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ASEE PRESIDENT FOWLER INAUGURATED AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Wallace Fowler, University of Texas, was inaugurated as 2000-2001 ASEE President at the Annual Awards Banquet on June 21. The text of his inaugural speech can be found at: http://www.asee.org/welcome/presidentmessage.htm. On Thursday, June 22, Fowler convened the first meeting of the 2000-2001 ASEE Board of Directors. Officers elected at this meeting were: First Vice President - Ronald Barr; Vice President Members Affairs; Vice President Institutional Councils - Stephen Director; Chair Engineering Deans Council; and Vice President Professional Interest Councils - Timothy Skvarenina, Chair Professional Interest Council III. For the full listing of the 2000-2001 Board of Directors, including photos and contact information, go to: http://www.asee.org/welcome/board_2000-2001.htm.

PRISM WINS FIVE APEX AWARDS.

ASEE PRISM Magazine received five awards in the Awards for Publication Excellence (APEX) national competition, which recognizes excellence in design, content, and effective communication. Judges particularly found favor with the February 2000 "Terrorism issue." The February Prism took a Grand Award (highest APEX recognition) for design and illustration; an award for cover design; and a feature writing award for the article, "Striking Back at Terrorism." The September 1999 issue, which featured articles on the Internet and technology education, an innovative curriculum at a Maryland high school, and a profile on ABET's George Peterson, took an award for outstanding magazine and journal writing. The profile on RPI's Shirley Jackson in the November 1999 issue won a personality profiles award.

ST. LOUIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE DRAWS STRONG ATTENDANCE.

The 1999-2000 ASEE Annual Conference, held in June in St. Louis, MO, was well attended by ASEE members. The ASEE Conferences Department reports that the final numbers were: 1900 Prime Attendees, 3000 overall; 1200 Presenters, 950 Papers presented. The new Multi-Media Poster Paper Session was a hit and drew 130 presenters and 350 attendees. The Exposition with 98 exhibits, 350 exhibitors, 21 sponsors, drew strong attendance. Steve Duty, ASEE conferences director, reports that exhibitors were so pleased that 66% of the exhibit space has already sold for next year's Annual Conference in Albuquerque. Conference proceedings can be found at: http://www.asee.org/conferences/search/.

BOND, MIKULSKI SEEK NSF DOUBLING VA-HUD-IA.

Appropriations Subcommittee Chair Christopher Bond (R-MO) and Ranking Minority Member Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) have circulated a letter asking their Senate colleagues to support doubling the NSF budget over a period of five years. The letter argues that work funded by NSF has served to undergird advances in medical research at NIH as well as to drive the science and technology component of the increasingly innovation-
driven American economy. ASEE has long effectively supported efforts to double the federal nondefense research budget. In February ASEE urged Congress to consider an increase in the FY2001 budget of $1 billion in order to bring balance to the federal research portfolio, maintain the global leadership of the U.S. in basic science and research, and educate a new generation of scientists and engineers.

2000 ETLI AT PURDUE

The upcoming 2000 Engineering Technology Leadership Institute (ETLI) sponsored by ASEE and hosted by Purdue University - School of Technology will be held on the Purdue Campus in West Lafayette, Indiana from October 21-24. A program of “hands-on” workshops, discussion sessions and laboratory demonstrations have been arranged for the attendees. The registration fee of $210 must be received prior to October 13, 2000. Registration includes all meals except for Sunday evening. On Monday, there will be a “Hoosier Hospitality Night” where a barbeque will be held among the airplanes and flight simulators in the hangars of the Aviation Technology Department. For details contact Mark Pagano at email: mapagano@tech.purdue.edu

NORTH MIDWEST SECTION TO MEET AT UNIV. OF MINNESOTA.

The North Midwest Section Meeting, September 28-30, will utilize a conference format to maximize interaction among participants. Panel discussions, poster presentations and a software exchange are among plans for the meeting. Papers and items for the software exchange can be submitted through the first week of September. Papers can be submitted electronically either to Frank Kulacki, conference general chair, at kulacki@me.umn.edu or to Karl Smith, program chair, at ksmith@tc.umn.edu. Pre-registration closes on September 11.

WINNERS OF DESIGN COMPETITION OF BATTERY POWERED CAR

The ASEE Two Year College Division held a National Model Design Competition for a Battery Powered Car on an Inclined Track in St. Louis at the Annual Conference. 1st Place went to Tidewater Community College: Team A; 2nd Place went to Broome Community College: The Midnight Engineers; 3rd Place went to Tidewater Community College: Team B; and 4th Place went to Broome Community College: The Retrospective Rubix Cubes. William Beston served as advisor to Broome CC, and Paul Gordy and Steve Ezzell were advisors at Tidewater CC. Eric Sheppard at the National Science Foundation, and Richard Culver at Binghamton University were the judges for the competition.

SLAUGHTER NAMED NEW PRESIDENT OF NACME

Former National Science Foundation Director John Slaughter has been named President and CEO of the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering (NACME). Slaughter
has served as President of Occidental College and Chancellor of the University of Maryland, and is a member of the National Academy of Engineering.

SURVEY OF ENGINEERING COURSE EVALUATION.

Researchers at Georgia Tech are examining how engineering professors evaluate the effectiveness of their courses. This information will help design better course evaluation systems to support professors’ teaching efforts. The survey will only take a few minutes and your input would be greatly appreciated. The survey is located at: http://www.isye.gatech.edu/critiquing. Results of the survey will be made public by the end of the summer.

NEW MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE.

Margot Frieder has joined ASEE as Assistant Membership Manager with primary responsibility for member renewals and retention and all aspects of member service in general. She will handle support for campus representatives, global on-line membership, student chapters and section meetings, and will coordinate life membership applications and Fellow Member nominations. Frieder was previously senior membership representative for the ASCII Group, and worked extensively in customer service and sales for Cendant and for Reuben H. Donnelly. She is a graduate of Ohio State University, with a B.A. in French.

STUDENT CHAPTER TO OPEN AT NORTHWESTERN UNIV.

The opening of the fall semester will see a new ASEE Student Chapter at Northwestern University, bringing the total of active Student Chapters to seven. The Northwestern University Student Chapter will be led by President Chad S. Korach and Faculty Adviser Alan V. Sahakian with the strong support of Dean John R. Birge. For information about how to start a Student Chapter at your institution, please contact Margot Frieder, ASEE Membership Department, at m.frieder@asee.org.

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