



# The New SNAME TX Section Young Professionals Club

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In late November of 2006, the SNAME Young Professional Task Force was formed to pave the road for a new asset to SNAME and its members. The challenge was to stimulate membership among younger members (35 and younger). The group, consisting of several young SNAME leaders from across the nation, set out on a mission to form a number of Young Professional programs on the local section level. The first of these was created by members of the Texas Section.

On March 8, 2007, the first organized gathering of SNAME Young Professionals was held, and the SNAME Texas Young Professionals Club (TXYPC) was formed. The event, held at the Fox and Hound in Houston, was a huge success!! About 40 people attended throughout the night, which is one-third of all Texas Section Young Professional members!! The attendees were enthusiastic about the event, and provided excellent feedback and ideas for future events. Fifteen individuals volunteered to be on the TXYPC planning committee to help organize future events.

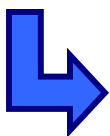


The TXYPC plans to hold monthly gatherings after work hours, as well as additional special events (golf outings, sporting events, BBQs, field trips, mentoring to students, etc). The intent is to foster a strong network of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers in the Houston Area, cultivate professional development and increase industry awareness of our younger members. The net result is added value to a SNAME membership and the potential to increase the size of our organization.

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The TXYPC is currently accepting donations to help fund future events. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation, please email Jared at [jared.j.leigh@exxonmobil.com](mailto:jared.j.leigh@exxonmobil.com). Thank you!



Currently, the New York Met, Pacific Northwest, and Chesapeake sections are creating their own YP programs. If you wish to join the planning committee of one of these sections, or form a new program in your local section, please email Matt, the YP Task Force Leader, at [munger@seaworthysys.com](mailto:munger@seaworthysys.com).

