



ASEE Academy of Fellows Newsletter

January 2012

Message from the Chair

Greetings to all ASEE Fellows:

Our one activity - the meeting during the Annual Conference - was a success again this year in Vancouver. For me, one highlight, as usual, was the opportunity to visit with a number of friends and colleagues with whom I had been engaged in various projects over the years.

Another highlight was to hear from Dr. Norman Fortenberry, who had just assumed the position of Executive Director of our organization. We are indeed fortunate to have Norm as the leader of the ASEE staff. Many of the Fellows have had the opportunity to interact with him over the years in his previous positions at NSF and the National Academy and we all look forward to working with him in ASEE.



A special highlight of the meeting was the recognition of Bill LeBold who marked this meeting as the 50th meeting of ASEE that he has attended. That is a remarkable record and one that will not be easily broken.

Frank Gourley, our Newsletter Editor, has been in that position for a number of years and has provided yeoman's service over all that time. We owe him a special thank you for all the past work he has done, and he is willing to continue to serve us in the coming year. Please let him know your appreciation of his work and dedication through e-mail or in person at our annual meeting.

Our next meeting is in San Antonio at 8:45 AM, Wednesday, June 13 in the Grand Hyatt Hotel, Bonham D. We will have election of new officers and anticipate hearing from Norm Fortenberry; Don Giddens, President; and Walt Buchanan, President Elect. We are indeed fortunate that ASEE Headquarters subsidizes our breakfast and if you register early, the cost is \$15. I hope to see you there!



If you cannot attend this year, let us hear from you. You can contact me, Mary Anderson-Rowland, or Frank Gourley by e-mail with your update. Our e-mail addresses are provided in this newsletter

Carl Locke, Chair, ASEE Academy of Fellows

Use the Fellows Website

Just can't place one of the Fellows? Is there a Fellow you haven't seen recently and would like to be in contact with? Well, now you can get contact information on them through the Fellows website at ASEE. Log in at www.asee.org/activities/organization/fellows. On the left side select **Fellows Contact Info**. Enter your username and password, do an alpha search for the individual you want to contact, click on the plus (+) sign, and write down the contact info you need. (Thanks to Dwight Wardell, and the IT Department, at ASEE for this feature.)

Additional Fellows Photos and Info

Photos of New Fellows, and additional info about the Fellows, may be found at the ASEE website –asee.org. Select: For Members, Divisions & Groups, and Academy of Fellows. Options then include: Fellows (alpha list of Fellows with affiliation and induction year), Newly Elected Fellows (w/ photos - click camera icon), Officers, How to Nominate, Meeting Minutes, and Fellows Newsletters (past).



Fellow Selection Committee

From Jim Melsa, Chair: Fellows are encouraged to nominate worthy ASEE members for the new Fellows to be inducted at the 2012 ASEE Annual Conference. The information is available at the ASEE web site under the Resources, Divisions & Groups, Academy of Fellows tabs. The deadline for nominations is February 1, 2012. Nominations need to be in ASAP. It is an electronic process this year. Contact Jim if you have questions at melsa@iastate.edu.

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Mark Your Calendars

ASEE Annual Conference:

San Antonio, TX, June 10-13, 2012
Atlanta, GA, June 23-26, 2013
Indianapolis, IN, June 15-18, 2014
Seattle, WA, TBD, 2015.

Conf for Industry & Educ Collaboration (CIEC):

Orlando, FL, February 1-3, 2012
Phoenix, AZ, February 6-8, 2013.

Engineering Research Council Annual Conf:

Washington, DC, March 4-6, 2012

Engineering Dean's Institute:

Kauai, HI, April 13-19, 2012.

New York City, 2013

Phoenix/Scottsdale, 2014

Kiawah Island, SC, 2015

Engr Deans Council Public Policy Colloquium:

Washington, DC, February 7-9, 2012

Engineering Tech Leadership Institute (ETLI):

North Carolina A&T, 2012

University of Houston, 2013

Kent State, 2014

World Engineering Education Forum:

Buenos Aries, Argentina, October 15-18, 2012

ASEE Workshop on K-12 Engr Educ:

San Antonio, TX, June 9, 2012

National Effective Teaching Institute:

San Antonio, TX, June 7-9, 2012

For additional info: Visit www.asee.org



ACADEMY OF FELLOWS
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
June 29, 2011, Vancouver, BC

Call to Order: After several whacks of the Bill Wilhelm Gravel, ASEE Fellows Chair Carl Locke called the meeting to order at 9:10 am.

