LA – Student Night

The ASM Los Angeles Chapter held their annual Student Night meeting at Don Bosco Technical Institute in Rosemead, Calif., on April 16. The ASM Student Chapter at the school helped organize the program.

Students and ASM Chapter members were given tours of the Don Bosco Tech laboratory facilities by enrolled pupils, including facilities for casting, machining, mechanical testing, metallography, and nondestructive testing.

Professor Vilupanur A. Ravi, FASM and ASM Trustee, from California State Polytechnic University (Pomona), chats with students at the poster session.

EMERGING PROFESSIONALS

MS&T 2013 Symposium for Emerging Professionals:
Career Opportunities and Experiences in Materials Science and Engineering

Mark A. Tschopp
Army Research Laboratory

Those attending the MS&T’13 Conference and Exhibition in Montréal, Canada, (October 27-31), will have the opportunity to hear from materials professionals who have taken many different career paths. The speakers will share the narrative of their careers so that early career professionals can make informed decisions about their own employment choices. The ASM Emerging Professionals Committee is excited to announce the 6th Annual Symposium, “Perspectives for Emerging Materials Professionals: Career Opportunities and Experiences in Materials Science and Engineering”. The symposium is specifically designed for the emerging professionals’ community and is part of Tuesday’s programming. The early career professional programming includes keynote lectures from Dr. George T. “Rusty” Gray, FASM, and Dr. C. Ravi Ravindran, FASM and ASM vice president. We would like to personally extend an invitation to attend this symposium and interact with both emerged and emerging professionals alike. We hope to see you there!

VOLUNTEERISM COMMITTEE

Profile of a Volunteer

Michael B. Connelly, FASM
Casey Products Inc.

Few people can claim ASM as their alma mater. But Mike Connelly, vice president of Casey Products in Chicago, received his entire metallurgical education through ASM courses. Mike jokes, “In 1972, my mother threw me out and I had to get a job. I liked science and applied for a lab tech trainee job at a heat treating equipment manufacturer. That was the start of a career.”

In 1979, Mike became a member of ASM and travelled to “the Dome” for his first class, Interpretation of Ferrous Microstructures. He still uses material from his 1980 Principles of Failure Analysis course—part of the ASM Metals Engineering Institute that subsequently became the ASM Education Department. Mike took numerous ASM courses while working in Chicago and earning promotions along the way.

For the past 20 years, Mike has applied his ASM education to his work at Casey Products, a distribution company supplying fasteners and related hardware to companies around the world. Their materials testing lab performs quality checks on parts with extremely demanding specifications.

“I still travel to the Dome every summer to help with the Eisenman Materials Camp sponsored by the ASM Materials Education Foundation,” says Mike. “It’s one of the most fun things I do! We use all the new toys and technology as we get students thinking about careers in materials, science, and engineering.” He enjoys working with other volunteer mentors who bring various items to be examined for failure analysis—from fasteners to rocket parts and even Christmas tree lights.

Mike belongs to the Chicago regional chapter and appreciates the “camaraderie in ASM. It’s part of an extended family.” He was named an ASM Fellow in 2009 and earned the 2011 Alan J. Putnam Service Award. In addition to being a Materials Camp mentor for 14 years, he serves on the Failure Analysis (FA) Committee and FA Education Subcommittee. Looking back on a career that may not have happened without ASM, Mike reflects, “I’ve come full circle, reviewing the same courses I’ve taken, and trying to make them better.”

For a list of upcoming ASM Training Courses, see our ad on page 32 of this issue.