FIRST QUARTER 2026

The Enchanted View

INCOSE Enchantment Chapter Newsletter

Editor: Eric Walker

Ann Hodges receives Outstanding Service Award at IW 2026. Photo courtesy of Greg Bulla.

International Workshop 2026

This past January, members attended the IW conference in California. Ann Hodges (Enchantment Chapter Secretary) was presented the Outstanding Service Award (OSA) for her significant contributions to our organization and the field of systems engineering through her leadership at the chapter level, WSRC, and the Systems Engineering for Early-Stage R&D working group. Look for more information on her in the INCOSE Q1 Newsletter.

Over 450 attendees heard challenges and issues from industry leaders and systems engineers from diverse backgrounds. Through the interactive workshop setting, participants explored various SE methods, modeling, tools, and approaches. Participants learned how to integrate SE capabilities sooner and sustain them throughout the project lifecycle.

Digital engineering has been proposed to enable integration of SE; however, challenges and issues persist. INCOSE working groups met to discuss poor system engineering practices, short sighted system engineering tailoring, and in other cases, SE tools and inputs/output of data. Working groups identified that better project integration with SE software tools, that include various sources of truth, should be explored.

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Newsletter Highlights

International Workshop 2026

Chapter event:
The Role of Systems Engineering in Lawmaking

What conferences are you attending?
2026 Conference Schedule

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Chapter Website

Enchantment Chapter Hosts: The Role of Systems Engineering in Lawmaking

March 11th, 4:45pm

ABSTRACT:
This presentation discusses progress towards the goal of science-directed lawmaking for governments. Democracies, whose purpose is to secure the rights and liberty of the people, have been less than successful in their attempts to solve or mitigate societal problems such as crime, poverty, and homelessness. Investigations of the lawmaking method of U.S. State Governments, for example, have disclosed that it is focused on making laws rather than solving problems, with the result that the size and complexity of bodies of laws increase but societal problems remain unsolved. In recognition of the poor performance of laws, the Systems Engineering and Lawmaking Working Group (SELAW) and other investigators are exploring the development of scientific standards for the lawmaking process of democratic governments. This presentation discusses the potential role of science-directed lawmaking to improve the rule of law and thus enable democracies to satisfy their public service obligations.

BIO:
Dr. David G. Schrunk is an aerospace engineer and medical doctor with specialization in nuclear medicine and diagnostic radiology. He is the author of multiple refereed papers and presentations on topics of law, medicine, and space exploration, and is the founder of the Science of Laws Institute, a non-profit institution dedicated to the establishment of the science of laws. In 2005 he authored the book, "THE END OF CHAOS: Quality Laws and the Ascendancy of Democracy," which describes the rationale for developing the new science of laws. In 2022 he co-founded the INCOSE Systems Engineering and Lawmaking Working Group (SELAW), which is focused on the development of the science of laws and science-directed lawmaking. His affiliations include ILOA (International Lunar Observatory Association), AAAS, AIAA, NSS, and INCOSE.

Zoom link is provided in the meeting invitation; contact enchantment@incose.net to request the meeting invitation.

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Conference Schedule 2026

Quarter 2:

Annual Conference on Systems Engineering Research 2026
April 6th - 9th Arlington, Virginia

SESA Systems Engineering Test and Evaluation (SETE) Conference 2026:
April 27th - 30th Sydney, Australia

Edge 2026 Conference
April 29th Orlando, Florida

2026 MBSE Symposium:
June 8th - 10th Huntsville, Alabama

2026 International Symposium:
June 13th - 18th Yokohama, Japan

21st Annual System of Systems Engineering (SoSE) Conference 2026:
June 28th - July 1st Kongsberg, Norway

Quarter 3:

Europe, Middle East, Africa Sector Conference 2026 (EMEASEC):
August 29th - September 2nd Linkoping, Sweden

Quarter 4:

Annual Systems Engineering Conference 2026 (ASEC):
November 24th - 25th Telford, United Kingdom

For more information visit the events calendar at incose.org.

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The Enchantment chapter

The Enchantment Chapter Board of Directors would like to congratulate the following recent examinees who received passing scores on the System Engineering Professional exam. The SEP showcases verified knowledge, experience, and leadership.

- Christopher Dang
- Benjamin Fasel
- Scott Valentine

The Enchantment Chapter Board of Directors would like to welcome the following new members to the chapter.

- Luke Borchelt
- Christopher Dang
- Kevin Fraizer
- Briana Luceadams
- Alec Milner
- Timothy Murphy
- Bonnie Novak
- Scott Valentine

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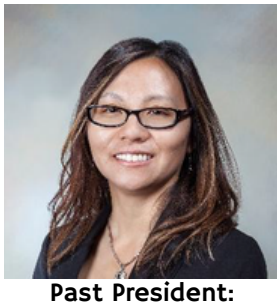

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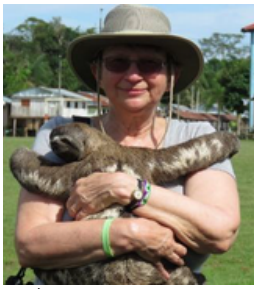

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36th Annual INCOSE International Symposium

hybrid event

Yokohama, Japan

13 -18 June 2026

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Key Dates

All Submissions

Submissions Due	2 January 2026
Notification of Acceptance	16 March 2026
Authors Acceptance Due	31 March 2026
Final Papers Due	16 May 2026