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Call for Nominations

ISOES members are encouraged to nominate other members or themselves for leadership positions in the Society. New terms are to begin on July 1, 2007. Several current officers have indicated willingness to continue in positions. Current President, Lawrence Schulze, automatically becomes Past President. Current President-Elect, Tom Leamon, is willing to serve as President, if and only if he is elected by the general membership. Current Treasurer, Thurmon Lockhart, is willing to continue serving in that position if nominated and elected.

Thus, the positions open for nominations are:

- 1. President
- 2. President Elect
- 3. Secretary (2 year term)
- 4. Treasurer (2 year term)
- 5. Newsletter Editor (2 year term)
- 6. At-Large 1 (2 year term)
- 7. At-Large 2 (2 year term)

Please send in your nomination to Tom Leamon, President–Elect at tomb@leamon.org by May 31, 2007.

Summary Executive Council Meetings

by Roger Jensen Past-President

The Executive council (EC) has already conducted two meetings during 2007. The first in January 2007 was the first face-to-face meeting of the EC and the second was a conference call meeting on February 6. The official Minutes of the meetings are accessible on the website (www.isoes.info). As an officer for the past five years, I would like to share some background on the major decisions made at these meetings.

First, matters of Society governance were addressed. The vacancy in the President-Elect position was filled for the remainder of the term ending in June 2007. The EC is extremely pleased that Dr. Thomas Leamon agreed to serve as Acting President-Elect. We also decided that he would not automatically succeed to the President position. Instead, his name will be placed on the ballot (if he agrees). Others may step forward to run against him. That procedure will assure that the next ISOES President is elected by the membership rather than getting the position through appointment of the EC. The second vacancy addressed was the Newsletter Editor. Tonya Smith-Jackson completed her 2-year term in June, 2006. She graciously continued to perform the Newsletter Editor functions for the past seven months due to lack of a volunteer to replace her. Dr. Jeffrey Fernandez volunteered to fill the position of Acting Newsletter Editor until the next election this summer. During the February meeting, the EC approved motions to thank Tonya for her service and to approve Jeffrey's appointment. These two appointments fill all the EC positions for the next five months.

Second, matters of member services were discussed. The most visible services are the Conferences, the Journal, and the Newsletter. Some background on these topics should help readers appreciate the issues. After a highly successful 2005 conference in Las Vegas, the EC and the membership voted to skip the year 2006 because of the belief that a large segment of potential participants would be attending the Triennial International Ergonomic Conference. Then, efforts to hold a conference in 2007 stalled throughout 2006. As a result, the EC decided it would not be feasible to hold a full, international conference in 2007. Instead,

conference planning efforts should focus on a small electronic-format conference in 2007 and an international conference in 2008.

The Journal, Occupational Ergonomics, has been the source of many member complaints throughout the past five years. During the 2004 Conference in Houston, a Subcommittee was appointed to explore the concerns and identify possible modifications to make the Journal better match member needs. An internet survey of Society members was conducted. Results were compiled by the Subcommittee and presented in a report available on the Society website. The Subcommittee's report was completed in time for the 2006 Conference in Las Vegas. It contained factual data on the number of issues published in the years since inception, and the number and type of articles in each issue. Several ideas for changes were included. The report was distributed to members of the EC prior to the Las Vegas Conference. It was viewed as an informational report. None of the ideas were proposed to the EC, and none were approved by the EC. The ideas were shared with the Journal Editor-In-Chief, who responded negatively for all ideas related to the Journal content and administration. No further action was taken on the Subcommittee's report.

During the EC meeting on February 14, the EC approved a motion to end the partnership with IOS Press. Also approved were motions to determine and pay the amounts owed for the previous issues and editorial work completed pursuant to a contract with ISOES. The Society's Editor-In-Chief, Dr. Patrick Dempsey, is taking the lead on exploring options to provide members with a periodical that will contain articles relevant to member needs.

Regarding the Newsletter, this issue is the first one for Dr. Fernandez. With a full EC, and renewed commitment sparked by the face-to-face meeting, there should be plenty of content for several issues each year.

