



**St. Louis
Section**

Setting the Standard for Automation™

The Loop

June 2014

**ISA St. Louis
June 2014 Golf Outing**

**Pevely Farms Golf Club
St. Louis, MO**

Thanks to all golfers and organizers for a great time!



Volunteers Wanted

Interested in Volunteering?

Contact Cory Kniepp at 573-953-0811 or cory.kniepp@emerson.com about ISA St. Louis Section Volunteer opportunities for the 2014-15 Program Year.

We have an opening on our Board for Secretary as well as opportunities in marketing, program coordination, student outreach, and membership outreach.

Finance Report

As of: May 9, 2014

Current Balance: \$7,567.48

Credits from ISA since Jan 1st: \$861.00

Debits since Jan 1st: \$500.00 (Deposit for golf outing)

~ Mike Unterreiner

Welcome New Members

Denis Backer

Corey Bechtold

Anthony Hughes

Jason Lash

Terrell Moton

Membership Report

Current ISA St. Louis Section membership is **264 members.**

Detail:
252 Active
Members

12 Active Grace
Members

President's Report

Thank you.

I've been fortunate in a lot of ways throughout my life. So in my final President's Message, I wanted to reflect on the work the Board has done over the past two years and say "thank you" to everyone involved. First off, thanks to my former Section affiliation, the Will-DuPage Section for first introducing me to the ISA. This helped make my professional and personal transition back to St. Louis ridiculously easy. I was still a kid basically, moving back to my hometown, but having no real connections in the automation industry in St. Louis. Being that my career is in sales, I needed to begin expanding my professional network, and ISA was my starting point. Maybe the best decision I have made in my career was to go to my first St. Louis Section meeting.

I still remember the first St. Louis Section meeting that I attended. It was April 2007, it was in the back of Syberg's in a tiny room, and the topic was cyber security and how it related to manufacturing. There were about 15 people there, so I stood out as the new guy, but everyone was so welcoming and friendly and eager to share their stories about the ISA and their careers in automation. Not only was I growing my professional network, but I was making friends. The next meeting was an ISA overview, by then ISA President (and St. Louis Section member) Steve Huffman. This was really the first time I met Steve, and I was blown away that the President of ISA took time to speak with me. To make a long story slightly longer, I owe a lot to Steve to sparking my interest in this organization and my professional growth. Thanks Steve, you have been a great mentor and more importantly a great friend.

That night I also met a gentleman working tirelessly to line up top notch programs (probably the most difficult task on the Board by the way), Jeff Blair. Jeff invited me to be a speaker at a valve round table meeting the following program year. I was honored and graciously accepted. Little did I know that shortly after I did speak at that program in March 2008, that I would be invited to join the board by Jeff as secretary (It is hard to believe that was over 6 years ago now!). Thank you Jeff for first inviting me to join the board and for all of your hard work filling just about every role in the Section over the last several years.

I could go on telling personal stories about each and every one of those that influenced over the years, but I will spare you that ... for now at least. I do want to say thanks to all those that I have served with on the board over the past 6 years. Especially recently: Nick Erickson, thanks. You have been a tremendous help and resource for our website. Chip Westaby, thanks. You have always been there and have been a great help in getting the upcoming golf outing organized. Brian Nixon, thanks. Although you have moved west, you laid the ground work for a successful golf outing and have always been there to answer any questions. Finally, Mike Unterreiner, thanks. We inherited a mess, and you get a lot of the credit for getting our treasury back in order. Hopefully I didn't miss anyone, but I am sure I did. Thanks again to all, and I look forward to assisting the Section any way I can in the future.

In closing, congrats to the 2014-15 Board:

President – Chip Westaby
VP – Nick Erickson
Treasurer – Mike Unterreiner

Best wishes and thanks for
allowing me to serve the
Section,
Cory N. Kniepp

Perspective from Power Industry Division

from Jeff Blair

I was fortunate to represent my company at one of ISA's Technical Division Symposiums recently. ISA Power Industry Division (POWID - <http://www.isa.org/powid/>) is one of ISA's premier groups; in early June 2014 they held their annual symposium in Scottsdale, AZ (don't worry, it was a dry heat at 112 degrees F, I brought my calibrated RTD and transmitter to verify). It's comprised of engineers, technicians, students, vendors and managers all with a significant interest in the worldwide power industry. Given that the conference was in Arizona, the agenda was heavily North American oriented. All eyes are upon us here in the USA now as EPA regulations and enforcement continue to be a moving target. Power companies and their suppliers prepare as best as they can to meet the standards and continue to keep the lights operating.

POWID is active year round with newsletters and various meetings. Their large event that draws about 300 personnel is the Symposium. I was told that this year's symposium is fairly typical of what one can expect at future meetings: industry personnel present colorful 30-minute presentations on relevant topics, vendors provide the latest power plant technology exhibits and industry leaders speak at certain "all-hands" sessions for the entire group of attendees. While Scottsdale is a bit of a far travel destination from St. Louis, there is a rumor that POWID will hold their Symposium next year at a Midwestern destination that is a four or five hour drive from St. Louis. I encourage you to check it out, or seek involvement in another ISA Technical Division.

Heartland Controls is looking for an experienced process control sales specialist for the St. Louis area. Background in analytical and flow applications desired. Competitive salary plus commission with 401K and medical.

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Steven Pflantz, an associate at CRB Consulting Engineers who serves as Chair of the Automation Federation's Workforce Education Committee. "The success of future generations lies in the ability to take talented youth and focus and motivate them, and FIRST seems to have all the right ingredients to make that happen. While I feel good about the information and advice I have given to some of these future automation professionals, they have inspired me to want to do more. I'm already thinking about next year's event."

Cory N. Kniepp, a district sales manager at ASCO Numatics and President of ISA's St. Louis Section. "I believe the future of our profession is very bright as I was blown away by the skills on display at the competition. It was an amazing experience that only re-energized my own love science and technology, and I look forward to attending future events to see what the kids will come up with next!"



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