December meeting cancelled

It is with regret that New Orleans Section has had to cancel its December general members meeting.

By tradition, we bill our December meeting as Manager’s Night. Its purpose is for members’ managers to accompany them to the meeting. It’s the section’s way to promote Society and section activities by illuminating the resources—running the gamut from technical, to commercial, to networking—that our members offer other members and their respective companies. The goal is to encourage managers to support and encourage their ISA members in their pursuits of excellence and knowledge in the automation profession.

Those who attend monthly meetings regularly have noticed the decrease in numbers. On occasion, less than two tables have been filled.

This situation makes it difficult to attract speakers. Section leaders and the Program Chairman will continue to try to schedule speakers. Members have a roll to play, too, by attending and supporting the section’s and Society’s activities.

Check out these Society resources

Check out this Society resource by clicking here. You do not have to log in if you’re not a member or have forgotten your login credentials. It will take you to ISA’s Standards and Publications web page. (Use the following URL to get there manually: isa.org; then select the Standards & Publications link at the top of the page in the green colored navigation bar.)

On the right-hand side of the resultant page you will see additional links for finding and purchasing standards publications and as well as books available through the ISA bookstore.

Say, you're interested in finding a standard. Click on the Find ISA Standards: Numerical Order link and land on the list of standards. You may purchase the standard or book directly from the secure website. If you’re a member of ISA, you may view your document on line by following the simple login procedure.

This Society resource also provides links to InTech magazine, technical papers, ISA transactions, and the ISA Directory of Automation.

So check it out. It’s one of the benefits of being a member of the Society.
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**ISA New Orleans Section**  
**2016–17 Program and Meeting Schedule**

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**SAVE THE DATE**  
**2017 Greater New Orleans Science and Engineering Fair**

The Greater New Orleans Science and Engineering Fair (GNOSEF) is growing this year with two judging dates on Tuesday 14 February (Junior Division) and Wednesday 15 February (Senior Division) 2017. The event is in need of judges!

The event will be held at the University of New Orleans (UNO) Human Performance Center at 2000 Lakeshore Drive. It is open to 6th–12th grade students in Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, and Plaquemines parishes.

Category judging will take place on both days from 8:00 am–noon (including check-in and deliberation). Separate Grand Award judging will follow right after lunch, which will be provided. Please consider judging for us on either or both of these dates. And if you are not available in the morning, please consider judging for the Grand Award winners from the top two projects in each category.

If you can volunteer as a judge, please sign up at [http://gnosef.tulane.edu/judgeform.cfm](http://gnosef.tulane.edu/judgeform.cfm). You will be asked to identify the date(s) you are available and the categories in which you have expertise. You will also have an opportunity to indicate if you are interested in volunteering to judge at local school fairs that occur in December and January.

If you are not available to judge at the GNOSEF, but would like to volunteer in another capacity over the course of the four-day event—13–16 February 2017, please go to [http://gnosef.tulane.edu/volunteerform.cfm](http://gnosef.tulane.edu/volunteerform.cfm) for information about other volunteer positions.

GNOSEF thanks you for your participation in this worthwhile mission! Not only is your participation needed to identify the best students to award and advance to the next level of competition, it is also needed to encourage all of the students in their efforts to pursue science and engineering. For some students this may be the first time that they have actually had a chance to meet and talk with a STEM professional!
Meeting Minutes, Executive Board
ISA New Orleans Section, Inc.
1 November 2016

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Call to Order
President, José Suarez, called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

Quorum
There was insufficient attendance for a quorum.

Safety Topic
Traveling for the Thanksgiving holiday? Make sure to plan ahead, check the weather forecast, and allow time at the airport security check point.

Review & Approve Agenda
The agenda was approved by attendees but not by a quorum.

Review & Approve Last Meeting Minutes
The quorum requirement was not met and, therefore, a vote on the minutes could not be taken.

Review Communications from Society
No communications were presented or discussed.

Review Communications from Others
No communications were presented or discussed.

Announcements
No announcements were presented or discussed.

