



New president John Kaniuk (standing) discussed 2009 plans during a meeting of ACerS volunteers held as part of the Society's annual meeting.

web services that will allow easy and rewarding online networking. Other online improvements are being made to enhance the websites speed and design.

The Society will target three areas of outreach in the 2008–2009 period: the ceramics business community; international members; and young professionals. Each group has special needs that ACerS is in a unique position to address, such as the new series of “short courses” the Society has organized to provide just-in-time training to industry staffers.

One intriguing new proposal to emerge from the annual meeting is the creation of a new journal on glass research and applications. ACerS leaders believe that this specialized area of ceramics has grown to the point it can sustain its own journal and a team led by David Pye, the Society's immediate past president, will be meeting with the organization's staff and Wiley publishing company in 2009 to determine if a viable business plan can be crafted for a glass-oriented journal.

Finally, the Society's staff was able to make audio and video recordings of several of the major ACerS lectures held during MS&T and these recordings should be available on the ceramics.org website by the end of 2008. ■

Report on New England Section's Technical Ceramics Expo

Sixty-five attendees viewed the latest in technical ceramics technology and services available from the 17 exhibitors and corporate sponsors who displayed their wares at the Fourteenth Annual New England Technical Ceramics Expo on Oct. 15. Organized by ACerS New England Section, the expo featured technical ceramics machining services, materials, components, finished products, research-analytical services and more.

John Kaniuk, president of Zircoa Inc. and ACerS new president, was the expo's keynote speaker. He presented an update of ACerS strategic plan, explaining the Society's increased focus on the needs of corporate and international members. He stressed ACerS efforts to meet new types of membership needs in a world where the business environment is constantly changing. Kaniuk followed his report with a story about building Zircoa into a “want-to-work-for company.”

As always, one of the expo's highlights was the evening raffle, which featured door prizes donated by the event's corporate sponsors. CeraNova



Scott Nordahl of Raytheon, NEACerS treasurer, oversaw registration at the New England Section expo.

Corp. took the most door prizes per employee – all four walked away winners. Charlie Landry of Advanced Glass and Ceramics won a microwave oven donated by Osram Sylvania. While Landry was thrilled, he couldn't help taking a wistful glance at the grand prize – a ceramic putter donated by The American Ceramic Society – and



◀ **After his presentation, ACerS president John Kaniuk (left) enjoys refreshments with Fred Schmidt (center) and Lou Trostel.**

▶ **Chris Decker (center) of Kennametal talks business with attendees.**





CeraNova's Mark Parish (right) with a new member of his technical staff, Felix Condua

won by Dick Alliegro of Alltec Consulting. Alliegro, a left-handed golfer, quickly saw he had captured a right-handed putter. Landry and Alliegro –two ever-practical engineers – negotiated a swap.

Photos from the New England Section expo can be accessed on its website at www.neacers.org.

(Editors note: This is an edited version of a comprehensive report prepared by Robert J. Sayre and Harry B. Strock.) ■



John Snook (left) introduced attendees to Stellar Industries.



◀ **Bob Heath of Thermal Technologies, one of the New England Section's 17 exhibitors.**

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