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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sang Karle, 2026 NOMADS President

As we move through 2026, the wider picture stays unsettled — world conflicts, shifting supply chains, and an energy landscape that seems to change by the month. That's exactly why NOMADS matters. In a business where people change companies every few years, NOMADS is the room where the relationships outlast the logos on the badge — a constant where people show up, share what they know, and invest in one another, quarter after quarter.

The second quarter brought that spirit to life across three very different gatherings. In April, Subodh Saxena of Canrig Technologies & Nabors Drilling Solutions gave us a sharp, forward-looking talk on where drilling technology is headed — the kind of session that leaves you thinking differently about your own work. In May, we traded the podium for Kirby's Ice House and our Post-OTC Happy Hour, a relaxed evening that was a good reminder that some of the best connections happen away from the formal program. And in June, we gathered at The Ranch Office for dinner with Sachin Mehra, Chief Operating Officer at Zentech Incorporated, whose 25-plus years across offshore drilling and energy operations made for exactly the kind of candid, high-level conversation our members value. My thanks to all three — and a special welcome to the Young Professionals who joined us in June as our guests.

I'm also proud to share that our scholarship program is now live for 2026, and applications are already arriving. This program remains one of our proudest traditions, and I'd encourage every member to help us spread the word. The students we support today are the industry leaders we'll be welcoming tomorrow.

Looking ahead, we have a strong slate of speakers and events taking shape for the second half of the year, along with our annual year-end member dinner. And here's my one ask: if NOMADS has been valuable to you, the best thing you can do is bring one person who isn't here yet — a colleague, a supplier, a younger engineer who'd benefit. Think of someone, and bring them this fall as your guest. None of it happens without your participation — so thank you for continuing to show up and keep this community growing.

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2026 NOMADS President

UPCOMING — MARK YOUR CALENDAR

AUG 13

Scholarship Award Dinner

SEP 10

Monthly speaker meeting (speaker TBC)

OCT 8

Action Speaks: An Evening with David Reid (RedM) — special event, details on the website

Q2 2026 MEETING RECAP

April | Speaker Meeting

Subodh Saxena, Canrig Technologies & Nabors Drilling Solutions*"Building for What's Next: The Hardware–Software Handshake and Smart Localization"*

Subodh explored the future of "smart" iron — where rugged field hardware meets intelligent software, and what it takes to localize advanced drilling technology for global markets. His talk unpacked how the hardware–software handshake is reshaping equipment design and field performance, and why smart localization is becoming a competitive advantage for manufacturers and operators alike. The session sparked strong discussion among members thinking about how to build for what's next.

May | Post-OTC Happy Hour

Kirby's Ice House

Following a busy Offshore Technology Conference week, NOMADS members gathered for a relaxed Post-OTC Happy Hour at Kirby's Ice House. It was an easy, social evening — a chance to decompress after OTC, reconnect with familiar faces, and welcome new ones into the fold. Events like this are a reminder that some of the best networking happens away from the podium.

June | Speaker Meeting

Sachin Mehra, COO, Zentech Incorporated*"Zentech's Innovative Approach on LNG Project"*

At our June speaker meeting, Sachin Mehra, Chief Operating Officer at Zentech Incorporated, drew on more than 25 years across offshore drilling and energy operations to share a candid, high-level view of where the industry is heading and what it takes to operate at the highest level. His perspective on offshore operations and the discipline behind top-tier execution gave members plenty to take back to their own work — exactly the kind of forward-looking conversation these evenings are built for.

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Our top performer this quarter was the June post featuring Sachin Mehra. Every like, comment, and reshare extends our reach to the next member, speaker, and young professional discovering NOMADS.

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With thanks to Nick Mair for his service. Interested in joining the board? Contact Natalie or any board member.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM — NOW OPEN FOR 2026

NOMADS' scholarship program remains one of our proudest traditions — and it's now live for 2026, with applications already arriving. This program reflects everything NOMADS stands for: giving back, investing in the future of our industry, and supporting the students who will carry it forward.

Applications close July 15, and the recipient will be announced at our August dinner. Help us reach more applicants — share the program with students, families, and colleagues across your network.

How to apply: nomads-international.com/scholarship-application

OUR COMMUNITY KEEPS GROWING

Not a member yet? The easiest way in is to come as our guest to any monthly meeting — no commitment, just good people and good conversation. When you're ready to join, reach out at membership@nomads-international.com and we'll take it from there. Bringing a colleague who'd be a fit? Even better — some of our best members arrived as someone's guest.

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