



Chesapeake Section

The Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers



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My Friends,

One of the greatest things about our profession is the fact that we personally know so many of each other. That is what gives those of us signing this letter the boldness to address you as “my friends.” Please take the time to read through what we are sending you. We don’t want to increase your “junk mail” load and so we will keep our letter short.

We are writing you on behalf of SNAME - our professional society. The mission of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers is to advance the art, science and practice of naval architecture, marine engineering, ocean engineering and other marine-related professions and there are hundreds of our sisters and brothers who are helping each of us in this quest by volunteering their time and effort to address issues of joint interest to all of us and keeping us in the loop on things we each need to know. Now, we are asking for your help – in the way of a tax deductible donation payable to the Chesapeake Section SNAME specifically to help us support those students at the two universities we are fortunate to be able to call our own.

The Chesapeake Section of SNAME supports student sections at both the Naval Academy and the Virginia Tech. Recently, the costs associated with this support have increased tremendously – our annual student related expenses now exceed \$5,000. This is largely due to our success in enlarging student membership and the real fact of increasing costs for those things we have chosen to do. What do we do? Here are a few things of value that the student sections themselves tell us we provide:

- books; funding for student section activities;
- funding assistance to attend SMTC and other field trips;
- support for student chair-elect seminar at Saddlebrook.

The value to us all lies in the fact that most of these students will be apt to remain active in SNAME work that will benefit us all, and those USNA students who will serve at sea after graduation, we anticipate they will rejoin us at a later time in their careers. We are asking you to please consider a donation, either personal or on behalf of your company, that will be specifically dedicated to this support.

Sincerely,

Paul Cojeen
Chair Chesapeake Section

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Membership