ASEE Executive Director Comments: Due to his schedule, ASEE Executive Director, Dr. Norman Fortenberry, next addressed the assembled group which had just consumed a delicious breakfast. Norm told Fellows that although he did not guarantee that he would make any changes, he invited the group to let him know of any situations they see in ASEE that should be changed.



Recognition of ASEE and Fellows Officers

attending: Chair Locke introduced Vice-Chair/Secretary Mary Anderson-Rowland and Fellow Newsletter Editor Frank Gourley.

Special Recognition: Bill LeBold was recognized for attending his 50th ASEE meeting. Bill has been a very active ASEE member over the years and has only missed a few of the annual meetings.

New Fellow Introductions: Twelve new Fellows were then recognized and introduced themselves to the group: Linda Krute, Henry Haynes, Krishna Vedula, Susan Blanchard, Leah Jamieson, Mary Besterfield-Sacre, Larry Richards, Ken Galloway, Ron Rockland, Carol Richardson, Nancy Denton, Jackie Sullivan.

Not-so-New Fellow Introductions: The New Fellow introductions were followed by all of the rest of the attendees introducing themselves.

ASEE President-Elect Comments – Don Giddens: Don Giddens then addressed the group. He noted that his primary recent accomplishment was being the Chair of the Search Committee for a new Executive Director for ASEE which resulted in the hire of Norman Fortenberry.

ASEE President Comments - Renata Engel: Renata also addressed the Fellows: She said that she has emphasized membership both in government and in the university as well as member services. She expressed her appreciation of the Fellows.

Fellow Walter Buchanan was introduced as the incoming ASEE President-Elect.

Greetings from Absent Fellows: Greetings were read from the following Fellows who were unable to attend: Bill Wilhelm, John Weiss, Merle Baker, Angie Perna, and John Haywood (who said that he can't catch up with Bill LeBold on number of meetings anyway).



Recognition of Breakfast Sponsors & ASEE Staff

Who Helped During the Year: The Fellows expressed appreciation to ASEE staff members Patti Greenwalt, Dwight Wardell, Sandra Wingate-Bey, and Tonya Jackson.

Report on Lifetime Achievement Award – Lyle Feisel for John Weese: Lyle was thanked for his service as the Interim Executive Director for ASEE. Lyle is also the prime mover in establishing a new Life Member Award. The award needs a little more funding in order to be established.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business: a) Anyone interested in being on the nominating committee should let Carl Locke know. He will use email to appoint a nominating committee for the determination of new Fellows officers. b) Frank Gourley appreciates any feedback, comments, or news for the Fellows Newsletter. c) The next meeting will be held in San Antonio, Texas on June 13, 2012. d) Photos of New Fellows and Award Recipients will be taken after the meeting. e) Good of the Order? No other business.

Adjournment: With the bang of the gavel, Chair Locke called the meeting adjourned at 10:00 am

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES (cont'd)

.Those recording their attendance (55) at the Fellows meeting included:

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Respectfully submitted, Mary Anderson-Rowland, Fellows Vice/Chair/Secretary



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We have lots of great photos from Fellows in the Fellows News Section. Frank Gourley took the photographs used in other sections of this issue at the 2011 Academy of Fellows meeting in Vancouver. Clarity of some photos may be reduced to keep the Newsletter file size low (quicker upload time).

