



Member Testimonials

STLE membership has a real-world value, but don't just take our word for it; hear it direct from our members!

2010 Annual Meeting

"The amount of networking I was able to do in one place in only a few days was exceptional! Add in all the other benefits and STLE provides outstanding value [at the Annual Meeting]." – Member

"I can always count on the Annual STLE Meeting and Exhibitions to have all our customers under one roof and great networking. It is a great way to keep in touch with the pulse of the industry." – David Oesterle, The Lubrizol Corporation

"The STLE Annual Meeting is the best venue for sales, marketing, and technical people to meet and discuss products that are instrumental in moving our industry forward." –Samuel Wolfe, Wolfe Chemicals

"Face-to-face membership gatherings offer me unmatched opportunities to conduct business with and learn from my colleagues, which has an immediate and demonstrable effect on my company's bottom line." - Member

"I joined because STLE is an organization where technical ideas get bounced around. Through this process important innovation develops." – Member

"The papers presented [at the 2010 Annual Meeting] were of high quality and most of them related to present day industry needs. I think it is the biggest conference which relates to present day industry needs. It is a great place to learn about energy and materials savings, and being environmentally friendly." - Vincent Martin, Indian Oil Corporation

"The STLE Annual Meeting offers both the best information on tribological related research and the best technical approaches to improve equipment reliability. Technical session and exhibition provides a proper balance of basic understanding and practical applications. Technical courses offer additional edge of required knowledge." – George Staniewski, Ontario Power Generation

"A great event to both meet colleagues involved in all facets of lubrication, and partake of the excellent technical content." – Evan Zabawski, Fluid Life

“The training sessions [at the Annual Meeting] are world class. The instructors are helpful and always looking for ways to improve the class and/or the information being provided.” – Dave Frycki, Herguth Laboratories

“[The STLE Annual Meeting is] well worth it for networking and keeping up to date, especially with international contacts and colleagues.” – Dr. Keith Martin, Open University

“Excellent technical content and good discussions by the participants. Also, excellent opportunities to meet industry colleagues.” – Tony Artiles, Pratt & Whitney

“It is great opportunity to meet professionals in tribology and lubrication from universities, industry and national labs at one location and attend some of the cutting edge talks in the field.” – Pranesh Aswath, University of Texas at Arlington

“As usual, STLE is an excellent forum for networking with fellow professionals in my field of work. This was the third time I attended an STLE Annual Meeting, and I will definitely present at least one technical paper next year - it is the best forum to reach my target audience.” – Christian Bauer, Pall Corporation

“This was my first time attending. I took 3 courses and all were excellent and presenters were extremely knowledgeable. Overall, a great group of people. They were friendly and willing to share expertise and discuss technology.” – Gary Bilski, Honeywell Consumer Products Group

“The STLE Annual Meeting provided a wide variety of opportunities to learn about new developments in tribology, interact with colleagues, and become aware of new equipment I could use in my work.”
– Peter Blau, Oak Ridge National Lab

“STLE Meeting/Trade Show is a great way to network and get new customer leads.” – Thomas Bobinger, Wincom

“STLE has a pretty good grip on industry trends and the attendees at meetings are willing to share experiences.”

“Outstanding opportunity to meet and discuss with experts within the biggest and most active association of tribologists worldwide.” – Steffen Bots, Oelcheck

“I am new to STLE. I found it to be a resource I want to engage in the future.” – David Clark, U.S. Army

“The annual meeting is a great place to make many business connections and to learn and get a feel for this lubricants industry. It was a good meeting. The venue was good. We had a good attendance. There was ample to learn.” – Bill Conner, Total Lubricants USA

“The meeting was very organized. It was very valuable for me and worth my long trip.” – Abdallah Elsharkawy, Kuwait University

“In addition to the salesmen who call on you, laboratory and management personnel from many companies also attend. This gives many an opportunity to meet people and make contacts which, otherwise, might never be seen.” – Dr. A.J. Gustavsen, Royal Purple, Inc.

“STLE is one of the most attended international forums which provides an excellent opportunity for academics, researchers and businesses for networking, disseminating the outcome of the latest research activity, exchanging ideas and sharing good practice. STLE also provides early career research the opportunity to get involved in various professional practice activities. It is also an excellent forum for fostering and further enhancing international collaborations.” – Dr. Zulfiqar Khan, Bournemouth University

“The STLE Annual meeting is an important forum for tribology professionals.” – Fred Oswald, NASA

“I would recommend any professional involved in the tribology or lubricant specialisations to attend this forum. The standard of presentations was well balanced and informative, and more importantly it is a singular event to interface with the industry leading specialists in this sector. Technical presentations and networking exceeded expectations, I will be back at the next annual meeting.” – Dr. Francis Quail, University of Strathclyde

“Presentation technical quality was very good. Networking was excellent. Great for collaboration.”
– Don Smolenski, General Motors

“The STLE Annual Meeting provides excellent technical content, training, exhibits and networking, all in one place.” – David Turner, Shell Global Solutions

“It is hard to really see the value of a meeting like this until you attend. This was my first year attending the annual meeting and my primary reason for going was to meet one of my CLS recertification requirements. Before this year, I hadn’t really thought twice about going to an annual meeting, and now I’m looking forward to future opportunities to attend and contribute to STLE. Since STLE is a volunteer organization, STLE becomes whatever the volunteers put into it. STLE requires one very important ingredient... It’s members! People from all sorts of backgrounds come together with STLE making it a huge melting pot of ideas and valuable information. Where else could you get everyone from design engineers and plant managers to oil analysis lab technicians and university students? Where did you last see a lubricant manufacturer in a forum with university professors and equipment manufacturers? Seeing STLE’s volunteer system at work with a group of people passionate about learning from each other was AMAZING! I now look forward to giving more of myself to the work of STLE. Remember, STLE is more valuable with you than without you!” –Misty Trumpower, Bently Tribology Services, Inc.

