



Chapter News

September/October 2007

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With the new Fall season, and the holidays quickly approaching, it is hard to believe that it is the last stretch of another year. Although it seems in some aspects that things are wrapping up – in other aspects, things are just getting started. For example, we kicked off a new year for the SMPS Tampa Bay Chapter!

With a new year comes new leadership. I am proud to say that we not only have great mentors to guide us, but, also have a lot of new faces who stepped up to take the challenge of being part of our new leadership. Your Board and committees are hard at work planning outstanding programs and also organizing educational workshops for the upcoming year. We began the year with an exciting sold-out Program in September on “Florida and the Global Perspective”. Our October Program is “Higher Education”. For more information on any of our upcoming Programs, Educational Meetings or Special Events, please check our website www.smpstampabay.com.

SMPS believes in giving back. Each year that goes by brings us to an entirely new level. Did you know that SMPS Tampa Bay is one of the fastest growing Chapters in the nation? We

are up to nearly 140 members! With our growth comes the opportunity to do more to help our community. Last year each of our charitable events raised more than \$10,000 (for the second year running)! We as a Chapter support Hillsborough County Children’s Services Emergency Care Shelter Program, Big Brothers / Big Sisters of Pinellas County, Teaching Tools AND we offer a scholarship to a University of Tampa student annually. Thanks to everyone, SMPS is not only a tool to learn, network and learn leadership skills. It is also an organization that believes in practicing what we preach and giving back.

I am very honored to be serving as your President this year. Did you know that I was SMPS Tampa Bay’s first student member? I am grateful to those who have taught me “the ropes” along with those who have dedicated their time this year to ensuring that we have another successful year. Let us know how we’re doing, or better yet, get involved! E-mail me at anoopad@nodarse.com and let me know what SMPS can do for you.

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Anoopa Jaikaran Dhalu
SMPS Tampa Bay President
2007-2008

SMPS Tampa Bay Named Outstanding Chapter

In April 2007, SMPS Tampa Bay submitted entries into the SMPS National Striving for Excellence (SFE) competition, the SMPS National Awards Program. Our chapter

submitted for both Overall Chapter Recognition and Special Event, for our annual golf tournament. On August 23rd, at the SMPS National Conference in Washington, DC,



SMPS Tampa Bay President Shannon Stein and Sponsorship Chair Melanie Jantschek accepted Outstanding Awards for both of our submissions. SMPS Tampa Bay was the only medium sized chapter to be recognized with an Outstanding certificate. Our chapter’s recognition is a reflection of the hard work and dedication that the Striving for Excellence committee and the entire board and committees of SMPS Tampa Bay set forth each day. Congratulations to all our members, especially the leadership and volunteers that have paved the way since our chapter’s founding in 1998.

Welcome New Members!

July 2007

Natalie A. Bugg
Kisinger Campo & Associates Corp.

Juan Davis
Fast Lane Clothing Company

Michael Lozicki
MediaLab Ventures LLC

Jennifer McGerald
TBE Group

Melinda Katherine Monaco
Doosan Hydro Technology

Susan M. Semple
Kisinger Campo & Associates Corp.

Sandra D. Tulecki
Tampa Bay Trane

August 2007

Tim Anenson
Doosan Hydro Technology

Laura Land
Doosan Hydro Technology

MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS

Sarah Ham

NGI



Sarah is NGI's Marketing Director, and has been with the company for three years. Sarah oversees development, design, coordination, implementation and management of all of NGI's marketing, promotional and advertising programs.

Sarah joined SMPS Tampa Bay in 2005. Being no stranger to accepting a challenging role, she jumped into the position of Second Vice President for the 2006-07 term. At the recent commencement ceremony, she was awarded the President's Award for her outstanding leadership skills and her ability to motivate others on very short notice to work with challenging programs and deadlines. Along with the major accomplishments with SMPS and in her career, she has also taken on the challenge of completing her Masters Degree in

Marketing at the University of Tampa. She is truly the ultimate multitasker. This term, Sarah has stepped into the position of President-Elect for SMPS Tampa Bay. We all truly appreciate her skills, leadership and friendship.

Melissa Strong

HSA ENGINEERS & SCIENTISTS



Melissa definitely lives up to her name... Strong. As HSA's Marketing/ Advertising Coordinator, she has undertaken the daunting task of updating their image by producing new service line slicks, brochures and website, all while cranking out winning proposals. Within the first week of her employment, and not even knowing what a geotech was, she was able to produce a proposal for Pasco County School Board in which HSA was ranked number one.

A motorcycle enthusiast and F350 truck driver, this Jacksonville native has been involved with SMPS throughout the years. This term, Melissa is servicing our chapter in the position of Secretary for the Tampa Bay Chapter. Absorbed in her career and extra curricular activities, Melissa also finds time to spend with her dog Biggn', a charming pit that loves her to death...as we all do because of her contagious enthusiasm and charisma, not to mention her charming smile.

MEMBER MILESTONES

Shannon Stein was named to Gulf Coast Business Review's "Top 40 Under 40" list for exceptional and invaluable contributions to the community. Way to go Shannon!

Congratulations to **Stephanie Hughes-White** on her September 29th wedding to William White.

Sarah Ham has been hired by Raymond James Financial to work in their Corporate Marketing department.

Have a Member Milestone? Send to smpstampabay@gmail.com.

Introducing Your 2007-2008 Chapter Leaders

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CPSM Study Group

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Shannon Stein
ASC geosciences, inc.

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