



**MINUTES OF THE SRE HUNTSVILLE CHAPTER MONTHLY MEETING**  
**UAH VBRH M50 Conference Room**  
**Huntsville, AL**  
**14 January 2014**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

A regular meeting of the Huntsville Chapter of the Society of Reliability Engineers was called to order at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, at the University of Alabama (Huntsville) Wernher Von Braun Research Hall. A quorum was present. The president was in the chair, but the other officers were not present. A list of the meeting's attendees are attached.

**MEETING**

The following is the agenda for the regular meeting of the Huntsville Chapter of the Society of Reliability Engineers:

11:00-11:05 Minutes of the last meeting read and voted on

11:05-11:10 Treasurer's Report read

11:10-11:30 Old and New Business

- Website Status
- RAM VI Workshop, 2013
- RAM VII Workshop, 4-6 November 2014 at Westin
- Monthly Meeting Venue
- Monthly Meeting Speakers for May/Sept/Oct
- Picnic in June and Party in December

11:30-11:50 Presentation by David Cavanaugh

**"A tale of two philosophies - Taylor and Deming: a Quality/Reliability case study with Ford and Chrysler."**

Minutes of the last meeting had been emailed to the membership for review; however, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was postponed since the secretary was not present.

The chairman announced that the chapter would meet at the University of Alabama (Huntsville) Wernher Von Braun Research Hall, M50, for the next 4 regular meetings and reminded those present that regular meetings would continue to be held the second Tuesday of each month. The chairman also encouraged those present to consider speaking at the October 14 regular meeting or to spread the word to their colleagues that we have the one available slot in 2014 for SRE professionals that would like to share a presentation during our chapter meeting.

The chairman discussed the RAM VII Workshop, and announced that it will be held 4-6 November at the Westin. The chairman encouraged those that would like to participate to submit their presentation topics.

When the SRE Huntsville chapter website came up for discussion, the president, Mrs. Brothers, announced that the website is still in the development stage, but it should be live soon and will enable potential members to join our local chapter and/or sign up for the RAM Workshop via the website.

The chairman announced that our current membership is 54, and before the end of the business meeting, there were 3 additional members that paid their dues, bringing our total membership to date to 57.

A solicitation form was circulated to collect input for the summer symposium that will be held in June in lieu of a regular meeting. The feedback received was to have the picnic at Green Mountain again this year in early June, and another suggestion was to invite an engineering student to provide a 20 minute presentation.

The business meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The guest speaker was David Cavanaugh from Benchmark Electronics Huntsville Division. His talk was titled: "A tale of two philosophies - Taylor and Deming: a Quality/Reliability case study with Ford and Chrysler."

**Attendees:**

Mary Ann Brothers  
Jessica Glover  
Jon Tegtmeier  
Jason White  
Walt Roark  
Daniel Sillivant  
Brett Guin  
David Cavanaugh  
Jim Bartlett  
Bill Wessels  
Chris Sautter