Report of Officers and Committees

President
The President, José Suarez, presented seven items for discussion. The items and results of discussion follow:
1. General members meeting on 6 Dec. See the Program Chairman’s report herein.
2. Updated budget. See the Treasurer’s report herein.
3. Venue for the Honors & Awards Banquet. See the Honors & Awards Chairman report herein.
4. Corporate sponsors. See the Marketing Chairman’s report herein.
5. Ideas for seminar in the spring. See the Education Chairman’s report herein.
6. UNO scholarship. José advised that he had scheduled a meeting with a UNO faculty member at the university during the week of 10 Nov. The often-mentioned meeting of a section committee to discuss the issues regarding the Donald G. Iverson Memorial Scholarship Fund program still has not occurred.

President-Elect
No report. The section needs to fill this position.

Vice President
No report. The section needs to fill this position.

Next Meeting
Executive Committee
Thursday 8 Dec. 2016, time and place to be announced

Past President
No report.

Student Section Chair
No report.

Secretary
No report.

Treasurer
No report from the chairman.

Education Chairman
No report from the chairman.

See the statement in the Treasurer’s section above regarding the spring seminar.

Arrangements Chairman
No report.

Program Chairman
No report from the chairman.

Larry Iverson reported that Roger Reedy sent an email message advising that he had made an arrangement with a local sports media personality as speaker for the 6 December Manager’s Night meeting.

Honors & Awards Chairman
No report from the chairman.

The venue and date issues were discussed with no conclusion—again, due to insufficient attendance of section officers. It was pointed out, again, that not only is the month of the H&A Banquet a mere two months away, but the meeting is competing with Mardi Gras activities at desirable venues. Meeting attendees acknowledged that this item requires immediate attention by the cognizant section officers.

An additional matter regarding this event is invitation to a speaker, who is usually and by custom a ranking Society officer.

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Historian
No report.

Marketing Chair
No report from the chairman.
Larry Iverson reported that he had completed an action item assigned during the Oct. meeting. The product of the action item was a report, which was distributed via email to cognizant officers prior to the meeting, on the newsletter’s participation in the program. In summary, the report included a tabulation of corporate sponsor logos and texts that had been published from Sept. 2014 through Nov. 2016. The tabulation indicates that no progress had been made to date to solicit subscription renewals for the 2016–17 operating year. It also indicates that, as of the Nov. 2016 issue, for four corporate subscribers, the newsletter has published their material for two issues without compensation; for three subscribers, the newsletter is even; for one subscriber, two issues remain; and for one subscriber, on issues remains. It is noted here that this report could not cross reference which subscribers had actually remitted payment for prior years. Larry did not have access to that information.

The importance of this revenue source is that the funds are necessary to satisfy the budget plan.

As directed during a prior meeting, the newsletter editor will continue to publish corporate sponsors’ material in subsequent issues.

José reported that no progress has been made in securing commitments from current sponsors or new sponsors for the 2016–17 operating year.

Newsletter Chair
Larry reported that he needs submittals for the December newsletter by 23 November.

Membership Chair
No report.

Exhibits Chair
No report.

Webmaster
No report.

Society Delegate
No report.

Publications Chair
No report.

Old Business (Pending Action Items)

5. UNO student section inactive. José and Bill Brock to address the issue with the student section representative.

New Business—Action Items

1. Planning for this year’s events:
   a. Meeting topics for Jan.–May—Assignee: Roger Reedy
      Roger Reedy to check into topics for Dec.–May. Executive Committee members can and should help him.
   b. EPC lunch and learns—Assignee: José Suarez
      Work with Bill Brock and Dean Bickerton on this action item. José, Bill, and Dean to discuss the EPC lunch and learns idea. Mike Benbow agreed to help and maybe to host the event at M S Benbow & Assoc. offices.
   c. Spring seminar—Assignee: anyone
      Need seminar ideas for the spring of 2017.

2. Appoint a committee for the Donald G. Iverson Memorial Scholarship—Assignee: José Suarez
   Appoint a committee to develop criteria for selection of candidates for the Donald G. Iverson Memorial Scholarship. The criteria shall be publishable in a form that can be forwarded to the cognizant faculty member appointed by a college/university. The criteria shall be based strictly on an assessment of excellence and the interests of the automation profession. The following four members of the executive committee have been recommended for this committee: José, Mike Benbow, Dean Bickerton, and Larry Iverson.

Time & Date of Next Meeting
The next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled, tentatively for 8 Dec. at a place and time to be announced.

Adjourn Meeting
The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.