

July 9, 2009

Dear Colleagues,

Enclosed is the registration material for the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Association of NROTC Colleges and Universities, to be held October 22-24 at the University of South Carolina. As you will see in the enclosed material, a "Navy Day" is scheduled for Friday, October 23. This year's agenda includes a tour of the Navy Nuclear Power School and Fort Sumter.

As usual, we look forward to the annual briefing from the Naval Service Training Command (NSTC) as the central part of our official business. In addition to the regular updates included in Dr. Stein's briefing, Jill will address such topics as program trends, current discussions on technical majors, languages and diversity, minimum service requirement, and production to needs of the Naval Service.

On Saturday, we will have an open discussion on Campus Issues and Practices. Please let me know if there are issues or topics you would like to include in the agenda. My e-mail address is sphrfs@gwumc.edu. Please send suggestions no later than September 18.

The business of the meeting should provide reason enough for you to attend our annual meeting. In addition, however, it is important that member institutions be well represented to RDML Clifford S. Sharpe and the other Navy staff joining us. I very much hope that you will plan to attend the meeting. If you cannot attend yourself, please consider inviting a colleague to represent your institution. Please recall that member institutions are welcome to send more than one representative to a meeting; however, in those rare cases in which formal votes are taken on motions, a member institution has only one vote.

As you will note on the enclosed tentative schedule, a brief program to welcome new representatives and provide them with background regarding the Association's work will be held on Thursday evening, October 22. If you are a new representative to the Association, please make a special effort to be available for that session.

I look forward to your attendance at the Columbia meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Southby", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Richard F. Southby, Ph.D.
President