Dr. Kathryn A. Dannemann Nominated for ASM Board of Trustee

As ASM Alamo Chapter chairman, I am excited to announce that Dr. Kathryn Dannemann from our chapter has been selected by the ASM Nominating Committee to serve as a member of the ASM Board of Trustees. She, and other Board nominees, will be voted on at the ASM Annual Business Meeting on October 13, during the MS&T 2014 meeting in Pittsburgh. Once elected, she will serve a three-year term until 2017. Kathryn is highly qualified for this position based on her steadfast thirty-plus years of membership and service to ASM, as well as her technical achievements, a strong drive and vision to advance materials technologies, and mentorship of students and young professionals. These demonstrated leadership qualities will make her a great ASM Trustee.

Kathryn has worked at Southwest Research Institute (SwRI) since 1996, where she is a principal engineer in the "Computational Mechanics" section in the Engineering Dynamics Department. Her technical work for the last decade has focused on the high strain rate behavior of materials, including metals, ceramics, and glass and composites. She is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a Ph.D. in Materials Engineering and holds B.S. and M.S. degrees from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. In addition to SwRI, she has at General Electric and Bethlehem Steel Homer Research Labs where her research also emphasized materials behavior in extreme environments. In all of her professional endeavors, she has demonstrated her technical competence and understanding of materials behavior. Kathryn has maintained her devotion to the materials field and has gone the extra mile when she takes on a task. I am confident she will apply her energies to do the same as an ASM Trustee.

Since 2009, Kathryn has been on the Alamo Chapter executive board where she has contributed many fresh ideas, energy and vision. She has been an advocate for engineering and science with the local universities, including leading the education and scholarships interface with three local universities. She has demonstrated her love for students in the classroom and strong organizational skills.

Please congratulate Kathryn as she begins her role on the ASM Board of Trustees. I am convinced that she will put her heart into being an ASM Trustee. She will bring vitality, devotion and perspective for emerging professionals, students, women and the next generation of ASM members.

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