Profile of a Volunteer

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I have always been active in community and organizations. My drive for it really began back in high school when I joined every club I could as a resumé booster for college. But, the real benefit of volunteering is something that I have only begun to appreciate in the last couple years with my recent job transition.

I joined ASM in college and have been a member for over ten years now. As a professional, I was encouraged to join the local chapter by a mentor who has become a good friend of mine. My professional involvement quickly went from membership coordinator all the way to the chairman, as I worked my way through the officer positions. The more I became involved with ASM, the more I really got into it and enjoyed the different activities. Along with the informational meetings, I helped organize engineering week in my area, organized an annual golf outing to raise money for high school student scholarships, volunteered as a science fair judge, put together family days at a local museum with an exhibit on materials, and participated in Materials Camps for Teachers.

Through it all, the main thing I have come to appreciate is the camaraderie I had and still have with my other executive board members. The people that I was on the executive board with became some of my close friends and I felt they were there for me no matter what. After five years with my local chapter, I transitioned jobs to a new area where I didn’t know anyone. One of the first things I did was join my new local ASM chapter and become a member of the executive board committee where I am now chairman and continue to organize events and develop camaraderie with other local ASM members.

If you have not volunteered in the past, knowing which committee to join or where to start can be overwhelming. For me, finding the right place to volunteer started with an invitation from a mentor and friend. I started as an observer at first, until I was ready to become more involved on my own. From there, the volunteer possibilities have been endless and the impact — personally, to ASM, teachers and students — has been priceless.

Materials Camp 2011 Accepts Nominations

Exciting Students about Materials, Science, & Engineering...

Who:
Students entering their Junior (Grade 11) or Senior (Grade 12) year in high school in Fall 2011.
Highly motivated inquisitive learners with math and science aptitude.

What:
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A very unique team-based, intensive problem solving science experience under the direction of a distinguished world-class faculty, “Materials Mentor”.
Combination of mini-demonstrations, field trips with extensive involvement in laboratory facilities to actively explore materials science and engineering principles.

Where & When:
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Cost: Attendance is FREE.

How to apply:
To apply or for more information, please visit www.asmfoundation.org or contact Jeane Deatherage, administrator of Foundation Programs jeane.deatherage@asminternational.org.

ASM Headquarters Renovation

Work continues on building the new parapet wall with nearly 75% of the wall poured and finished. A new well pump was installed near Kinsman Road. Inside the building, all rough-in work has been completed and finishing started at beginning of the year. Electrical finish work started and HVAC work continues. Framing is nearly complete in the building with the framing in of the first floor lobby and north old library space. Drywall and ceiling work on the second floor is almost complete. Flooring prep is in progress and painting of the walls to start soon. Drywall and ceiling work on the first floor started. The large glass pane in the first floor main conference room was removed for the new pantry to be built in the space.