



## American Nuclear Society Robotics and Remote Systems Division

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San Antonio Texas was the site for the summer meeting of the Robotics and Remote Systems Division executive committee. Pictured below are Chris Eason, who assumed the role of Chair of the committee from Mark Noakes. The committee would like to thank Mark for all his past work and his continuing contribution as he remains active within RRSD.



Chris Eason and Mark Noakes (new and ex-officio RRSD chair persons).

Nominations are being sought for the Ray Goertz Award. The award was established in 1985 to recognize outstanding contributions to the field of remote technology in hazardous environments. It honors the late Raymond C. Goertz for his lifetime contribution to the advancement of remote handling systems and for his development of the master-slave manipulator. Nominations are due annually by March 1st in order to receive full consideration. Additional information and links to the nominating form are available at [http://rrsd.ans.org/pages/ray\\_goertz\\_info.html](http://rrsd.ans.org/pages/ray_goertz_info.html),

In February 2016 RRSD will have representatives at the International Workshop on the Use of Robotic Technologies at Nuclear Facilities. Hosted by the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the workshop is designed to encourage information exchange on past, current, and future uses of robotics in challenging environments. Focus will be directed toward the use of

fixed and mobile robotics at nuclear facilities during normal operations, emergency response conditions, and decommissioning activities. Further information on the workshop can be found at <http://www.nist.gov/allevents.cfm>.

Plans are under way for a joint topical session with Decommissioning and Environmental Sciences Division (DESD) and Decommissioning and Remote Systems (D&RS) in Pittsburgh, PA July 31-Aug 3, 2016. The Carnegie-Mellon Robotics Institute and the IEEE R&A are planned to participate in this meeting. Details are available at <http://drs.ans.org>. To present, submission of summaries is due by January 10, 2016. Submit summaries via the ANS website (<http://desd.ans.org>) in Microsoft Word or PDF format. Please consider participating!

Florida International University (FIU) was granted an ANS Student Chapter. ANS President (Gene Grecheck) is planning to visit FIU in January 2016 to officially launch this chapter.