Appendix F: LOCAL SECTION PROGRAMS

The Local Sections Committee has put together this list of activities to help sections build their annual program plans.

Types of Programs

1. Keynote speakers or panelists
   - General interest nuclear topics
   - Dinner or Lunch and Learn
   - Technical topic
   - Local Politics affecting nuclear/Nuclear in the States
   - Public perception and concerns
   - Other non-technical topic

2. Facility tours (nuclear related)
   - Power plants
   - Research reactors
   - Isotope production

3. Joint Meetings
   - ANS sections/branches
   - Professional societies
   - Community organizations

4. Social/Wellness Events
   - Picnics/BBQ
   - Wine/Beer tasting
   - Holiday parties
   - Trivia night
   - Local sports team/league
   - Fun Run/5K

5. Fundraising
   - Bowl-a-thon
   - Golf outing
   - Raffle/50-50 Raffle/Silent Auction
   - Sponsorship and tickets sales for meetings
   - Hosting an ANS topical meeting
   - Merchandise/Clothing sales
   - Local restaurant fundraisers
Sources for Quality Speakers

- **ANS Speakers Bureau**
- ANS President or other Officers – contact governance@ans.org
- Local section members
- Other local section’s members
- Local industry leader – non-member
- Vendor
- Academic leaders
- Professional/Paid speakers – through speakers bureau ($$$)

Factors Affecting Program Success / Attendance

- Type, Format and Program Variety
- Subject and Speaker
- Program Quality
- Publicity
  - Sufficient advance notice
  - Sufficient detail to stimulate interest
  - Format and distribution
- Location and Time
  - Vary city and/or location
  - Access to parking and public transportation
  - Proximity to most members
- Quality of facility
- Cost and perceived value
  - Meal planning (buffet, family style)
  - Student discounts
- Added attractions (special guests, films, displays, Mentoring/Networking opportunities)

Best Practices

- Check audio/visual equipment before guests arrive
- Introduce speaker
- Keep presentation within the allotted time / Don’t go over time
- Allow for Questions and Answers (Q&A) with speakers
- Thank the speaker (memento/gift)
- Thank guests for coming