

## CHAIRMAN REPORT

NSRP Welding Technology Panel Meeting  
Ketchikan, Alaska  
August 5 and 6, 2008

I would like to share just a few of my activities as Chair of the Welding Technologies Panel.

First, I participated in the presentation selection process for the upcoming Ship Production Symposium which will be held in Houston on October 16 and 17. There were two welding paper abstracts submitted this year. As both are on the subject of hybrid laser welding, both papers were selected and will be presented in a single session during the symposium.

Second, and I want to thank everyone who responded so promptly, I coordinated the responses from the panel members to the request from NAVSEA to the NSRP to identify potential cost drivers that are contained in the Navy welding specifications. We will talk about this subject a little later in the agenda.

Finally, a solicitation for this years panel projects was sent. As has been our practice, there was a very good response to this solicitation and we had a very good group of project proposals to consider. The package was circulated to the shipyard members of the panel for their prioritization. By the rules for panel sponsored projects, we are limited to request funding for a maximum of three projects. Following the review, the panel has identified these three projects for this year. These will be discussed later during this meeting.

I appreciate the support of the panel membership when I have asked for your assistance. We have been successful with good meeting presentations, panel sponsored projects and technical exchange. This is due to your efforts and willingness to work together.

Respectfully submitted,

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