

**Institute of Nuclear Materials Management
(INMM)**

CENTRAL CHAPTER

Minutes of the INMM Central Region Chapter Meeting

DATE: July 14, 2008
TIME: 12:00-1:30 p.m.
PLACE: Renaissance Hotel, Nashville, TN

ATTENDEES: 51 members

The meeting was chaired by Teresa McKinney, Central Chapter President.

The meeting started with the Central Chapter Officers introducing themselves to attendees. The new Chapter banner was presented.

1. International Workshop on Gamma Spectrometry Analysis Codes for U and Pu Isotopics: Brent McGinnis and Chris Pickett presented the goal and purpose of the workshop that is being sponsored and supported by the INMM and ESARDA and will be held at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory November 3—7, 2008. They encouraged chapter members to learn more about the event at the INMM website.
2. Students sponsored by the Chapter to attend the INMM annual conference introduced themselves to the group. This year the Chapter sponsored 4 students. It was also noted that a great number of students attended the INMM Conference this year. Student members were asked to introduce themselves.
3. The Central Chapter is discussing with The University of Tennessee students and faculty the creation of another Student Chapter. Hopes are to have the new Student Chapter implemented in 2009. The Central Chapter currently has one Student Chapter at the University of Michigan.
4. Members were encouraged to inform the Executive Committee of events that the Central Chapter may/should consider sponsoring or supporting in 2009. One of the milestones to keep in mind is the Chapter's 30th Anniversary in November 2008. Attendees were encouraged to provide ideas on how to mark the date (i.e. a chapter T-shirt, a mug, etc.)
5. Members were also encouraged to provide suggestions on how to strengthen the Chapter's engagement in different activities and keep the group active. Some suggestions were:
 - o Conduct quarterly telephone or video conferences to brainstorm on engagement activities and report on decisions of the Executive Committee
 - o Promote discussions on government initiatives such as the Next Generation Safeguards Initiative (NGSI)
 - o Engage the Chapter in dialog with next generation of professionals
 - o Chapter should hold events at universities, such as seminars and lectures
 - o Chapter officers to hold talks with high ranking speakers and broadcast to universities

Members should feel free to send their engagement ideas to the EC and to do whatever they can to be more visible in the community outreach.

6. In her final remarks, the Chapter President asked members to keep their personal information up to date on the INMM website.