

## The Association 2016 Holiday Social

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The Greater Huntsville Section participated in The Association's 2016 Holiday Social on December 15 at BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse. The Association, formerly known as the Huntsville Association of Technical Societies, is a nonprofit association of Huntsville area technical and professional societies dedicated to the advancement of science and engineering. The Greater Huntsville Section rejoined the renamed and reorganized Association in 2014.



The Association organized and funded the event to promote inter-society networking and to thank the member societies for belonging. Fourteen people representing eight technical societies attended the dinner. Council Member Nishanth Goli, the section's Liaison to Professional Societies represented the Greater Huntsville Section. AIAA members Sarat Praharaj and Ken and Lisa Philippart also attended the dinner as representatives of other societies.

During the evening, the representative of Huntsville Section 1503 of the American Society of Quality (ASQ) introduced himself and requested AIAA's help. ASQ is seeking engineering-related speakers at their events to educate non-technical members on significant issues within the aerospace industry and to give ASQ members better insight into real world issues related to quality. This request was relayed to the Council for follow up action.

The evening was a fun way to celebrate the holidays, network with other Huntsville area societies and discuss ways to collaborate across the industry. The Greater Huntsville Section thanks Association President Dana Cave and Program Chair Jennifer Buckner for sponsoring and organizing the event.