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Minnesota Chapter 11

Passionate About Local Manufacturing

February Networking Event “New Year, New Tradition, Take Two”

Remember that debate your executive committee was having about whether or not to try to meet in January? Well, mother nature came up with a new curve ball for us: a static temperature of 29 below zero. Three hearty folks showed up, but Sisyphus was closed. So we’re trying again...

Our February meeting is a networking event. No formal speaker, no formal agenda. We’ve had some great tours so far this season, but it seems like everyone arrives at the last minute and takes off as soon as possible after the tour. So we’d like to have time for some conversations among ourselves. We have a dedicated group of students from St. Cloud State coming to our meetings, looking to mingle with us and get advice. We have members looking for job opportunities. We have members with amazing career experience to share. And we have members who love trying out craft beers. So we’re accommodating all those groups:

- What:** Networking Event
- When:** Wednesday, February 27, 2019
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- Where:** Sisyphus Brewing
712 Ontario Ave W Suite #100
Minneapolis, MN 55403
612-444-8674
Park on the street or in the Dunwoody lot after 5
- Cost:** Cash bar available.
Non-alcoholic options, too.
Chair Robinson may spring for munchies.
- RSVP:** Not necessary. Look for the geeks with pocket protectors when you get there. In the event of absurd weather, call Sisyphus to ensure it’s open.

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Chair's Message

Greetings to all SME members and friends!

Winter this year has created some interesting challenges for the SME board, in addition to the networking event being canceled due to the cold weather we have had difficulty getting to our exec meetings due to the snow. We are back on track now and look forward to a busy year, we have rescheduled the networking event to later this month, see details elsewhere in this issue. The SME board is actively seeking ideas and people to help with events, these are easy to set up, require minimal time, and can create valuable contacts in industry. Please reach out if you would like to see any specific manufacturing processes or have an exciting location for a tour. We are open to any ideas with a manufacturing theme.

We are a volunteer based organization, as such we are always looking for people. There are many things that need to happen to that require minimal time commitments, if you are interested in learning about manufacturing or building your network this is an excellent place to start.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on the board and if you have any questions or ideas please contact me or any of the other board members.

Gregg
Minnesota Chapter 11 Chair

Minnesota Federation of Engineering Societies OPEN HOUSE

To celebrate E-Week and all things engineering, MFESTS is holding a celebration event, **free and open to all engineers**. Come and find out what professional societies are active in the Twin Cities and what they have to offer!

Date: Thursday, February 21st 2019.
Time: 5:30PM to 8:30PM
Location: Medtronic
7000 Central Ave NE
Mpls, MN 55432 (USA)
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- February 21 - MFEST Event
- February 27 - SME Networking
- February 17-23 - Engineers Week
- March - TBD
- April - Uponsor Tour
- May - MN Industrial Tool Grinding
- June –August - Summer Break

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