



Spring 2013 Newsletter

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Save the Date

Wed, March 25, 2014 **ISA Hamilton EXPO 2013**
 Royal Botanical Gardens
 680 Plains Road West
 Burlington, Ontario

Late-May 2014 **Annual ISA Hamilton Section Golf Tournament**
 Chippewa Creek Golf & Country Club
 Mount Hope, Ontario

Section President
Graham Nasby

Newsletter Editor
Brent Killins

Outgoing President's Message



When I accepted the office of President for ISA Hamilton Section in July of 2011, I was fortunate to lead a group of Officers that was both strong in experience and strong in potential for the support and administration of the Section. In addition to the elected Officers, I was able to rely on experienced Committee Chairpersons several of whom had a proven track record, and some of whom were relatively new to the Executive Board for the Section.

At that time, I looked forward to the many challenges in staying current with the automation industry, and also with the diverse membership and the contributions arising from that diversity that were to be the principle resources available to me, and to you as Section Members throughout the two year term of my period as President. Without the support of the Executive Board, that term would have been a much more difficult challenge.

Over the past two years, as a Section, we have been able to provide an ongoing series of interesting, informative, and well attended technical meetings, up-to-date communications with you the membership through newsletters, web site resources, and e-mail updates, and two successful annual shows which have provided the financial resources needed to continue our service to our members.

These events are a result of the hard work and dedication provided by our Executive Board members, and is more a tribute to them than to my own efforts. Thank you for your confidence and support of that team, and myself during this time.

Several of those Executive Board members have decided to step down due to retirement, workload, or for personal reasons, and while they will be missed their contributions are not forgotten. Looking forward to the new term, and the new Officers and Executive Board members that will take office in July 2013, I am confident that the Section is in good hands to provide the administration and innovation for ISA Hamilton Section Inc. to remain a vibrant and successful Section.

Kenneth Hamilton
President 2011-2013

Incoming President's Message



Greetings! It is a great honour to be elected as the incoming president of the ISA Hamilton Section. During my two year term starting on July 1, 2013, I look forward to continuing our section's strong tradition of providing quality meetings, tours, and educational activities for our members. I also look forward to supporting our new incoming volunteers who will be helping with our technical program, annual Expo trade show, and our always-successful

annual golf tournament at Chippewa Creek Golf & Country Club.

As Kenneth mentioned, the year 2013 will be one of change for our section. We have recently had a number of new volunteers approach the board about getting involved, and some of our older volunteers wish to take the opportunity to step back and take a breath. I view this as just a natural part of the life-cycle of a volunteer organization, and I look forward to growing with our new volunteers, while also benefiting from the wisdom of our more seasoned members as they help out.

In addition to personnel changes, you will also notice a few changes in the coming months with how we do things. With the help of our long-time WebMaster, Wally Nickel, we will be giving our website a facelift. For section programming we are going to be putting more of a focus on plant tours and we plan to expand our use of social media to make information about our events easier to find.

We will, however, not be messing around with the traditional events that have always been successful for our section. Our annual Expo is on track to be held on March 25, 2014 and the date of our annual golf tournament will be announced soon.

In closing I would like to thank Kenneth and our outgoing volunteers for all their hard-work and dedication over the past two years, as well as welcome our new volunteers who you will be meeting in the coming months. Stay tuned for our Summer newsletter!

Graham Nasby
President 2013-2015

New Newsletter Editor: Brent Killins



We are pleased to announce that Brent Killins became our new section newsletter editor in May 2013. Brent is an Inside Sales & Technical Product Specialist from Westech Industrial Ltd. He is one of the new volunteers who have recently joined our section executive.

We wish to thank our outgoing newsletter editor Jennifer Loeffler for her hard work during the last 3 years as our newsletter editor. As our new newsletter editor, Brent is always on the look-out for good technical articles and personal interest stories. Have an idea for an article? Give Brent a shout at brent.killins@westech-ind.com or (905) 812-2247.

Fall 2013 & Winter 2014 Member Meetings

Our previous Education Chair Michael Bovenkamp is taking on the role of Section Program Chair for the upcoming 2012-2013 year. **Keep your eyes peeled for our Summer newsletter which will outline all of the member activities ISA Hamilton has in mind for us this fall.**

2013 ISA Hamilton Expo Report

On Wednesday, April 3rd, we held our annual expo at the Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington, Ontario. The event was well attended, with a packed hall of attendees who came to see the many vendor booths and hear the speakers in the technical program. We had a total of 51 vendors this year, and five technical talks. Overall the Expo was a resounding success for the section and all who came.

This year's Expo keynote address was by Mr. Ian Verhappen of Industrial Automation Networks Inc. who gave a talk entitled "Digital Communications - How Control Systems of the Future will be Integrated." In addition to being a director of Industrial Automation Networks, Ian is also the Parliamentarian for the ISA's society-level executive board.

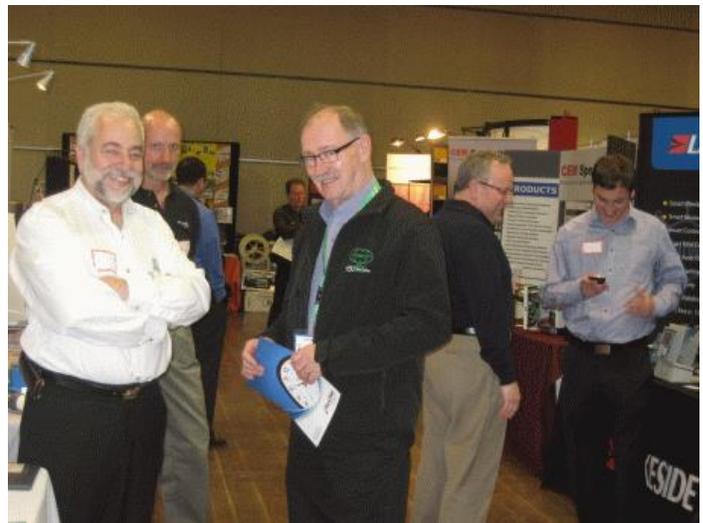


Photo from the Expo – some of the usual suspects



Ian Verhappen (center) talking with ISA Hamilton Volunteers Kenneth Hamilton and Wally Nickel