

## **Information about ATMAE Student Chapters**

The Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering (ATMAE) is the professional association for technology students, personnel, and educational institutions. Campus-based ATMAE Student Chapters help students develop professional skills and contacts, get to know fellow students and faculty, work on campus and community projects, compete in ATMAE competitions, and socialize.

### **Membership**

Students in universities and colleges can join ATMAE and the Student Division, and can use all ATMAE services including voting rights, website access, conference discounts, and the ATMAE Insider newsletter.

### **Affiliate Membership**

Local student chapters may affiliate with ATMAE and receive chapter benefits such as lapel pins for all members. The chapter affiliation fee is \$20.00 per year. New student chapters with a minimum of 15 members receive a student chapter banner upon request and verification of membership status.

### **How to Start an ATMAE Student Chapter**

- 1) Identify a faculty advisor; they must be a current member of ATMAE and should want to help organize and promote the student chapter.
- 2) Identify a group of students to form an organizing committee. We suggest at least 6 student members to form a chapter.
- 3) Select officers. Get a mix of Freshman to Seniors to keep the chapter going. Start in the spring so you can hit the ground running when classes start again in the fall.
- 4) Submit the Student Chapter Affiliation Application Form to the ATMAE National Office along with \$20.00 chapter affiliation fee and membership fees for a minimum of 6 ATMAE student members. Complete Membership Applications for each new member.
- 5) Select a regular meeting time each month.

### **Sponsorships**

Many universities and colleges have funding available for student clubs through the student government or student activities budgets. This initial money can help provide your club with funds for speakers, field trips, ATMAE affiliate membership, or any other expenses you may have. ATMAE Chapters have solicited sponsorships from local industries that hire graduates of the institution's Industrial Technology programs.

### **Meeting Topics and Joint Meetings**

Many chapters have joint meetings with faculty members and local industry members who also belong to ATMAE, and with other student groups (like SME). Topics for student chapter meetings might include:

- Developing an Effective Resume
- Social activities
- Interviewing Techniques
- Campus event participation
- Former Student Success Stories
- Community Service Projects
- New Technologies
- Field Trips to Local Industries
- Job Fairs
- Trip to ATMAE Annual Conference
- School/Dept. Open Houses
- Participating in ATMAE Robotics Contest
- Fundraising activities
- Equipment Demonstrations

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### **The Annual Conference**

Each year in October or November, ATMAE holds its annual Conference at a site in the United States. Students may attend the Conference at a significantly reduced registration fee. Information about upcoming Conferences can be obtained by calling the ATMAE Office or checking the ATMAE home page - [www.atmae.org](http://www.atmae.org). All current members receive announcements regarding future Conference information. The Conference features Student Division Contests, the conference program, and ample time to socialize.

### **The Technology Challenge, Robotics, and Welding Contests**

- The Student Division sponsors the Technology Challenge competition each year at the annual Conference. The format for the competition is like the game Jeopardy and is between individuals not teams. Elimination rounds are held with the individuals with the highest total scores moving on. The questions come from the following categories: Computer technology, Electrical engineering technology, Industrial technology, Mechanical engineering technology, Quality control, Safety, and Miscellaneous. The prizes for this contest in the past have included computers, software, and books.
- The Conference also features a Student Division Robotics contest, established in 2002, with teams from ATMAE Schools competing to win the contest with robotic devices they built on their home campuses. Contact the Student Division President, via the “Divisions & Focus Groups – Student Division” links in the ATMAE website.
- Since 2008, the Conference has also featured a Welding Contest, sponsored by Lincoln Electric Company.

### **Publicity**

Student clubs are encouraged to submit articles, as well as pictures, about chapter activities to the ATMAE Office for inclusion in the ATMAE Insider. For further information, contact the ATMAE Office, 630-433-4514 or [info@atmae.org](mailto:info@atmae.org). Electronic copy and photos can be submitted directly to [info@atmae.org](mailto:info@atmae.org).

### **Website links**

Student chapters are encouraged to establish websites. Chapter Websites can be linked to the ATMAE website, [www.atmae.org](http://www.atmae.org). Website links allow student members to benefit from learning of successful activities at other chapters that may be duplicated in their own chapter.

### **Other questions?**

Contact the ATMAE Office, 630-433-4514 or [info@atmae.org](mailto:info@atmae.org).