The NEHES Annual Fall Seminar Means "A Lot of Training for Not Much Money"

Fall Seminar for longtime NEHES members Bob Okerholm and Don Garrison means acquiring a lot of information about their professions in a very short time for a reasonable amount of money.

Neither has missed more than a handful of Spring and Fall Seminars since they joined NEHES. Both will be at Fall Seminar October 29-November 1 in New London, CT and hope many other engineers will attend, too.

The Seminar begins October 29 with evening registration at the Radisson New London Hotel. Scheduled events, including several educational programs, run from October 30 through November 1. More than 60 vendors will promote their products and services at a vendor show near the hotel during the Seminar.

Carl Budde, ASHE president, will be the Seminar's keynote speaker. He will review ASHE's activities and achievements.

Educational seminars will be held daily, with topics ranging from power quality and energy conservation strategies to water treatment and Title V permitting.

Mark English, Seminar chairman, urges engineers to make hotel reservations as soon as possible to take advantage of special group room rates for NEHES members. Phone number for the hotel is (203) 443-7000. Members will receive the special rates only through October 8; after that, they will pay regular hotel rates.

Members will pay $125 for seminar events, excluding the banquet dinner. "This is the most value of anything members will get for their money," said Don, NEHES vice president. "This is a week's training for $125. It costs very little and could very well mean your livelihood. One of the most important things we can do is to keep informed on changes in health care delivery."

The $125 for seminars, Don said, doesn't even pay for the food. "The majority of the support is paid for by the vendors. Our society costs throughout the year are paid for primarily by receipts of the Fall Seminar."

Attending Fall Seminar, he said, is one of the best ways engineers can keep up with developments in the health care industry. NEHES members hear leaders of their profession speak, and see the latest products and services from vendors.

"With today's rapidly changing health care needs and priorities, it's impossible for the health care engineer to be aware of vital information that may very well mean his job," Don said. "In the old days, there was plenty of time to learn about changes. Now ideas can be generated almost overnight. In a few months' time, your workplace could change dramatically."

Bob Okerholm, NEHES board member from Rhode Island, enjoys meeting other NEHES members and the seminars. "Certain programs and speakers are very helpful," he said. "I get a lot out of these. I would miss a lot of information if I didn't go. The main value is definitely in education."

He and Don also appreciate the opportunity to meet new NEHES members and renew acquaintances with other members they see just once or twice a year.

"We're basically like a family," Don said. "This becomes like a yearly reunion."

Organizers have scheduled a complete program just for spouses, he added. "This is one of the things that separates our program from others. Even on a national level, they don't have anything for the spouses to do."

Members who haven't received a Seminar registration package should call Mark English at (860) 545-2661.

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- Don Garrison
NEHES Vice President

Take Time for the NEHES Annual Meeting

If you attend the Fall Seminar, why not stop in at the NEHES annual meeting? Scheduled for Thursday, October 31 at 4:15 p.m., the meeting is open to all NEHES members and usually lasts one to two hours. Business to be conducted includes election of officers and any bylaw changes.
Welcome, New Members of NEHES!

We welcome the following new members to NEHES and hope to meet you at the Fall Seminar:

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