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES (cont'd)



New Fellows:

Above photo (l to r):

Larry G. Richards, University of Virginia
Jacquelyn Sullivan, University of Colorado, Boulder
Kenneth F. Galloway, Vanderbilt University
Ronald H. Rockland, New Jersey Institute of Tech
Carol A. Richardson, Rochester Institute of Tech
Leah H. Jamieson, Purdue University
Mary E. Besterfield-Sacre, University of Pittsburgh
Nancy L. Denton, Purdue University
Linda Krute, North Carolina State University
Ray M. Haynes, DaVinci Charter High Schools
Krishna Vedula, Univ of Massachusetts, Lowell
Susan M. Blanchard, Florida Gulf Coast University



Reminder - Reduced Membership Dues

If you are retired, or if you have 'been around' long enough, you might qualify for reduced, or no, membership dues as a **Retired or Life Member**.

For professional members who have **retired** from full-time employment, dues are \$30/year. Members whose years of age plus years of continuous paid membership in ASEE totals 100 or more (Age + Years of membership = 100), upon application to and approval by the ASEE Board of Directors or the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, become **Life Members** and pay no dues. (Dues: \$0.) Life members pay a \$50 registration fee for the Annual Conference. Retired members receive a 50% discount on registration. All members pay for ticketed events.

Check out the Membership web pages of the ASEE website for additional information and a copy of the one-page application form, or call the ASEE Membership Department for additional information.

ASEE Award Recipients-2011

*Fredrick J. Berger Award: Carol Richardson, Rochester Institute of Technology

*Sharon Keillor Award for Women in Engineering Education: Sheryl Sorby, Michigan Technological University

*William Elgin Wickenden Award: Sheri Sheppard, Stanford University

*Outstanding Zone Campus Representatives Award: J.P. Mohsen, University of Louisville



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If you received a paper copy of the Newsletter and have an email address, please let me know (it will save some pocket change -- ~\$1.00+/Fellow/issue). Thanks. Your Editor

Fellows News - Fall 2011

(Ed. Note: Thanks for the great response to the call for, as Frank Burris put it, Fellow Fodder! Please read below for reports on the many interesting activities of your friends in ASEE!)

Curt Tompkins retired from Federal service on August 31, 2011, from his "second career" as a Senior Executive Service Officer with the Research and Innovative Technology Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation. During 2004-11, he served as Director of the John A. Volpe National Transportation Systems Center, Director of the University Transportation Centers Program, Director of the Transportation Safety Institute and Associate Administrator for Research, Development and Technology. He and Kathy, his wife of 47+ years, have settled in Newark, Delaware, and are especially enjoying time with their four grandchildren.

Just past my 80th birthday and I'm still teaching on a part time appointment. Not sure why except the course is always full and my wife wants me out of the house in the morning. Our dean came to us from Penn State and he said I could continue to teach as long as Joe Paterno continues to coach. Since then I received a nice note which changed my benchmark to Frank Beamer. The fact that I'm relatively inexpensive and have a large class may be a factor.

Paul Torgersen,

Ramesh Agarwal has been recognized by several awards this year. 1) AIAA Thermophysics Award, presented at the AIAA Thermophysics Conference in Hawaii, June 2011. 2) I.I.T Kharagpur Distinguished Alumnus Award, presented at I.I.T, Kharagpur, India, August 2011. 3) SAE Clarence "Kelly" Johnson Aerospace Design and Development Award, presented at AeroTech conference, Toulouse, France, October 2011. 4) SAE Franklin W. Kolk Progress in Air Transportation Award, presented at AeroTech conference, Toulouse, France, October 2011. 5) ASME Edwin F. Church Medal, presented at ASME Congress, Denver, CO, November 2011. Regards

.It has been a good year for Russ and Beth Jones as they integrate back to their US base after three years in Abu Dhabi, and move toward real retirement. They continue their leadership of the Center for Quality Assurance in International Education, an activity that took them back to Abu Dhabi for a week in December. Russ has completed a major consulting effort for the startup of a new university in Morocco, which included a visit to Casablanca – including dinner at Rick's Café!

Their major adventure travel this year was a cruise down the southern coast of Chile, as far as the glaciers, followed by a flight to Easter Island to see the thousand or so Moais created by a long lost civilization. They also have done major travel in the US and beyond: a spring break in London and Paris, a road trip to visit family in the Midwest, a week in Cape Cod and the Islands, a visit to Gettysburg in honor of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, a relaxing few days at Rehoboth Beach in the fall, several days in New Orleans, Thanksgiving week in Colonial Williamsburg, and a pre-Christmas week in New York City.

