The “Match or Mismatch” presentation will examine several cases, where an improper material was chosen, or where the design requirements evolved past the safety factor of the current materials. Examples will be taken from the product lines including ATVs, snowmobiles and motorcycles. This topic will give some people a preview of what they may encounter, and for others, it may be similar to a previous experience.

Presenter, Michelle Cheever, is the company metallurgical engineer for Polaris Industries Inc. Her previous experience includes equipment for the petroleum production and power generation industries. In her ten years at Polaris, she has worked to promote the importance of understanding how design and materials work together.

October 18th at the St. Petersburg Restaurant (Register by Friday, October 13th at Noon)
5:00 Social (Cash Bar), 6:00 Dinner, 6:45 Presentation
Members $20  Students $10

Choose: SALMON, CHICKEN, or PASTA  Entrée includes main item, salad, bread, vegetables, and chef’s dessert, served with water, coffee, or tea.

Because of our catering agreement, dinner reservations may not be cancelled nor added after NOON on the Friday prior to each Dinner/Meeting. If you have made a reservation and are unable to attend the dinner, we must invoice you or your company for your reservation. If you have not made a reservation before NOON on the Friday prior to the Dinner/Meeting and are able to attend the meeting, you are welcome to attend the presentation. Your attendance at Chapter events is important! Thank you!

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR...

In mid August, I was in Cleveland for the three-day "Leadership Days". I quickly became aware that most chapters of ASM are in a dynamic state of "good health". There are some other engineering and professional groups which have been challenged by major financial issues; sometimes resulting in a downward trend in programs and member participation.

We need to raise funds for our program offerings (not just to build a treasury). The Minnesota Chapter occasionally runs a slight deficit for the year, but quickly reverses it with a similar surplus. Since the millennium, our annual expenditures have moved from about $18K to about $20K. We get about $8K in member dues sharing and spend a similar amount on the newsletter, general office, and communications expenses. Our monthly meetings are close to revenue neutral or perhaps a small subsidy to the members. The notable sources of funds include the directory ads, seminar table displays, and sustaining member fees. Participating firms should be recognized as significant supporters of this chapter. As a chapter, we are adding value for our sustaining members by giving them a free logo publication in our monthly newsletter. As individuals, we can call advertisers and sustaining members for inquiries, include them in requests for quotes, and mention them in our networking activities.

Thanks go to all of our members, for making our chapter strong and vital. If you have questions or comments on this or other items, please give me a call.

Larry A. Kirchner
2006-07 Chairman
MN Chapter ASM

ASM Five Star Award

The Minnesota Chapter of ASM has been awarded a Five Star Award by ASM International. This is the highest award given to the local chapters, in recognition of the Chapter activities and quality. We were evaluated on a number of items under the categories of reporting, operations, planning, communications, member services, student outreach, awards and nominations. This award was given for the activity year 2005-2006. We should give congratulations and a hearty thank you to the board members, off board volunteers, and especially to Farida Kasumzade, our past chair, for the superior job they have done for our members and our chapter!

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September 20  Plant Tour at Andersen Windows, Bayport, MN
October 18  Polaris Presentation at St. Petersburg Restaurant, Robbinsdale, MN
December 6  Mittal Steel Presentation at St. Petersburg Restaurant, Robbinsdale, MN
January 17  Veeco Presentation (Optical Profilometry), St. Petersburg Restaurant, Robbinsdale
February 21  ASM/ASME Joint Seminar
March 15  Minn TS (Technical Symposium) Joint Societies Meeting at Medtronic
April 18  ASM Trustee Visit (Topic TBD) at St. Petersburg Restaurant, Robbinsdale, MN
May 16  ASM/ASME Joint Meeting at St. Petersburg Restaurant, Robbinsdale, MN

This year's program dinner meetings will be held at the St. Petersburg Restaurant in Robbinsdale, MN unless noted otherwise. Watch your meeting notices for details!