeting, our new meeting format will provide time for conducting business and networking. Please take advantage of this. Talk with other member societies, look for opportunities for joint meetings, find out about new approaches to increasing membership. We have outstanding professional societies in the Greater Richmond region that keep us strong.



3. Joint Success

Please come to our July 14th (Wednesday) meeting. New location and new format. The meetings are open to everyone – but most importantly **Delegates** who are the liaison to each member society.

Get involved with an RJEC Committee. Again, the more new ideas and input, the better we can serve mutual goals.

4. Thanks Barbara!

RJEC achieved success and moved forward on some initiative in 2003-2004 due to the leadership and hard work of Barbara King. These successes including:

- launch of a new RJEC web site spearheaded and executed by **Herb Walke and Dick Kates**
- Increased participation of member societies
- establishment of a maintained RJEC member database.

We will build on these past achievements and keep the momentum moving forward for a successful 2004-2005. Thanks very much to Barbara for her dedication and commitment to the Richmond Joint Engineers Council!

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

On the one hand we're bringing our 2003-2004 year to an end, and on the other hand we're starting to crank up our 2004-2005 year. There's a strong sense of optimism and determination to make next year one that will see RJEC grow in service and accomplishments.

We set the stage for next year at a summit meeting on May 13. At the summit we had four breakout groups that made suggestions for three major topics: our annual Engineers Week

Supplement to the Richmond Times-Dispatch, meetings, and sponsors. We also noted several suggestions of a general nature.

On June 6 at a regular RJEC board meeting, we took a number of positive actions to begin implementing suggestions from the summit as well as some additional initiatives.

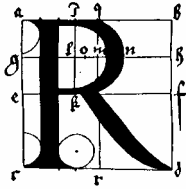
New RJEC Officers and Committee Chairs

Included in this newsletter is the approved a slate of officers for the coming year.

We've been very fortunate in RJEC to have active past chair and chairs elect that make the transitions from year to year very smooth. Many thanks go to Barbara King for her leadership during the 2003-2004 year. John Stuart is taking the helm in great fashion. Herb Walke, our new Chair Elect is a long-time enthusiastic member of RJEC, so we can all feel confident that we're well set for the future.

We made a significant change by establishing a new position, Director of Communications. It combines Newsletter Editor, Webmaster and Database Manager in recognition of the electronic nature of today's communications. The newsletter is no longer primarily a hardcopy document, but rather it is now essentially a web page.

We intend to strengthen the roles of committees and their chairs this year by emphasizing committee meetings separate from board meetings. The committee chairs will in turn report progress during board meetings. Hopefully this will eliminate much of the detail discussions at board meetings and make room for more strategic issues. It should also make



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board meetings more interesting and useful for society delegates. (This was one of the suggestions from the May summit meeting.)

Speaking of committees, we have a new one: **Education Committee**. It will coordinate all activities/scholarships between RJEC, middle, high, community college, and engineering college students in the area. It will also help achieve the RJEC goal of establishing and cultivating the relationship and interaction between area educational institutions and our member societies.

New RJEC Meeting Location

Another suggestion from the May Summit Meeting was to change the location of our board meetings. We were looking for a place that had more convenient parking and would provide an opportunity for more socializing after the meetings. We are anxious to check out a potential new location, Plant Zero, located at the corner of 4th and Hull. We've posted a picture of it on our website under "RJEC Activities".

RJEC NEXT MEETING:

**July 14, 6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m.,
Plant Zero, 4th & Hull.**

Phone: 726 - 4442

Meetings are intended for all member society delegates, RJEC officers and RJEC committee chairs. We also encourage individuals from both member and non-member societies to attend.



Plant Zero

Committee Members Wanted

Please review our list of committees on Page 3. If you see one that you'd like to work with, send an email to John Stuart or the committee chair.

2004 - 2005 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

RJEC Monthly Meetings

Location:
Plant Zero
4th & Hull
Phone: 726 - 4442

2nd Thursday each month (except for Wed., July 14 meeting)

- August 12, 2004
- September 9, 2004
- October 14, 2004
- November 11, 2004
- December 9, 2004
- January 13, 2005
- February 10, 2005

Leadership Forum

October

Wine & Cheese Social

November

FIRST Lego League

Local Competition - November
State Competition - December

National Engineers' Week

<http://www.eweek.org/>
Week of Sunday February 20-27

Engineers' Week Supplement

Sunday, February 20nd
(Richmond Times-Dispatch)

Engineers' Week Banquet

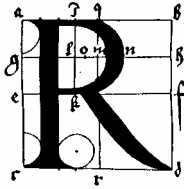
Thursday, February 24th
(The Jefferson Hotel)

Engineers' Week Career Day

Sunday, February 27th
(Science Museum of Virginia)

FIRST Robotics Competition

Thursday-Saturday, March
(VCU Seigel Center)



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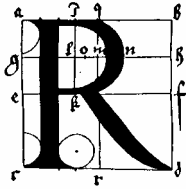
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Attachment A

2004 – 2005 RJEC Officers

RJEC 2004 -2005 OFFICER NOMINATIONS	Name	Phone	Email
Chair	John Stuart	225-0348	jstuart@louisberger.com
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Vice-Chair	Nasser Ghariban	524-5289	nghariba@vsu.edu
Treasurer	Dee Tomczak	379-5769	dbtomczak@aol.com
Communications Chair	Dick Kates	303-2916	rw.kates57@comcast.net
Historian	Ray Nesbitt	359-4861	rnesebitt@cavtel.net
Executive Director	Tom Haas	828-4268	thaas@atlas.vcu.edu
Past Chair	Barbara King	274-2496	kingba@ieee.org
Proposed Positions			



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2004 – 2005 RJEC Committees

COMMITTEE	CHAIR	CHAIR CONTACT	COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Wine & Cheese Social		John Stuart	Rob Green, <i>Need Chair & Committee Members</i>
Leadership Forum		Barbara King	
Essay Contest	Nasser Ghariban		
Engineers' Week Banquet		John Stuart	Rob Green <i>Need Committee Members</i>
Engineers' Supplement	Bob Chandler		<i>Need Committee Members</i>
Career Day	Nasser Ghariban		
Awards	Barbara King		
FIRST Robotics Liaison	Dee Tomczak		
Membership (Public Relations) NEW		John Stuart	Dick Kates
Sponsorships	Herb Walke		<i>Need Committee Members</i>
Speakers Bureau	John Meola		<i>Need Committee Members</i>
Proposed:			
Education		Barbara King	<i>Need Chair & Committee Members</i>