They have renewed their cultural activities in the Washington area, and have obtained a pair of "comfort" bicycles to enjoy pedaling along the hundreds of miles of good bike trails in the DC area. Russ is heavily involved in doing strategic planning for his church congregation, and Beth is excelling in her preferred role as a domestic goddess, with heavy emphasis on preparing great, healthy meals. Russ Jones



We finally made the big step, and bought a winter home (condo) in a golfing community in Naples, FL! We have been down here a month now, and loving it, even though it has been pretty warm in Maine. So we are officially "snow birds"! Take care, John McDonough

Mark Pagano has been named the new provost and academic vice chancellor at Montana State University Billings. He will have oversight of the academic programs at MSU Billings' five colleges: the College of Allied Health Professions; the College of Arts & Sciences; the College of Business; the College of Education; and the College of Technology. Prior to taking the job at MSU Billings, he was a Professor of Mechanical Engineering Technology and served as Dean of Purdue University's Extended Campus in West Lafayette, Ind. Pagano also served as the campus liaison for the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) regional accreditation body. Pagano's leadership work at Purdue has included oversight of continuing education, college of technology programs and accreditation planning at the university level. Prior to becoming dean in 2003, Pagano served as both associate and assistant dean in the Purdue University College of Technology. His primary area of responsibility was to direct the operation of the 11 statewide technology locations around Indiana.

We missed all of you in Vancouver due to Janice's broken back which prohibited our travel. It is all fixed now and we are getting around. In September we traveled to Cedar Mesa, Utah and saw many ruins one of which is in the accompanying photo. We look forward to seeing all of you in San Antonio. Ray Jacquot



Ray and Janice Jacquot at the Doll House, Cedar Mesa, Utah.

Frank, because you asked, and assuming someone out there in Fellow-Land might actually be interested in goings-on in my life, and in spite of Facebook's popularity, and finally with apologies to my deceased mom (who brought me up under the admonition that SPS, self-praise stinks), here are some memorable moments to be marked as milestones on the measure of my mortality: Yes, I am still enjoying 'professing' at Rensselaer (Professor of Electrical, Computer and Systems Engineering)- teaching the next generation, doing research, publishing, making presentations and the rest, and pleased to be receiving recognition and awards along the way. I saw many of you this year at the last ASEE Conference where I gave an invited Plenary talk and co-authored another paper published in the Proceedings. However, I also recognize that I gave more than my fair share of 'Keynotes' at retirement gatherings of colleagues and even for one of my own doctoral students; sadly even a few eulogies. I don't remember doing that decades ago.

I also remain very active in international programs, as the Founding Chair of the Global Engineering Education Exchange Program (now 15 years young with almost 90 universities worldwide), helping to formulate the curriculum for the newly established Aquicum Institute of Technology (AIT) in Budapest and serving on its Board, as well as being the Sr. Advisor to the President of the Institute of International Education in NYC. I was most pleased and honored to be one of a very few engineering faculty cited as "Agents of Change" in Global Engineering Education and highlighted in the book published this year entitled 'The Making of International Educators' by Gary Downey and Kacey Beddoes. But most of all, this year I celebrated both 50 years of my exciting engineering career spanning industry and academe, and 50 wonderful years of marriage to my wife Karen. It was also the very first year I didn't obliviously work right through the summer, and she and I traveled extensively without anything but personal commitments to each other. This included summer skiing in Whistler, a cruise of the Greek Islands, to cap off prior trips to Alaska, Africa, Europe, etc. Many priceless times were spent on our home turf, itself a vacation paradise for many, with our family of two sons and daughter (in-law) and two grandsons all living within 15 minutes of our home. Together we went sailing, swimming, waterskiing, horseback riding, biking, roller skating and just relishing in and being grateful for the life we have been fortunate to closely share together. At summer's end, our children surprised us with a major 50th anniversary celebratory event, which included a photographic presentation of 50 years of happy memories.

We are most grateful for our continued health, for having known only freedom, never known hunger, and for always having slept in a clean bed. I hope that someday everyone everywhere will be able to say that.

