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Dear Section and Student Section leaders and all Global Communities members:

This letter is to announce the new District structure that has just been determined, and very brief notes regarding some items important to Global Communities and our Society in general:

Districts: The Knowledge & Community (K&C) Sector Global Communities are now structured in ten (10) Districts. This structurally replaces the former Council of Member Affairs' thirteen Regions. Each District will be self-named through their District Leadership as soon as possible. District Leaders are being determined at this time. The Global Communities Operating Board (GCOB), consisting of the ten (10) District Leaders and the Vice President of Global Communities, will ensure that the proper support is given to provide value added services for the good health and growth of the Units and members of Global Communities. Please see the attached document describing the District boundaries and individual Units' representation.

Student Training Seminars: The former Regional Student Leadership Seminars (RSLs) are now called Student Leadership Training Seminars (SLTS). They are being organized by volunteers in the former Regions where they normally took place. A complete list of the current scheduled events can be found at:
http://www.asme.org/governance/knowledgecommunity/student_leadership_training.cfm .

Student Conferences: Formerly the Regional Student Conferences (RSC), these events will be organized in a similar fashion to the SLTS. Venues and host universities have been selected.

Senior Conferences: Plans and preparations are underway for a Fall 2005 Webcast focusing on the "Change" aspect of C&C, and how to efficiently and effectively work with it; and a Spring 2006 joint conference with Section and Technical Group leaders.

District Leaders: We are currently underway with the Vice President migration process; transitioning from our past leadership of Regional Vice Presidents to the new concept of District Leaders, now that the number of Districts and their boundaries are determined. The first District Leaders will be former Regional VPs and Sub-Regional Chairs (in the cases of the four (4) new non-North American Districts) to the extent possible, or as determined by the GCOB. We hope to announce the new District Leaders very soon. The GCOB and District Leaders can then begin determining the needs of District Operating Boards, to enable filling the positions needed. Please note that the new Districts will have a significantly different scope of responsibility from that of the former Regions.

Field Offices: Budget reductions and ASME's Program Prioritization Process have resulted in the closing of the 5 ASME Field Offices and the elimination of those positions in the organization effective July 29th, except for three former Field Office Directors who will be transitioning to Director, Client Relations. Their focus will be relationship management with targeted industrial and governmental entities. They remain available to assist the units of K & C on special projects and programs. Other

staff support will come from the Knowledge and Community department as well as Unit Support within Services. The Global Communities Operating Board will be working with Burt Dicht, Managing Director, K&C, and others, to ensure that necessary staff services are provided to the Global Communities Units and members. And, here's a site for more contact info: <http://regions.asme.org/closures/>.

Section Appropriations: Budget reductions and the Program Prioritization Process also resulted in a 25% reduction in the rate of Section Appropriations for this (fiscal '06) year and the elimination of Section Appropriations (as presently determined) for next (fiscal '07) year and beyond; and a 10% reduction in Student Section Appropriations for this (fiscal '06) year and beyond. We are working aggressively to provide information and training to Sections and Student Sections on how to deal with these financial issues. Ideas and tools for Sections to become financially self-sufficient is a very high priority. One method being worked on now is to have a separate check-off on the annual dues statement for an additional amount to go to a members local Section for support. Other methods are in process at this time. This subject will be covered in the Fall Webcast.

This is the first of regular messages that I will be sending specifically to the Global Communities leadership. Other messages will be coming very soon and will provide some detail regarding the subjects above, as well as other subjects.

A lot of us wish that many of the changes of C&C, such as determining Districts and District Leaders, could have been completed sooner. However, we can assure you that many leaders have devoted enormous amounts of time and energy over many months to achieve where we are to date on the items covered above, and lots of other items. To all those who have given freely of their time and talent – ASME and its members THANK YOU.

We have many challenges and opportunities in front of us, and with YOUR help, WE will make ASME an even better place to be. YOUR comments and questions are always welcome. Please note that the Global Communities Community of Practice web site: <http://cop.asme.org/COP/KCGlobalCommunities/> is there for information, and is available for your use. Other timely and pertinent information can also be found at: <http://www.asme.org/governance/knowledgecommunity/>.



