

# **EXPLORING OUR SOCIETY'S HISTORY AS A GUIDE FOR ITS FUTURE COURSE**

## **TOPICS FOR PANEL DISCUSSION**

### **FACTORS FOR MEMBERSHIP DECLINE**

### **ADDRESSING LONG IDENTIFIED SOCIETY ISSUES**

### **PROMOTING SYSTEM SAFETY CONCEPT IN COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS, ENERGY AND CONSTRUCTION AREAS**

# PERCEIVED FACTORS FOR MEMBERSHIP DECLINE

Lack effective inter and intra- society communications

Little interaction between members and EC

Lack of membership roster data for networking/mentoring

Lack of clear benefits for membership.

Perceptions that the typical practice of system safety is falling behind the times, no longer the leading edge of hazard risk avoidance in todays technology.

Feeling not adequately promoting more/better jobs for its members?

Little apparent effort in actively promoting new and retaining existing memberships.

# RESOLVING LONG IDENTIFIED SOCIETY ISSUES

## NEEDED

A definitive *glossary* of system safety related terminology, with provision to assure continuing updating and addressing improper / misleading uses of approved terms.

Appropriate access to membership contact info to aid in networking projects, (by gaining prior permission to share this info.

Listings of senior system safety professionals who would volunteer to provide lessons learned type help to those starting out in the field.

Regional professional development seminars to address new developments in the effective practice of system safety (affordable/one-day), engaging key safety related management from federal and local governmental agencies to take an active roll

Joint activities with other safety oriented Associations and Societies.

# BETTER PROMOTION OF SYSTEM SAFETY IN COMMERCIAL, ENERGY AND CONSTRUCTION AREAS

GM switch recall fiasco prime opportunity for ISSS to promote system safety concept.

Since it appears that the primary job of auto company design managers is to assure compliance with federal codes (rather than to identify and monitor resolution of pre-accident hazard risks) should we not be promoting the incorporation of appropriate System Safety type requirements in these codes (49CFR, etc.), to help correct this deficiency?

Should not the ISSS be at the forefront of efforts promoting appropriate *System Safety* requirements to supplement the “prescription” type codes for commercial products?