Lester Gerhardt, ASEE-LF; IEEE-LF; PhD

Twenty-two (22) years after taking early retirement from Tennessee Tech (there 30 years), I am still enjoying good health and a productive consulting practice. I periodically lecture at the University (They'll take anyone for free!). My consulting practice requires me to travel throughout the country but primarily in Tennessee. Since a majority of my consulting is in forensics, I still feel academic, having to testify on the average over once per month (5 trials and 8 depositions the past year). Teaching jurors, and especially attorneys, is often more trying than teaching engineering students. I normally have 20 – 25 active cases, ranging from investigation to trial. I had rotator cuff surgery on my left shoulder seven (7) months ago, but I am back to using it normally although I recognize that I had a problem there. I don't know what caused the problem, but I blame it on weed-eating! At 77 years old, this is the first year that I have ever had to hire someone to cut my grass (4 acres), but I like it (I may continue the practice). With about 200 trees, I have a lot of leaves to rake, and I did it all by myself after having the surgery.

Leighton E. Sissom

Frank Burris's Fellow Fodder: Following the mid-June retirement of my wife Sue, we headed north to Vancouver for the annual Academy of Fellows Breakfast at the ASEE Annual Conference on June 29. We left Vancouver that afternoon on an Inside Passage cruise to Anchorage, stopping in Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway, and Glacier National Park. Eight days of breath-taking scenery! In August we headed to northern Kentucky for Frank's 50th high school reunion and were amused at one classmate's exclamation: "Who are all these old people?" Having so enjoyed cruise #1, we opted for #2 in November, a 14-day cruise from LA to Hawaii (4 islands) and back. All 4 kids and 3 grandkids will be with us at home in SoCal for Christmas and we'll be heading for Orlando in late January/early February for the CIEC and an IACEE Executive Committee meeting. Happy New Year to all!

Ed Jones has 50 years of ASEE membership. His first conference was in 1961, Lexington, KY, which he attended with his father, whose 75 year career was spent at West Virginia University.

My volunteer work along with ABET, ASEE, AIAA, NAE and NSF includes some high school, community college and major university STEM initiatives that have been recognized nationally by ASEE, IEEE and US Army. I also replaced Karan Watson as ASEE rep to ABET board. Retirement is busier than expected, but fun. Even us gray hairs can help make a difference. Dr. Ray M. Haynes

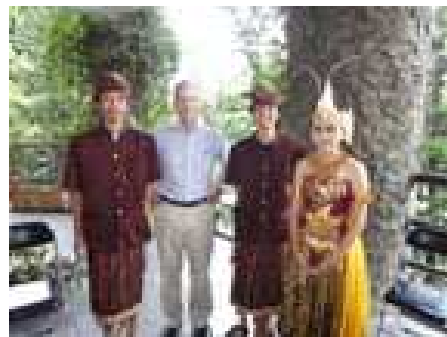
From Cary Fisher: I haven't sent any news in several years, so here goes:

Betsy and I are enjoying retirement here in Colorado Springs. FYI: I retired from the Air Force Academy in 2006 after nearly 43 years in the Air Force. And, at my urging, Betsy retired from her practice as a marriage and family counselor. We both keep busy volunteering, traveling, enjoying our superb Colorado Springs Philharmonic and Chamber Orchestra concerts, and, of course, enjoying our two children and three young grandchildren. Betsy sings in the church choir and, in spite of my hearing challenge, I'm slowly learning how to play the piano (one of my retirement goals).

I've continued my service to engineering education through ASME, ABET and ASEE. This past October I had an unusual opportunity to visit SRM University in Chennai (formerly Madras), India (mechanical engineering) and then hop over to Indonesia to visit the Institut Technolgi Bandung, for a review of their engineering physics program. As many of you know, ASEE is the lead society to review any engineering program that does not fall under another professional society. So, ASEE covers programs such as general engineering, engineering, engineering science and engineering physics.

In case you can add pictures to the newsletter, I've attached a picture of me with three ITB engineering physics undergraduates.

