

AGENDA #

Report of the Electronic Media Committee
for presentation to the Executive Committee
on Friday, March 24, 2000

General

The Electronic Media Committee has not met formally since the Annual Meeting in Baltimore. The business of the committee has been primarily conducted via e-mail.

Changes in Committee Roster and Chairman

Following this March 24th Executive Committee meeting Prof. Bruce Johnson will be taking over as the new Chairman of the Electronic Media Committee. Bruce has been an active member of the EMC since its inception and his appointment has been approved by President Femenia. Bruce is in the process of reforming the Committee. Several existing members will remain onboard and Bruce will also be adding some new members. I will also remain on the committee and hope to coordinate activities of the committee related to international membership and reciprocal coordination with RINA, ImarE, and perhaps other European based organizations.

Status of Electronic Publishing Projects

The transition to full electronic production of Marine Technology has been successfully accomplished and the third electronic issue (Fall 1999) is on-line with 8 technical papers. Typically the electronic version of the technical papers are available on the web site 2-3 weeks prior to the mailing date for the paper version.

We had a full set of electronic preprints for the Annual Meeting available several weeks prior to the meeting, and the papers were posted on the web site for previewing. Since the Annual Meeting several PowerPoint slide presentations and streaming audio presentations were added with the electronic texts. As a test project, a CD of the 1998 Transactions is in production and will be sent to everyone who ordered a print version of the 1998 Transactions, additional copies of the CD will be for sale.

We now have most of the past 5 years of journals (*MT*, *JSR*, *JSP*) and *Transactions* scanned and available for viewing on the web site.

There has been disappointingly little progress in moving JSR and JSP over to full electronic production and the latest issues have been scanned to make them available on the web site. Conversion to full electronic production for these journals should be a major priority for 2000.

Some progress has been made in preparing and scanning existing section papers and T&R material for the web site. This will also be a priority for 2000.

E-Publications Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee

As recommended at the September 1999 Executive Committee meeting, an ad hoc committee has been organized to make recommendation on how to proceed with the availability, pricing, distribution, and copyright issues regarding electronic publishing. Members include representatives of the EM Committee, Publications Committee, the Finance Committee, Planning Committee, the Executive Director, and the Associate Director Publications. The members of this group are specifically tasked with developing the cost basis for distributing electronic papers to members and non-members on the web, and should also develop a long range strategy for SNAME's publications, subscriptions, and transition to electronic publications. Incoming EMC Chair Bruce Johnson has agreed to Chair this ad hoc committee. The committee has not yet met but will be starting their work shortly.

On-Line Credit Card Transactions on the Web

There have been some technical problems and disappointing progress from our web consultant with this implementation. We believe that the problems are behind us and that this feature will be shortly available on the web site.

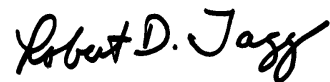
Web Site Enhancements

The performance and responsiveness of our web consultant appears to be declining over the past several months. A previously planned "facelift" of the entire web site has been postponed as EM Committee members, the Executive Director, and SNAME staff have been considering proposals from alternative web consultants. It is anticipated that a decision regarding retaining or switching web consultants will be made within the next 4-6 weeks.

Action Requested of the Executive Committee

- Note and welcome Bruce Johnson as the new Chairman of the EM Committee.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Tagg, Chairman