



Tuesday, January 29, 2008

Hi Everyone,

Happy New Year, I hope you all are well. This is my first letter as President and the reason it's taken me so long is because we had our first Board meeting of the year today and I wanted to pass along the developments to you.

First and foremost, thank you again to everyone who attended the Holiday Party, we had a great time. I'll speak for everyone when I say thank you again to Steve Grant, our outgoing President, who did an excellent job and is a class act. Steve will stay on to be our new Show Chair. This is a new position that I'll come back to.

If I had to pick my main goal for the next two years, it's more interaction between the Board and the members. We are a networking group, above all, and I would like to try to encourage just that- more networking. In addition to our shows, I want anyone with an idea to pass it on to us so we can try to make it happen. Between all of us, we have an endless amount of resources and we're in NESMA for a reason. So I'm welcoming any GOOD ideas that will help us give everybody your money's worth. I can say that a couple things that we are looking into are a NESMA golf outing and an additional social event, attended by members and customers. Details will come as these ideas progress.

That said, here is some feedback from our meeting.

Congratulations and Thank You to Lisa Cowan of Lonza for being voted our new Vice President. In filling this spot, we wanted a person who could offer some fresh perspective for our members and Lisa was the easy choice.

Steve Grant will be our new Show Chair and he will oversee the organization of our Shows. We created this position in an effort to streamline our internal organization/management of shows and things will surely improve with Steve in charge. The 1st Annual Genzyme Show is taking place on Tuesday January 29th. Thank you to Tom Russell for his effort in putting this together with Genzyme Purchasing. Notices will go out as usual via email and our website for this year's shows so don't forget to check. And finally, our website will be updated with the Board's contact info.

Thank you again, I look forward to seeing everyone in the field. Good luck in 2008!

Sincerely,
Chris Kiley, NESMA President