Best, Cary Fisher



The year 2011 has slipped away faster than any year yet. We were to take a cruise to the Canal in January but the day of departure my doctor said "NO WAY", I had bronchitis. As a result we did the right thing, we had the kitchen done over and that wasn't quite the same as a cruise so we had the yard rebuilt. Then we signed on a cruise from London to Monte Carlo in late August. Before that we had a trip to Saint Simons for Barb's bridge tournament in early spring and to Sea Island in August for the annual family gathering. The cruise was great but the part we both liked best was a brief stay in the village of Eze, France in the mountains above Monte Carlo in the hotel, Chateau Chevre D'Or. It is built into the mountain side and is unique. The food on the whole trip was outstanding. In 1945 we used the area as the landfall on combat missions from Corsica into the Po Valley in WWII. The Hatcher clan, 42 in all, meet for Thanksgiving at Westmoreland. Vin had cataract surgery in November and it went so well we do the right eye in January. We are looking to go somewhere in 2012 Will yell if we get within hollerin' range. Stay well or get that way. Love Vince Hanaman



Joseph J. Rencis has recently joined Tennessee Technological University as the Dean of Engineering and the Clay N. Hixson Chair for Engineering Leadership. He previously was Department Head of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville and before that at Worcester Polytechnic Institute as Director of Engineering Mechanics and Professor.

Robert Mott has been selected to receive the 2011 Education Award from the Society of Manufacturing Engineers.

The 2012 Bernard M. Gordon Prize has been awarded to Clive L. Dym, M. Mack Gilkeson, and J. Richard Phillips *"for creating and disseminating innovations in undergraduate engineering design education to develop engineering leaders."*
Clive Dym, Harvey Mudd College

Academic life is status quo, and classes start tomorrow. The only different thing is that I am a member of the JEE editor search committee, which has been an interesting experience. But the big news is our trip to Europe this summer. We went to The Netherlands and Belgium, but limited ourselves to just three cities: Amsterdam, Ghent, and Brugges. Loved it! The last time we went to Europe, we took our three children; this time we went by ourselves, so things were very laid back and non-frantic. My most emotional experience was touring the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam; I am looking forward to discussing that visit in my Holocaust class this term. Very touching--and they have the diary, a little pink plaid book (which she actually filled up quite rapidly) and many, many loose pages. Very touching and sad. Ghent and Brugges are beautiful medieval cities--stunning, really. I climbed the Balfour in Brugges--366 very windy, narrow steps! David opted out and stayed below, munching on frites. Next summer, we plan to go to Poland., and David off to Vietnam with his brother in April. Busy times! Marilyn Dyrud

My wife, Sammie, and I had an informative and exciting tour of the Panama Canal this fall which including visiting three research centers operated by the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute. The Panama Canal continues to operate using facilities and equipment that are close to 100 years old, having begun operation in 1914. This is an amazing example of excellent engineering and construction. An expansion of the locks to accommodate larger ships is underway and the goal is to begin operating the expanded locks in parallel to the present set in 2014. We can only hope present day engineers did a good a job as those working 100 years earlier. I continue to consult with EAC programs as they prepare for ABET General Reviews and find this to be interesting and rewarding. It is so impressive to me to see the dedication and expertise that exists in engineering faculty around the country. - Carl Locke

In the May 2011 Fellows Newsletter, I announced for the first time in many years that I would be missing the ASEE meeting in Vancouver because of a family reunion associated with our 60th wedding anniversary celebration. The reunion was in Southwest Missouri near where Joanne and I were born. We planned on having a lot of family there. The reunion went well and we had about 60 relatives there from 11 states stretching from Florida to Washington and New York to California. In May I spoke of a project we had underway to write a memoir of our 60 years together and even our individual lives before we were married. It all went well and the large 476-page book with many pictures was off the press just in time to share it with the family. A picture of the reunion group all decked out in our reunion t-shirts, designed by our daughter, is attached. Joanne and I are in the center at the front of the picture. She has on white pants. With the exception of a cousin and her daughter, all in the picture are descendants of my parents or their spouses. Kind of amazing how they multiply over the years, isn't it? And none in the family had more than four children, and most, like us, had three. Joanne and I will see you in Texas at the 2012 meeting if in Lady Bird Johnson's words, "God is willing and the creek don't rise." Ernie Smerdon



