IIE: Getting Involved

Improvement starts from within

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Background Information

- BSIE from Northeastern University
  - IIE Student Member since 1998
- Production Supervisor for Coca-Cola Enterprises (2 years)
- Operations Supervisor for Consolidated Container Company (1 year)
- Project Manager for All American Polyethylene (2 years)
- Resident Manager for Auxilio (2006 and current)

Auxilio, Inc.

The leading provider of integration strategies and outsourced services for Document Management in Healthcare. Every day, we help hospitals and health systems reduce expenses and create manageable, dependable document management infrastructures by managing these back-office processes – better, for less.
What Auxilio does

• My company provides a service - centralize management of printers, copiers, scanners and fax machines
• Through collection of monthly meter reads, we can charge the client on utilization of equipment
• We bring tangency to an unknown cost and visibility to an uncontrolled process
IE at the workplace

- Assess new needs based on estimated or historical data
- Find ways to standardize equipment, supplies and parts
- Minimize on hand supply/parts inventory
- Improve workflow and efficiency of each department
- Address under and over utilized device
- Integrate our company within the client
- Manage various vendors
- Find ways to decrease volume and save money
- Always maintain high levels of customer satisfaction
The importance of staying connected

- IIE is more than a monthly magazine subscription
- The uncommon IE is more common than you think
- Never underestimate the power of networking, especially in a down economy
- Opportunity to attend events which appeal to your education and career

Be more than just a member

- Attend your local chapter meetings
- Join a local chapter committee or run for an executive board position
- GO TO A CONFERENCE/EXPO
  - My first conference was the 2009 IIE Annual Conference and Expo: Innovations Revealed
  - There are many conferences throughout the year; choose one, some or all to attend
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What to expect

• A limitless amount of networking opportunities
• Educational opportunities through workshops and/or class instruction
• New perspectives on age old problems
• Vendors, consultants, products and books
• Insight on Industrial Engineering in academia and in industry
• Visibility of the various organizations and resources available to you

What I came away with

• Met a lot of new people and ever re-connected with an old college professor
• Received my Six Sigma Yellow Belt Certification
• Attended workshops showing common sense ideas that are easily overlooked
• Attended workshops with innovate twists on IE tools used in industry
• Walked the exhibit hall full of various vendors, schools and books
• Took part in roundtables, panels and organizational meetings
Why is it so important

We are, essentially, improvement engineers. We find ways to increase, decrease, improve and maximize. Whether we work with products or people, our goal, as industrial engineers, is to improve things. How can we expect to continue on this path if we are not always willing to improve ourselves?