Yours truly,

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District Alignment Work Group

The District Alignment Working Group (DAWG) announces its results:

With the approval of the Knowledge and Community Groups Sector’s Board of Directors, North America will be apportioned into 6 Districts and the non-North American area of ASME (Former Region XIII) will be apportioned into 4 Districts.

In North America, primarily the Districts have been defined by the combination of two existing Regions, with the exception of Region III, which was subdivided into three portions geographically and attached to other Regions to even out the distribution of Members, Sections and Student Sections. In the former Region XIII, the districts have been defined as the former Sub-Regions.

DAWG Members: Doug Brown [Chair], Norris Allman, Dennis Armstrong, Len Anderson, Skip Breyfogle, Howard Conlon, Lee Crawford, Lynden Davis, Nilufer Egrican, Brian Erbstoesser, Kambiz Farhang, Dyer Harris, Vic Ilic, Fred Kasparian, Karen Ohland, Mahendra Patel, Bill Robbins, Natalie Roskam

The ten Districts are defined as follows:

District A (To be Named) – **Combines the Former Regions I and II – INTACT, plus a portion of Region III** *Approximately 15,000 Members, 23 Sections, 65 Student Sections*

Region I - New England - Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, Canada [New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Quebec)

Region II – Hudson / Mid Jersey - Northern New Jersey, New York (Metropolitan area and Hudson Valley), Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands

Region III – Mid-Atlantic (Partial) - Greater Trenton (NJ), Hudson Mohawk (NY), Mohawk Valley (NY), Philadelphia (PA) and Southern Tier (NY) Sections

District B (To be Named) – **Combines the Former Region V – INTACT with a portion of Region III** *Approximately 12,000 Members, 31 Sections, 68 Student Sections*

Region III – Mid-Atlantic (Partial) - Anthracite - Lehigh Valley (PA), Buffalo (NY), Central Pennsylvania, Olean (NY), Rochester (NY), Susquehanna (PA) and Syracuse (NY) Sections

Region V - Great Lakes - Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Canada [Ontario]

District C (To be Named) – **Combines the former Regions VI & VII – INTACT** *Approximately 11,000 Members, 20 Sections, 56 Student Sections*

Region VI - Central - Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Wisconsin

Region VII - Northern Plains - Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Canada [Manitoba, Saskatchewan]

District D (To be Named) – Combines the former Regions VIII & IX – INTACT

Approximately 13,000 Members, 27 Sections, 63 Student Sections

Region VIII - Northwest International - Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Canada [Alberta, British Columbia, Northwest Territories, Yukon Territories]

Region IX - Pacific - California, Nevada, Hawaii

District E (To be Named) – Combines the former Regions X & XII – INTACT

Approximately 14,000 Members, 24 Sections, 89 Student Sections

Region X – International Southwest - Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, much of Texas, most of Mexico

Region XII - Rocky Mountain - Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, western Texas, Wyoming, Mexico [State of Chihuahua]

District F (To be Named) – Combines the former Regions IV & XI – INTACT, plus a portion of Region III

Approximately 17,000 Members, 41 Sections, 58 Student Sections

Region III – Mid-Atlantic (Partial) - Baltimore (MD), Delaware and Washington, DC Sections

Region IV – Blue Ridge - Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, eastern Tennessee, Virginia

Region XI – Southeastern - Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, western Tennessee

(District G) Asia & The Pacific Rim [a former Sub-Region of Region XIII]

Approximately 3,000 Members, 7 Sections, 4 Groups, 9 Student Sections

Australia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan

(District H) Europe [a former Sub-Region of Region XIII]

Approximately 2,000 Members, 5 Sections, 7 Groups, 7 Student Sections

Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Israel, Italy, Russia, Serbia, Slovenia, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom & Ireland

(District I) Latin America & Caribbean [a former Sub-Region of Region XIII]

Approximately 1,000 Members, 1 Section, 8 Groups, 18 Student Sections

Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Jamaica, Peru, Trinidad & Tobago, Venezuela

(District J) Middle East & Africa [a former Sub-Region of Region XIII]

Approximately 1,000 Members, 3 Sections, 5 Groups, 7 Student Sections

Bahrain Island, Egypt, Kuwait, Nigeria, Qatar, Saudi Arabia – Central & Western, Saudi Arabia – Eastern, United Arab Emirates