Certification

“After learning about the CLS certification, I figured that becoming a member of STLE can help me to learn and succeed in other areas, which is why I joined.”

“Certification as a CLS led me to be involved in the STLE. I am an employee of an oil company and joining the STLE is a great networking tool and information source.”

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Technical Information/Expertise/Publications

"STLE's longevity is the result of bringing professionals together with diverse backgrounds to work on common issues, build relationships, and move the science of tribology forward." - Member

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"All successful careers start at the STLE; all technical answers are within the STLE." –Noreen Cherry, NCEED Enterprises

"I joined to stay in tune and up to date with the industry, [and STLE provides that]."

"Most of my customers belong so it made sense for me to belong. This is a great group to join to learn more about the industry."

"STLE was popular with the company I was working for at the time. I enjoyed the meetings, as the topics were interesting and informative. I have been a member ever since."

"I joined because STLE is an internationally recognized society established to further the science of tribology." – Member

"I was doing research in tribology. I was at the beginning of my academic career. Research papers in STLE publications were of interest to me." – Member

"I liked the easy access to journals and magazines. I was entry-level, on my way to a manager position. Our company had at least one person on staff that was a member for the last decade. I joined to gain access to information, good prices on books, journals and conferences." – Member

"Information and exchange of ideas are key drivers for joining STLE." – Member

"STLE is one of the biggest organizations in terms of lubrication and rheology. Issuing a very specialized magazine, also their web site is providing very valuable information in terms of applications and fundamentals." – Member

Educational Programming/Professional Development

“Educational programming improves my knowledge on fundamental lubrication topics and cutting-edge techniques throughout my career.” – Member

“Timely and comprehensive information keep me up to speed on the latest trends and critical issues in the field.” – Member

“I joined because I was new to the position and field. I asked around the industry about education. STLE was continually recommended.” – Member

“I was relatively new to the industry and my supervisor signed me up for an education program. The fee included a membership to STLE. I've been a member ever since.” – Member

“I was told to join when I first took the job 15 years ago. Since then I never looked back. It has been beneficial to my development.” – Member

“I moved from a big company to a small startup. STLE provided a venue for obtaining knowledge and meeting both potential customers and competitors in the field. Getting involved within the Chapter enabled me to gain some of the credibility that comes to the major companies from their size and organizational/training capabilities.” – Member

“I had transferred into the lubrication field from another area. I took the Basic Lubrication Course to get an introduction to lubrication. A year membership came with the course fee. I liked the course and learned a lot and decided it was to my benefit to continue as a member.” – Member

“My co-workers recommended membership for the related literature, training and cost benefits.” – Member

“I was just beginning in the lubes business and I needed to know a lot of information. I heard about STLE from a customer, and joined.” – Member

Community

“[My STLE membership means] I am part of a community of professionals who speak my language and share my passion for tribology.” – Member

“[My STLE membership means] I have joined an elite group of experts and am individually empowered to make my own memorable contribution to the field.” – Member

“Being a member of a big family of industry professionals makes me feel proud, respected, confident and prestigious.” – Member

“I like being a member because I am recognized as a part of a very large, well thought of organization that assists those within the lubrication community.” – Member

“STLE provides an opportunity to meet with peers, discuss common challenges, and provides opportunities to hear about approaches others are taking that may give me a new way of looking at my own work.” – Member

“STLE keeps me in contact with the peers and colleagues of my industry as a source of information and friendships.” – Member

“Being relatively new [to the field], I was looking for a support group. I came across STLE on the internet. After talking with others who were familiar with STLE, I decided to join.” – Member

“STLE is the heart of a highly specialized and dispersed professional community.” – Member

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“My membership means fellowship, knowledge, recognition, connections, and contacts.” – Member

“I joined STLE to network with others.” – Member

“I joined in the beginning of my career. My colleagues were active members of STLE. It was an opportunity to meet others of common technical interests.” – Member

Networking

“STLE offers excellent networking and knowledge sharing.”

“I joined STLE early in the first 3 years of my career as a way to network with more experienced individuals in the lubrication business and as a source of education for my ongoing development.”

“I decided to join to use my membership as a means of networking with industry professionals and developing new business relationships.”

Professional Distinction/Career-Enhancing

“By joining STLE, I enhance my professional reputation, gain credibility among my peers and become a “go-to” individual in the eyes of my supervisors.” – Member

“I joined because I was looking to forward my career.” – Member

“My STLE membership provides a sense of pride and professionalism.” – Member

“It represents an achievement when you get your certification from STLE. Your peers notice your accomplishments.” – Member

“My STLE membership, along with my certifications, give me immediate credibility as someone working in the industry.” – Member

“STLE provides the opportunity for networking and job searching.” – Member

“Being a member helped me find a job and formed my career.” – Member

“I would not be the professional I am today without the education and networking opportunities I received through STLE membership, participation and volunteerism.” – Member

“With my membership, I am able to reach my target audience effectively and efficiently.” – Member

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“My membership in STLE means I get respect from peers.” – Member

“My membership gives me a ‘professional status’ that, in my opinion, is not available anywhere else.” – Member

“Because of the networking within our local section, I found a job I love.” – Member

“A colleague recommended I join. Joining, in my opinion, makes you an accepted member of the world wide lubrication community. It also enhances your professional reputation.” – Member

“I had lost my job at a major company and wished to keep up-to-date through subscribing to TLT and other STLE publications. I also used the STLE website to access possible job vacancies.” – Member

“I was at midpoint in my career and wanted to know more about lubrication. My company was involved and so I decided to join.” – Member