Chair’s report

Here is a quick update on Training TG business. The last newsletter included a TG officers nomination form. Three people were nominated and agreed to run for TG Chair and one person was nominated and agreed to run for Secretary-Treasurer. Enclosed in this newsletter is a ballot for you to vote for one candidate for each of these offices. Please vote only once using one of the following methods. If you choose to mail in your vote please print your name on the back and sign across the seal of the envelope. If you prefer, you can fax the ballot to me but please include a cover sheet indicating your name and contact information. The ballot is also available on our web page at: http://ttg.hfes.org. You can download the ballot and send it via email. You may also print it out and fax or mail it to me following the procedures above.

Teresa Alley has continued improving the Training TG web page. It includes a TTG membership directory, a listserver, a survey of TTG services, the ballot and other relevant information. I want to encourage everyone to get online and look it over. I appreciate everyone’s patience in dealing with the listserver, it has caused some confusion and problems. Teresa has done a great job trying to coordinate with central office on getting the listserver running. Please send me your feedback and suggestions on the website, and take advantage of our listserver to pose questions and comments to the TTG.

Our Program Chair, Jim Bushman, has been working diligently on our program for the 2003 Annual meeting. I want to thank him for his efforts. I also want to thank all of you who helped in reviewing proposals for the meeting. It is your efforts and assistance that will maintain the high quality of the TTG program in 2003.

Lori Van Duyne, our tireless newsletter editor, also deserves our thanks and praise. She has worked to fill up our newsletter with interesting articles. It is an extremely time consuming task and Lori has done a great job. I believe the newsletters have re-established our presence, and indicated to you, the members, that we are still here and still active.

I also strongly urge you to review the online survey regarding the TTG. We are trying to find ways of making this TG better serve the interests of its members. I would especially like to see your suggestions for how we might make good use of our budget. We have a surplus of about $9,000 that we can use to promote our group’s interests and give value back to the TTG members. Please give me your feedback.

Barry Goettl
Meet your Candidates for TTG Chair

JIM BUSHMAN has over 18 years experience in training-related human factors research and development. Jim received his B.S. degree in computer science in 1975 from Brigham Young University and his M.S. degree in systems management in 1981 from the Air Force Institute of Technology. Jim earned his Ph.D. degree in 1989 from the Georgia Institute of Technology, with an emphasis in human-machine systems and artificial intelligence. He is currently a Logistics Manager for Northrop Grumman Mission Systems in Columbus, Ohio where he is responsible for directing the warranty maintenance and logistics support (including training development) for the Ohio Multi-Agency Radio Communication System. Jim is a retired Air Force Lt Colonel. While in the Air Force, he directed the Air Force’s technical training R&D programs at the Air Force’s Armstrong Laboratory at Brooks AFB, Texas. His research interests include cooperative control of human-intelligent systems, cognitive engineering, intelligent tutoring systems and situational awareness. He is currently serving as the Training TG Program Chair for the 2002 and 2003 HFES Annual Meeting. Jim is interested in serving the TG members to expand interest in the Training TG and building collaborations with the other TGs.

STEPHEN M. FIORE is Director of the Consortium for Research in Adaptive Distributed Learning Environments at the University of Central Florida, Institute for Simulation and Training and Team Performance Laboratory. He earned his Ph.D. degree (2000) in Cognitive Psychology from the University of Pittsburgh and he maintains a multidisciplinary research interest in training that incorporates aspects of cognitive, social, and organizational psychology. He is co-Editor of a forthcoming book on Team Cognition as well as currently co-Editing a volume on Distributed Training. He has co-authored over 25 scholarly publications (journal articles, peer-reviewed proceedings papers and book chapters) on the topics of learning, memory, and problem solving at the individual and the group level. Steve has served as a reviewer for journals such as Applied Cognitive Psychology, Human Factors, International Journal of Human Computer Studies, Group Processes and Intergroup Relations, and the Journal of Organizational Behavior and has served as a reviewer for numerous journals and granting agencies. Steve’s goals for the Training TG involve developing programs to encourage student involvement as well as facilitating multi-disciplinary approaches to answer critical questions concerning training research. His overarching objective is to support the long-term viability of the TG.

Meet your Candidate for TTG Secretary

JAMES McCARThy has been a member of the Human Factors and Ergonomic Society (HFES) since 1988. He received his Bachelor’s degree in Mathematics Education from Winona State University in 1986 and his Doctorate in Experimental Psychology from Miami University in 1992. Jim joined Sonalysts, Inc. in 1992 and currently serves there as Vice President, Instructional Systems. The bulk of Jim’s professional time is spent in the development and evaluation of advanced training technology. Jim has helped to develop engines that support simulation-based intelligent tutoring and adaptive interactive multimedia instruction. Recently, he completed development of a suite of authoring and delivery tools that allow subject-matter experts to produce high-quality documentation, training, and performance support material. Much of Jim’s work is informed by formative and summative evaluations of system usability and effectiveness. Designing, executing, and analyzing studies of this sort occupy a growing portion of Jim’s time. Jim lives with his wife and two young daughters in Southeastern Connecticut. He serves as the President of his children’s school board and helps out with their T-Ball team.
Vote for your new Officers! Ballots due by May 16!

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Official Ballot for Chair

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