

Technical and Research News

Dear SNAME Member:

The SMTC and Expo & SPS in Houston was a wonderful success. Various T&R activities were held and a brief summary of T&R newsworthy items follow.

- SNAME Council approved the charter of an ad hoc committee to review the T&R program. This is a task required in the Strategic Plan (2005 - 2009). (The Strategic Plan was approved by SNAME Council in June 2005, and is available to all SNAME members in the "Members Only" section of the SNAME website.) The essential goal of the ad hoc committee is to review the state of SNAME's T&R program and consider how a "new-and-improved" T&R program can be developed to provide better service to members. This ad hoc committee will operate in consultation with the existing T&R organization, but independent of it, reporting directly to SNAME Council. The T&R review ad hoc committee will be chaired by Jack Ringelberg (Regional Vice-President, Atlantic North). Please review the SNAME website (center column) for links to the charters and other information on this ad hoc committee as well two other ad hoc committees on knowledge management and annual meetings.
- The T&R Steering Committee met in Houston, and chartered the formation of a new ad hoc panel (ad hoc panel #15) to review stability standards for changing passenger weights and sizes in the general population. SNAME member George Borlase is chairing the ad hoc panel. The charter for this latest ad hoc panel includes the evaluation of the studies and analyses being performed.
- The T&R program presented a number of successful technical sessions in Houston. These presentations are available on the T&R pages on the SNAME website.
- SNAME is a member of the inter-agency organization Ship Structure Committee - which conducts R&D projects of interest to its members. The proposed list of projects for selection in May 2006 has been developed by SSC and has been distributed to the T&R program. SNAME members interested in project selection discussions should contact Phil Rynn, Chair, Hull Structure Committee. Please note that a link to the SSC website is included on the T&R webpage.

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