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My interest as Program Chair and otherwise is “getting on with the future” – particularly in the development of conferences, courses and other program as part of mentoring of younger engineers working in operations and services and in the development and manufacture of new systems and equipment.

Conferences and other program activities are organized and run by one of the five CNS Technical Divisions (NS&E, FT, E&WM, D&M, O&M). My job as Program Chair is the initially set up of the organizations to run them. The key to that is to i) establish a viable/forward-looking concept for the event, ii) define the exact list of event org and technical program skills needed to make it happen, iii) recruit specific people for the specific roles based on their interest and capability, iv) hold the kick-of meeting and introduce everyone to their roles and to each other and v) get out of the way (such committees usually take off and need only occasional coaching at certain key points in the event development process).

Program is a great place to get involved with CNS because it focuses on the technology of operations, engineering, development, etc. and the energy level in a well-functioning org team is fantastic. And by the time the event is over, you know people throughout the industry including some of its leaders (who enjoy providing their own vision and insights to such events). Dive in – you will get far more out of it than you can possibly imagine – to which end, I give you the offer I give to a everyone –

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