



## A Note from the Chair

By Gale Hauck

Dear YMG Members,

We are in the throes of planning for the 2013 Young Professionals Congress (YPC), held biyearly in cooperation with NA-YGN. We have a great group putting together a great set of sessions! YPC will be held on November 9, 2013, just prior to the ANS Winter Meeting in Washington, DC. Hope you can join us!

I have been working with Executive Director Bob Fine and the ANS staff to generate ideas for reaching young members and creating even more relevant content. We are also working on projects

## Young Professional Congress

The American Nuclear Society YMG and the NAYGN have designed a one-day program to provide a unique opportunity for young professionals in the nuclear industry. The sessions will provide actionable skills development and broad networking opportunities for all attendees. The program is an embedded topical meeting held in conjunction with the ANS Annual Winter Meeting. Attendance for the full ANS meeting is not required to attend the Young Professional Congress.

The meeting will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2013 at Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D.C.. More information and registration:

<http://www.new.ans.org/meetings/>

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to assist new members with getting more out of their ANS memberships. If you have any comments or suggested things that would add value to your ANS membership, let me know! Please remember that the Young Members Group is your group – if you have suggestions or ideas, don't be afraid to speak up.



Be on the lookout for the program agenda in upcoming communications. *A tentative list of sessions is attached at the end of the newsletter.* Nine wide-ranging sessions are being organized. A social on Saturday night is currently planned.

## ANS Representative on AAAS sought

A new exciting volunteer opportunity is available to YMG members: to represent ANS on the AAAS (American Association for the Advancement of Science) Section Committee on Education (Q). The Length of appointment of the appointment would be three years, ending in February 2016.

Basic work scope would include the promotion of the work of AAAS in the field of education and if appropriate, arrange programs for presentation at AAAS meetings. The only requirements are to be interested in education and to be (or become) a member of the AAAS. AAAS annual membership dues are about \$150.

## New Outreach Website

ANS's new outreach website for the Center for Nuclear Science and Technology Information has recently been launched. There is content for various topics (radiation, fission/fusion, irradiation, non-proliferation, reactors etc), specialists are needed to help develop the content for general audiences.

Work is conducted primarily by E-Mail, with the committee usually voting on an issue/item electronically. For example, the proposed enrollment of a new organization to participate on the committee would require a vote.

Business may also be conducted to a much lesser extent by mail, telephone, or telefax. Also, please note that there are no formal committee meetings.

Contact Mike Diekman ([mdieakman@ans.org](mailto:mdieakman@ans.org)) for more information

ANS is looking for young members to help Outreach re-purpose existing content for the new site. If interested, please contact Tracy Coyle ([tcoyle@ans.org](mailto:tcoyle@ans.org)) with your specialty area.

## ANS Meeting: YMG Events

If you are attending the ANS Annual meeting (June 16<sup>th</sup> -June 20<sup>h</sup> 2012 Hyatt Regency Atlanta), consider attending the following events:

**YMG Executive Committee Meeting.** Monday June 17<sup>th</sup> 11:30 am -1:00 pm, *Location:* Hyatt Regency, Atlanta - This is a great occasion to get involved, volunteer and meet the leadership of YMG and other divisions. Discuss about the future of ANS and discover how to get the most out of it. Are you a first timer at ANS meetings? Check the YMG website for a new membership guide on how to get involved <http://ymg.ans.org/membership.html>

**YMG Working Dinner.** Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm, *Location: Mellow Mushroom* (<http://mellowmushroom.com/store/downtownatlanta>) - Following a tradition established with the YPC in DC in 2011 YMG organizes an informal working dinner with the leadership. This is where most of the real work gets done. This event has limited seating. If you plan to attend contact Allison Miller RSVPs: [amillerone@gmail.com](mailto:amillerone@gmail.com)

## YMG Election Results

See below the results of the recent 2013 ANS election. Welcome to our new officers and EC members!



**Allison D. Miller, Chair**  
Member of Technical Staff, Sandia National  
Laboratories, Albuquerque, NM



**Elia Merzari, Vice Chair**  
Nuclear Engineer, Argonne National  
Laboratory, Argonne, IL



**Kathryn D. Huff, Secretary**  
Office of Science Laboratory Graduate  
Research Appointee, Argonne National  
Laboratory, Argonne, IL



**Andrew D. Siwy, Treasurer**  
Engineer, Duke Energy, York, SC



**John Darrell Bess**  
**Executive Committee**  
R&D Nuclear Engineer, Idaho National  
Laboratory, Idaho Falls, ID



**Eric L. Harvey**  
**Executive Committee**  
Senior Engineer, ERIN Engineering, Campbell,  
CA



**Benjamin Holtzman**  
**Executive Committee**

Nuclear Fuel Rod Design Engineer,  
Westinghouse Electric Company, Pittsburgh,  
PA



**Brett D. Rampal**  
**Executive Committee**

Nuclear Designer,  
Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC,  
Charlotte, NC

## Volunteer: Contribute to ANS Standards

Formed in 1957, the ANS Standards Committee has been active in the development of industry standards ever since. All ANS Standards receive dual approval from the American National Standards Institute and are thus considered American National Standards. Standards developed under voluntary consensus procedures, like those of ANS, often receive wide acceptance in their industry due to the broad representation of experts who worked to create the standard.

ANS Standards only come into existence due to the hard work, loyalty, and dedication of its volunteer network of hundreds of qualified individuals in the industry. Because of this, ANS always looks for and welcomes new volunteers.

