



## Chairman's message in regard to SME International Awards

I am proud to announce that two Chapter 69 Oakland/Macomb members have been selected for prestigious SME International Awards



Jack Day has been selected as the recipient of the SME Award of Merit. This award is conferred annually to honor individual SME members who have made valued, balanced contributions to the Society's professional activities and growth. Jack is one of only three selected for this award.

The award is some recognition of the monumental contributions Jack has made and continues to make to both Chapter 69 and SME International. His efforts on behalf of certification are known throughout SME. His thousands of hours of work on Member Council and influence upon membership value have been a major contribution to all of SME International. At the chapter level his consistent input and direction has contributed immensely to the continued success of the chapter in increasing the value of SME membership to chapter 69 members as well as encouraging students and student chapters and building connections with other chapters and other professional organizations.



Leandro G. Barajas, PhD has been selected as a recipient of the SME Kuo K. Wang Outstanding Young Manufacturing Engineer Award. This award is conferred in recognition of significant achievements and leadership in the field of manufacturing engineering as a young engineer. Leandro is one of 13 recipients who will receive the award in 2007. The 2007 award is named in honor of Dr. Wang for his lifelong contributions to manufacturing and long-time support of SME.

As a chapter, we are particularly proud to be able to say that this is the third year in a row that a Chapter 69 Oakland/Macomb member/nominee has received the SME Kuo K. Wang Outstanding Young Manufacturing Engineer Award.

With an average age of 51, we have a very high quality membership but have only a small number of members in the under 35 age group for eligibility. With the excellent awards program in the chapter and the chapter programs available to mentor younger members, we should all use this as an opportunity to encourage younger members of the manufacturing engineering profession to become involved in SME and particularly Chapter 69 Oakland/Macomb.

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