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## Chapter Board Welcomes New Officers, Directors

In Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, the Southeastern Chapter Board of Directors recently gathered for its annual Spring Meeting of the Board. At this meeting the following new officers were sworn in and installed:

**Chapter President Chris Raines** of Porter's Electric in Gaffney, South Carolina, **Vice President Wayne Hall** of Jenkins Electric in Charlotte, North Carolina, and **Secretary/Treasurer Mike Darby** of Darby Electric in Anderson, South Carolina. Also installed were new State Directors **Randy Campbell** of Cole Technology in Atlanta, **Peggy Hunnicutt** of Dixie Electro Mechanical Service in Charlotte, and **Jeff McCroskey** of Ireland Electric in Virginia Beach, each representing their respective states. Officers and State Directors serve their chapter and association as volunteers, without compensation and almost completely at their own expense, and the chapter owes each a debt of gratitude for their dedication and sacrifice.

In addition to addressing a problem with the succession of officer for the current membership year, the board also established a new Governing Policy providing a reimbursement of expense for incoming chapter officers who attend the bi-annual New Officers Training Session held by EASA International in conjunction with the International Convention. This reimbursement is to offset the additional expense of traveling to the convention a day early, and is capped at \$200 per officer. Some of these additional expenses were previously reimbursed by International, but that practice had been discontinued by the International Board of Directors.

If you are interested in serving your chapter on the board, there are three steps:

- *Get involved! Attend chapter meetings and participate.*
- *Volunteer! Let us know you are willing to serve.*
- *Be prepared to work, enjoy and benefit from the new friendships and networking opportunities that will await you.*



Outgoing Chapter President Charlie Brown (right) accepts a plaque from incoming President Chris Raines in token of the board's appreciation for his service.

### *The Deepest Condolences ...*

*of the Southeastern Chapter Board of Directors are extended to Jack Heinz of Power Flow Technologies in Ocala, Florida in the recent loss of his wife of 54 years, Millie. Jack has served as Florida State Director since 2008 and left the board just this month. Millie was a wonderful lady and our heart goes out to Jack at this time. We ask that all our readers remember him and his family in their prayers.*



Oh Ray! I'll never forget that magical weekend at the 2011 Southeastern Chapter Fall Conference at the beautiful Grove Park Inn Resort and Spa. *If only this could be you!*

## Fall Conference News

By Raymond K. Paden

I suspected that, by now, everyone is tired of hearing about "that Paden guy" and his exploits, but I can't pass up the opportunity to describe the successful Southeastern Chapter 2010 Fall Conference at the Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa in Asheville, North Carolina. This is truly one of the most beautiful, historic and exclusive venues that has ever hosted one of our conferences. Unfortunately, the weather was not as hospitable as was the hotel staff, but even though it was cold and rainy outside, it was warm and exciting inside. The dining was top-notch (always an important factor in my rating system) the rooms beyond comfortable and the mountains, even with dark clouds and rain, were stunningly beautiful. Chapter President and Conference Chairman Charlie Brown put together a series of informative and useful classes that were useful and universally approved by those who attended. It is sad to report, though, that only about 10% of our member firms were represented at this conference.

Those who attend know the value of meeting with their fellow Southeastern Chapter members. The most valuable things I have ever taken away from a conference (not counting my wife) are the friendships and memories. If you do not attend the Southeastern Chapter conferences, you are cheating yourself and your business.

## 2011 Southeastern Chapter State Meetings Kick Off

At its Fall meeting, the chapter Board of Directors approved a plan by (then) Vice President Chris Raines to hold small, one-day conferences in each state of the chapter. These meetings would focus on technical subjects, and would hopefully spark interest in members who do not usually attend chapter conferences. The first of these 2011 State Meeting was held February 19 in Miami, Florida, hosted by **EIS** at their Miami warehouse. The course was taught by Martin Plecki of RAM Seal, Inc. in New Lenox, Illinois. Also included was a presentation about new epoxy products by Eric Degrave of Dynamis, Inc.



Martin Plecki of RAM Seal (right) accepts a token of the chapter's appreciation from Conference Chairman Chris Raines ...



... as does Eric Degrave of Dynamis, Inc.



Our special thanks to Luis Paez (right) and Anthony Cisneros of EIS, who made us feel very welcome and worked hard to make this meeting a success.