Not much to report. Dorothy and I are sailing on m/v Marco Polo between Tilbury, England and Tilbury, England via Spain, Portugal, Brazil and a few other places, taking some 60 days to do so. Part of the plan is for me to get some writing done but so far, I have been too busy to work. Maybe tomorrow. Internet connection at sea is reasonably reliable but unreasonably expensive. Friends don't send friends long files. Thanks again for your good work on the newsletter. A Fellow's hello to all my fellow Fellows!

Lyle Feisel

Your Editor's latest project has been helping his daughter transplant grape vines from a vineyard in NC to the family farm in VA (three acres, so far). He has continued to have success resolving a prostate health problem using alternative treatment methods. □ This summer's house project was to 'Orientalize' our front yard. We added a deck, dry stream, 'mountains', a sculpture-fence, light/handrail, flagstone walkway and patio, and other landscaping features. We enjoy hosting weekly painting sessions in our studio with 'watercolor friends'. Our resolution is to spend more time in the studio and shop in the coming year. Trips this year included Florida (west coast), New Zealand (Auckland, Bay of Islands, Rotoroua, Queenstown, Milford Sound), Australia (Sydney), Tasmania (Hobart, Queenstown, Devonsport), Key West, and, following the ASEE conference, the Pacific Northwest (Seattle, Vancouver, Victoria, WA coast, OR coast, Spruce Goose Museum, and Mt. Rainier) with friends and family. We also enjoyed a fall beach trip to Emerald Isle, NC with friends. Frank Gourley



On September 2, 2011, John and Lynn Prados celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.



ASEE Audit Committee

An ASEE audit committee has been appointed as a standing committee by the ASEE Board of Directors. It is charged to assist the Board in fulfilling its responsibility to monitor:

- The reliability and integrity of ASEE's accounting and financial reporting
- The scope and adequacy of ASEE Board and Employee Policies
- Adherence of volunteers and employees to the policies of the Society
- Compliance with government regulations and the guiding government memos that set the standard for non-profit organizations doing business with the government
- Temporary or systemic risks encountered by the Society
- Adherence to the requirement that ASEE operate in a manner consistent with its charitable purposes and that it does not engage in activities that could jeopardize its status as an organization exempt from federal income tax.

Now in its inaugural year, the members of the ASEE audit committee are: Doug Tougaw of Valparaiso University and a member of the ASEE Board of Directors, Renata Engle of Penn State University and ASEE's Immediate Past President, and John Weese, committee chair, an emeritus professor of Texas A&M University.

The ASEE audit committee focuses on the managerial and operational aspects of ASEE with respect to established policies. It interacts with the external auditors who examine ASEE's financial matters. It also reviews the external auditors' report and the ASEE's staff response to that report. This initial year's work is progressing quite well. The ASEE audit committee welcomes input from members of the Academy of Fellows. Please E-mail your thoughts and suggestions to johnaweese@comcast.net

ASEE Lifetime Achievement Award January 2012 Update

Thanks to the diligence of Sandra Wingate-Bey, ASEE's Awards Administrator, the ASEE Lifetime Achievement Award has been publicized in the November 2011 issue of *Prism*, as well as being noted in the call for nominations for Special Awards on the ASEE web site. The Lifetime Achievement Award Selection Committee has been appointed and is ready to begin the evaluation of nominees. As of early January, nomination activity had begun, with more expected before the January 15, 2012 deadline. It's very likely that the inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award will be announced at the 2012 ASEE Awards Banquet on June 13th at the conclusion of this year's ASEE Annual Conference and Exposition. Our sincere thanks to all Fellow Members and Life Members who, through their personal generosity, have made this award possible. The steering committee members are: Frank S. Barnes, Robert H. Page, Edwin C. Jones, Angelo Perna, Lyle D. Feisel, James E. Stice, and John A. Weese, Chair. We welcome your comments and suggestions and, again, we thank you sincerely for your support for this worthy cause.

John A. Weese

