

In March 2009, the AVS Board of Directors authorized the formation of a new AVS Chapter, **The Hudson-Mohawk Chapter of the AVS**, which will serve the eastern side of NY, from NY City to the Canadian border, and Vermont. The chapter officers, the members at large, and the chapter by-laws can be found at the web site listed below:

http://www.avs.org/popup.aspx?FileName=HUDSON_MOHAWK

Additional information, including upcoming meetings and local events, will be posted to the web site, so please check back often.

We would like to obtain input from chapter members regarding technical activities you and your colleagues would like to see offered (night time dinner meetings, one day symposia, etc.), the frequency of local meetings, locations for meetings, the names of suggested speakers, etc. We want your input! Remember - the aim of the new chapter is to be a technical resource to serve your needs!

Participation from local academic institutions, including students, will be strongly encouraged.

We are currently planning the following 2009 activities:

- 1). an informal "get to know each other" meeting in the May/June 2009 time frame in the Albany NY area.
- 2). a meeting in the Yorktown Heights NY area (July/Aug 2009).
- 3). a one day symposium in the fall (SUNY Albany, GE-GRC, other locations)
- 4). a joint meeting with the Capital District Microscopy and Microanalysis Society (CDMMS)

You do not need to be a member to participate in the activities offered by our chapter. However it is suggested that you email your name and organization to the chapter secretary, Hong Piao (piao@research.ge.com) to ensure you are informed of events and meetings.

Sincerely,

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