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SMRP Establishes New Chapter in Indiana

Indianapolis, Indiana, September 26, 2006 — The Society for Maintenance and Reliability Professionals (SMRP) has established a new local chapter in the state of Indiana. This is the first chapter in Indiana and its third nationwide. On Tuesday, September 26, 2006, 30 SMRP members gathered to conduct the first chapter meeting in Indianapolis. The objectives of the meeting included registering members, presenting chapter membership benefits, planning the future of the chapter, and electing a Board of Directors and Chapter officers.

Erin Winings, Director of Chapter Relations for SMRP worked with a group of SMRP members in Indiana who had shown interest in getting such a chapter started. Jeff Haverly of Eli Lilly and Company worked closely with Ms. Winings to coordinate the meetings and activities necessary to get the chapter process rolling. A meeting was convened in June 2006 to determine the level of interest in forming the local chapter. That meeting was attended by nearly 50 maintenance and reliability professionals, and all agreed that there was a great deal of interest in establishing a local SMRP chapter, by practitioners, for practitioners (as stated on the SMRP Logo).

Two committees were formed. A Steering Committee worked on the requirements for chapter formation, while a Content Committee identified ideas for future meetings, including approaches for sharing best practices among our members. The committees (which formed the Steering Committee, and ultimately the first Board of Directors) worked from June to September 2006 to get all Chapter pre-requisites completed, as well as establishing proposed work shops and tours for the first few meetings.

In addition to enjoying a congratulatory dinner provided by SMRP, the attendees completed membership applications and a survey for chapter content and meeting activities. Tom Brink, past Chairman of the SMRP, was on hand to congratulate the group for having achieved this milestone. Mr. Haverly later commented: "We have a great start on our finances and everyone is working hard on assignments / committees, future plans, website, survey, applications, contact lists, etc. You can be proud of your efforts."

SMRP is an independent, non-profit society by and for practitioners in the Maintenance & Reliability Profession. The society is nearly 2,000 members strong with global penetration. It is growing more each day as individuals and companies, representing a variety of manufacturing industries, learn more about SMRP and join in order to take advantage of the many membership benefits.

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