But more than just helping ANS, participation in a standards development process helps the industry. Active participation in our committees ensures that industry standards stay current and generate ideas for new standards that are needed. Your participation in standards also means that no longer do you silently wish a standard would do something for your field, now you can actually work to make sure a standard accomplishes just that.

There's someone else who also benefits from participation in our standards program: you, the volunteer. The consensus process offers an excellent network of industry experts. You not only have the opportunity to meet and work with people from a variety of backgrounds, but you have a chance to learn from their experiences.

The best way to get involved is to find a current or proposed standard in which you have an interest and expertise. ANS working groups are the actual writing committees that create the text of a standard. Alternatively, you can get connected with a sub-committee that deals with your area of expertise, and investigate if there is a need for volunteers or even propose to create a standard that's of importance to your field.

A list of current opportunities is listed at <http://www.ans.org/standards/involved/voloppor/>.

A list of new or proposed standards is available at <http://www.ans.org/standards/new/docs/whatsnew.pdf>.

For more information contact Donald Spellman ([spellmandj@ornl.gov](mailto:spellmandj@ornl.gov)).

## Coming Up

**2013 ANS Annual Meeting:** The next ANS annual meeting will be held in Atlanta at the Hyatt Regency Chicago Hotel between June 16<sup>th</sup> 2012 and June 20<sup>th</sup>. The program is available at <http://www.new.ans.org/meetings/> hope to see you there.

**YMG Awards Deadline:** You are still in time to submit nominations for:

1. the YMG Young Member Excellence Award (<http://www.new.ans.org/honors/va-yngmbrexel>) and,
2. the YMG Young Member Advancement Award (<http://www.new.ans.org/honors/va-yngmbradvance>).

Nominations are due July 1<sup>st</sup>. Consult the websites for instructions

**New member guide – how to get involved:** on the YMG website you may find a new membership guide for young members. Check:

<http://ymg.ans.org/membership.html>

**Division posters:** It was recently proposed by the ANS leadership that posters showing area/activities for each division be made to display at future meetings. This can be a great opportunity for Young members that are interested in working with the divisions. For more information contact Kevin Robb ([robbkr@ornl.gov](mailto:robbkr@ornl.gov)).

**Volunteers sought for newsletter articles:** We plan to feature summary of papers or sessions in the newsletter. Did you write a paper or organized a session you think other young members would be interested in? Did you just attend a presentation that you think other young members should know about? This could be your opportunity. Contact Elia Merzari ([emerzari@anl.gov](mailto:emerzari@anl.gov)) or Kathy Huff ([khuff@anl.gov](mailto:khuff@anl.gov)) for more information.

**Other Volunteer opportunities available:** There are several exciting opportunities available, contact the following persons for information.

*Mentoring program development:*  
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*Young Professional Congress:*  
[hauckge@westinghouse.com](mailto:hauckge@westinghouse.com)

*ANS marketing material featuring young professionals in career-related activities:*  
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Start	End	Title	Session Description	Location
8:00 AM	8:30 AM	Breakfast		
8:30 AM	9:30 AM	Exchanging Ideas: How to Communicate Effectively	People new to the nuclear industry come from many different fields and have different backgrounds. Effective communication skills are essential to ensure that no ideas are lost between exchanges, and to determine the best solutions to problems. This session includes both panel presentations and brainstorming.	Room 1
9:30 AM	9:15 AM	Break		
9:15 AM	10:15 AM	Work-Life Balance	This session will be geared toward providing young professional with experiences for having a strong work-life balance, and still achieving your career goals.	Room 1
10:15 AM	10:30 AM	Break		
10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Must be the Money	Does the idea of approaching your manager for approval to attend a conference or training course make you queasy? Although it may seem like it's determined by random chance, getting company approval to further your professional development is within your control. This session will show you how to make your case.	Room 1
11:30 AM	1:00 PM	Lunch		
1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Project Management - It's Just Common Sense, Right?	You've been assigned as a technical lead or coordinator on a project. Surprise! You're now a project manager. You have two options - learn it the hard way, or get yourself some PM training. This session will cover the basics, help you apply the knowledge at work and home, and will provide information on professional licensure.	Room 2
1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Going It Alone: The Path to an Independent Energy Policy	Do you watch the news and shake your head at the "independent energy solutions" thrust upon us by politicians and lobbyists? Do you think to yourself, "I could do so much better than that"? Well now is your chance. Come join the National Energy Policy Panel Discussion at YPC 2013 and let your voice be heard.	Room 1
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	First Steps: A Management Crash Course	Are you interested in becoming a manager, or a new manager looking to make some improvements? This session covers "everything I wish knew before I became a manager."	Room 3
2:00 PM	3:00 PM	There and back again	New graduates and people just starting in the industry often have ideas on how to handle projects differently than what is traditional in the nuclear industry. Also there are often very good reasons why traditional approaches are used. In the approach of these issues there are many lessons that can be shared between organizations with how these issues are approached.	Room 3
3:00 PM	3:15 PM	Break		
3:15 PM	4:45 PM	Getting the Most Out of ANS	ANS meetings can be very large and busy. As a young professional it can be daunting showing up at your first ANS meeting, or even your 5th. This session will go over the organizational structure of ANS, what typically happens at an ANS meeting and how you can get the most out of attending an ANS conference.	Room 1
4:45 PM	5:00 PM	Break		
5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Voice of the Young Generation	This session would be an open ended brainstorming session, culminating in a report provided to YMG & NA-YGN. Would include a plus/delta discussion for the YPC event.	Room 1
TBD		Capitol Hill Visit	Public information briefing for Hill Visit	TBD