

ASES Solar Thermal Division Annual Report for 2006 Plans for 2007

Annual Business Meeting was held July 10, 2006, in Denver, Co.
The Division Officers for 2006-2007 are

Barry Butler Chair
Tom Henkel, Vice Chair
Joe O’Gallagher, Secretary
Michael Gurin, Treasurer

The Division activity has been increasing in 2006. In addition to providing reviewers for the conference submittals, there have been two newsletters issued in 2006. We supported three Forums at ASES 2006 and at least four technical sessions organized around solar thermal topics. Members are donating old Solar Today magazines to hospitals and doctors offices for reading by the general public. We produced a division poster for the web site.

Planning for 2007 activates include

1. **Technical Review of Conference papers for 2007**
2. **Forums for ASES Cleveland.** In addition to the Forums on Solar Hot Water Lessons Learned, and Solar Hot Water Goes Mainstream with high natural gas prices and incentives; solar crop drying and other agricultural applications were recommended.
3. **Supporting Federal and State initiatives,** The Solar Energy Industries Association which successfully extended the solar hot water federal tax credit through Dec. 31, 2008 and will fight for a 10 year extension after 2008. Support SEIA chapters, i.e. CALSEIA and FLSEIA in putting forward Solar Domestic Hot Water and Solar Process Heat as natural gas reduction strategies.
4. **Supporting State initiatives,** *San Diego ASES Chapter/ Northern CA ASES Chapter* -The California Solar Hot Water Initiative to provide a performance based incentive of up to \$1,500 for SDHW systems installed over the next 10 years. \$1B dollars has been allocated by the CA Public Utilities Commission for this rebate. *Colorado ASES Chapter*- Solar Hot Water Incentives for Colorado Residents. *Florida ASES Chapter*- Florida State Incentives
5. **Enhanced Division Newsletter**
 - Addressing concerns about solar vendors under the new market conditions such as misleading advertising and other misinformation that could affect public perception of solar thermal.
 - Developing power point presentations that could be downloaded from the Division Web pages for public consumption.