ABET DESIGNATES ASEE LEAD SOCIETY

In March 2005, the ABET Board of Directors designated ASEE as a Lead Society for general-engineering related programs. Congratulations go to ASEE President Sherra E. Kerns, John Weese, ASEE’s ABET Board representative, Ed Jones, Chair of ASEE’s Accreditation Activities Committee, and ASEE’s Board of Directors. All worked to gain this desirable status for ASEE. At last month’s ABET Board meeting, John Weese presented ASEE’s motion together with supporting materials and letters of endorsement, and the ABET Board approved the action without dissent. As Lead Society, ASEE will evaluate programs in engineering, general engineering, engineering technology, engineering science and engineering physics during the 2006-2007 accreditation cycle.

SECOND EDITION OF “ENGINEERING, GO FOR IT” PLANNED

ASEE is well into planning stages for a second edition of the society’s popular high school guidebook to engineering, “Engineering, Go For It.” Over 350,000 copies of the first edition have been distributed to high school students across the country, and the second edition promises to be even better. Institutions can pre-order copies at a discount until May 2 online at http://www.engineering-goforit.com. By pre-ordering copies, your school is guaranteed of receiving copies of the new edition. There will be no extra copies for sale beyond what schools order now.

ASEE 2005 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Go to: http://www.asee.org/conferences/annual2005 for information about this year’s Annual Conference, which will be held in Portland, OR, June 12-15. You should register online, and have the housing bureau book accommodations. Advance registration rates are available until May 18th. Thereafter, onsite (higher) rates will apply. Excellent technical and family tours have been planned. Keep in mind it is important to book ticketed events in advance as onsite availability is not guaranteed. Plan ahead for a great time at the Annual Conference this June. For further questions, call ASEE’s registrar, at 202-331-3517.

CALL FOR THEME FOR 2006 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The ASEE Program Planning Committee, composed of the five PIC Chairs, is seeking suggestions for a theme for the 2006 ASEE Annual Conference to be held in Chicago. The theme for the conference is important in the development of the main plenary session as well as the development of the distinguished lecture sessions. Theme suggestions should be broad so as to be inclusive. If you have a suggestion for a theme, please send to Frank M. Croft, Jr., Vice President, Professional Interest Councils, at Email: croft.3@osu.edu.

NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORY POSTDOC FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Open to U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents, this program offers a competitive stipend as well as insurance, relocation, and travel allowances. The program, managed by ASEE, offers one to three year postdoctoral fellowships designed to increase the involvement of scientists and engineers from academia and industry to scientific and technical areas of interest and relevance to the Navy. The program has a rolling admission, see: http://www.asee.org/resources/nrl.

ASEE/AEE 4TH GLOBAL COLLOQUIUM

The ASEE/AeeE Global Colloquium on Engineering Education, set for September 26-29 2005, combines the 4th ASEE Global Colloquium with the annual meeting of the Australasian Association of Engineering Education (AaeE). Colloquium themes are: Globalization of Engineering Education, K-12 Pipeline, and Transformation of Disciplines. Confirmed speakers include Judith Ramaley (National Academy of Science), Low Teck Seng (Republic Polytechnic Singapore), and Simon Longstaff (St. James Ethics Centre). If you have a paper accepted for the Annual Conference, it has been automatically accepted for this conference in Sydney! For information, see: http://www.gceae2005.com.

JOURNAL OF ENGINEERING EDUCATION

The January 2005 issue of the Journal of Engineering Education (JEE) focuses on the state of the art in research in engineering education. This special issue is now available on ASEE’s web site at: http://www.asee.org/about/publications/jee/issueList.cfm. The Journal is published four times a year and is available to all ASEE members at the minimal subscription rate of $10.00 a year. Another special issue of JEE is being planned for this year. Jack Lohmann, JEE editor, and Jean Michel, Editor of the European Journal of Engineering Education, are planning to publish jointly a special issue on the globalization of engineering education. This collaboration will raise the visibility and importance of internationalization of engineering education.

DATA AND SURVEY UPDATE

The 2004 survey of engineering and engineering technology colleges concluded in February. Overview data will be published online at http://www.asee.org/colleges in late April. The 2004 Profiles book will be shipped in late May. Bachelor's degrees awarded by engineering colleges during the 2003-04 academic year...
toted 72,896, including 8,847 of those going to computer science majors. Last year's equivalent totals were 70,949 total bachelor's degrees, including 8,312 awarded in computer science. Master's and doctoral degrees also increased. Enrollment at the bachelor's and doctoral levels increased. However, master's enrollment fell by 4.3 percent.

**ANNUAL REPORTS**
ASEE Board members, committee chairs, and ASEE representatives to other organizations are expected to file an Annual Report with headquarters. This is a requirement dictated by the ASEE Constitution. Reports can be simple, and need only cover the following: name of council/office; meetings of the unit represented; any significant actions or events of unit. Annual Reports received by May 15th will be attached to the June Board Meeting Agenda for the ASEE Board of Directors meeting. All reports received in timely fashion will be kept on file in a permanent archive at ASEE headquarters and also posted on ASEE's web site.

**NEW HEAD OF CONFERENCES DEPARTMENT**
Patricia Greenawalt started at ASEE this month as ASEE's new conventions and meetings manager. She replaces Will Ryan, who left to accept a position at the Optical Society of America. Patti was selected from over 90 applicants, and comes to ASEE from MicroComputers, Inc., where she served as director of events technology. She was responsible for a broad spectrum of operations and logistic requirements for meetings and events and was architect of technology designed to administer and enhance conferences. Before that she was the director of conferences and seminars for the National Association of Home Builders, and earlier served as director of marketing operations and events for Motient Corporation, a large U.S. wireless data telecommunications network. Patti was educated at St. Leo University, and holds a Certified Meeting Professional Designation. We at ASEE headquarters are delighted to have Patti on staff. If you wish to reach her, Patti's number is 202-331-3522, and her email is p.greenawalt@asee.org.