**EASA Southeastern Chapter  
North Carolina Technical Conference  
April 29-30, 2011**

# SEAL Stuff and MOTOR Matters



Our series of Southeastern Chapter State Meetings continues April 30 in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Topics of this one-day seminar will include:

- Basic Mechanical Seal Seminar
- Basic Operation – Elastomer Bellow Seals
- Identifying Causes of Seal Failure
- Mechanical Seal Installation/Reinstallation (*hands-on*)
- Proper Seal Lubrication
- The U.S. Seal Catalog
- PWM Inverter Driven Motors
- NEMA MG1 Part 31 Standard
- Spike Protection Through Motor Construction
- Proper Installation
- Dealing with Circulating Shaft Voltages
- EISA – Energy Independence and Security and Affects on the Motor Industry and Customers
- China Motor Manufacturers – “The Whole Story”
- Plenty of time for Q&A!



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**U.S. Seal Manufacturing**  
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\$75 each for EASA Member Firms  
\$50 each for 2 or more from same Member Firm  
\$100 each for non Members

**Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30-9:30 PM** Welcome reception sponsored by Techtop Industries and US Seal Manufacturing including Cocktails and Hors D'oeuvres outside on the Courtyard Terrace 7:30 – 9:30 PM.  
*When registering please advise if you will attend.*

**Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> (Technical Seminar 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM)**

**9:00 – 9:30 AM** Arrive at J.R. Lane Associates, Inc. located within 2 minute drive of the hotel. Coffee and doughnuts upon arrival.

**9:30 – 11:30 AM** Technical Seminar and Presentation  
Gary Stockslager – US Seal Manufacturing ([www.ussealmfg.com](http://www.ussealmfg.com))

**11:30 – 12:00** Q&A - Open discussion – Mechanical Seals

**12:00 – 1:00 PM** Catered lunch Sponsored by JR Lane Associates, Inc. and Overly Hautz Motor Base Company ([www.overlyhautz.com](http://www.overlyhautz.com)) Ed Bees, Vice President of Overly Hautz, will offer a brief presentation on Motor Mounting during lunch.

**1:00 PM – 3:00 PM** Technical Seminar and Presentation continues  
James Muldoon – Techtop Industries ([www.techttopind.com](http://www.techttopind.com))

**3:00 – 3:30** Q&A – Open Discussion - Motors/Drives, Premium Motors

**3:30 – 4:00** Closing Discussions and Meeting Wrap Up

**Registration deadline April 22**  
**Class size will be limited to 40**

Conference may be cancelled with FULL REFUND if insufficient registrations make proceeding impractical.

Lodging for this event arranged at the **Courtyard by Marriott Triangle Town Center**  
3401 Sumner Blvd.  
Raleigh, NC 27616  
(919) 645-0088

Rate \$99 Per Night plus applicable taxes.  
Cut-off date: April 15.  
To receive rate, refer to “EASA/ JR Lane Associates” when making reservations.

Although planned primarily for North Carolina, this meeting IS open to all Southeastern Chapter members!  
For more information and registration form, please go to [www.easasoutheast.org/news](http://www.easasoutheast.org/news)





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**SEAL STUFF and MOTOR MATTERS**

North Carolina State Meeting, Raleigh, April 29-30  
Sponsored by US Seal Manufacturing, Techtop Industries North American, and J. R. Lane Associates Inc., with catered lunch sponsored by Overly Hautz Motor Base Company.

Topics:

Basic Mechanical Seal Seminar, Basic Operation – Elastomer Bellows Seals, Identifying Causes of Seal Failure, Mechanical Seal Installation/Reinstallation (hands-on), Proper Seal Lubrication, The US Seal Catalog, PWM Inverter Driven Motors, NEMA MG1 Part 31 Standard, Spike Protection through motor construction, Proper Installation, Circulating Shaft voltages, EISA, China Motor Mfgs

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**Don't miss the reception  
Friday 7:30-9:30 PM at the  
Courtyard Hotel sponsored  
by Techtop Industries and  
US Seal Mfg!**

PLEASE START  
PLANNING  
NOW TO  
ATTEND THE  
SE CHAPTER  
2011 FALL  
CONFERENCE  
NOVEMBER 3-5  
AT THE HYATT  
IN GREENVILLE  
SOUTH  
CAROLINA

**NEWS INSIDE ...**

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