Upcoming Conferences

June 2-7 AlHce 2007, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA Contact: AIHA 2700 Prosperity Ave., Suite 250, Fairfax, VA 22031. Phone: +1 703 849-8888; Fax: +1 703 207-3561; URL: www.aiha.org/content/ce/aihce/aihce07-call4presentations.htm 11th International Hand-Arm Vibration Conference, Belonga, Italy 3-7 Contact: Paola Bertelli, CNR-Imamoter, Via Canal Bianco 28, I-44044 Cassana (FE), Italy. Phone: +39 0532 735618; Fax: +39 0532 735666; E-mail: segreteria.aia@imamoter.cnr.it; URL: www.associazioneitalianadiacustica.it/HAV2007 6th Creativity and Cognition Conference, Washington, D.C., USA 13-15 Contact: Creativity and Cognition Conference, Ted Selker, 20 Ames St., Cambridge MA 02139, USA. Phone: +1 617 253-0291; Fax: +1 617 253-0910; Email: selker@media.mit.edu; URL: sabrinaliao.com/cc2007/. 24-27 SAFETY 2007 - American Society of Safety Engineers Professional Development Conference and Exposition, Orlando, Florida, USA Contact: ASSE Customer Service Department. Phone: +1 847 699-2929; E-mail: customerservice@asse.org; URL: www.asse.org 13th International Conference on Auditory Display (ICAD) 2007, Montréal, Canada 26-27 Contact: Email: icad2007@music.mcgill.ca: URL:www.music.mcgill.ca/icad2007/. **July 2007** 4th International Driving Symposium on Human Factors in Driver Assessment, Training, and Vehicle 9-12 Design, Stevenson, Washington, USA Contact: Kathy Holeton, The University of Iowa/PPC, 223 South Quadrangle Iowa City, Iowa 52242. Phone: +1 (319) 335 6804; Fax: (319) 335 6801; E-mail: kathy-holeton@uiowa.edu; URL: ppc.uiowa.edu/driving-assessment/2007/index.htm 2007 International Conference on Cognitive Modeling, Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA 26-29 Contact: Karen Alexa, University of Michigan, 2260 Hayward, Ann Arbor, MI 48109, USA. Phone: +1 734 764-9521; Fax: +1 734 763-1260; Email: ICCM2007@eecs.umich.edu; URL: www.iccm2007.org. 2nd Annual WEAR Conference, Banff, Alberta, Canada 31-1 Aug Contact: URL: ovrt.nist.gov/projects/wear/. August 2007 CogSci 2007—29th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society, Nashville, Tennessee, USA 1-4 Contact: Danielle S. McNamara. Phone: +1 901 678-3803; Fax: +1 901 678-2579; Email: dmcnamara@mail.psyc.memphis.edu; URL: csep.psyc.memphis.edu/cogsci07/. PREMUS 2007: Sixth International Scientific Conference on Prevention of Work-Related 27-30 Musculoskeletal Disorders, Boston, Massachusetts, USA Contact: Phone: +1 (617) 384 8692; E-mail: premus@premus2007.org; URL: www.premus2007.org September 2007 10th IFAC/IFIP/IFORS/IEA Symposium. Seoul. Korea 4-6 Contact: Ergonomics Society of Korea, Min Cheol Whang, Phone: +82 2 2287 5293; E-mail: esk@smu.ac.kr. October 2007 HFES 51st Annual Meeting, Baltimore Waterfront Marriott Hotel, Baltimore, Maryland, USA 1-5 Contact: HFES, P.O. Box 1369, Santa Monica, California 90406-1369, USA. Phone: +1 310 394-1811; Fax: +1 310 394-2410; URL: www.hfes.org National Safety Council's Congress & Expo, McCormick Place, Chicago, Illinois, USA 12-19 Contact: National Safety Council, 1121 Spring Lake Drive Itasca IL 60143, USA. Phone: +1 800 621-7619 or +1 630.775.2056; Email: customerservice@nsc.org; URL: http://www.nsc.org/ 45th Annual SAFE Symposium, Grand Sierra Resort & Casino Hotel, Reno, Nevada, USA 29-31 Contact: SAFE Association, P.O. Box 130, Creswell, OR 97426-0130, USA. Phone: +1 541 895-3012; Fax: +1 541 895-3014: Email: safe@peak.org. URL: www.safeassociation.org. November 2007

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Cancun, Mexico

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