

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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I have a brief report to share with you this morning.

I attended an ECB meeting in Washington, DC in September 2007. During the meeting, I presented on behalf of the panel three project proposals. I am pleased to report the three projects submitted were all approved for funding. They are: Portable welding robot (Servo Robots, lead), Evaluation of Prequalified Procedures for Naval Construction (EWI, lead) and Automatic Induction Brazing System for Shipboard Pipe Brazing Applications (NGSB, lead). We will have a report on all of these project later today.

I want to express my appreciation to the panel for their efforts in preparing project submittals, reviewing, ranking and sharing your thoughts on each of the potential projects. I am convinced that the continued confidence showed by the ECB in approving our projects for funding is based on the demonstrated level of activity and effort in the project process by all of the panel members.

One other activity I was involved was the planning and presentation selection for the annual SNAME Ship Production Symposium. The NSRP panel chairs form the presentation selection committee for the annual SPS. This year's symposium was held November 14-16 in Ft Lauderdale, Florida. This year there were four presentations relating to welding technology.

In addition to the symposium and the SNAME events, the annual NSRP panel chair meeting is scheduled during this time. All of the panel chair attend and it provides us a good opportunity to discuss common issues.

Respectfully submitted:

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