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NAE PRESIDENT TO SPEAK AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

ASEE is very pleased that William Wulf, President of the National Academy of Engineering, has agreed to be the main plenary keynote speaker at the 2002 ASEE Annual Conference in Montreal, Quebec. Indications are that this Annual Conference will be very well attended. ASEE's Conferences Department has received 2100 abstracts for papers to be delivered at the Montreal meeting. This is an all time record. (The deadline for abstracts was November 1, 2001). For full information about the 2002 Conference, go to: http://www.asee.org/conferences.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM COMMITTEE TO MEET.

ASEE's Annual Conference Program Committee will meet November 17, 2001 at ASEE headquarters. Committee members, Sherra Kerns, First Vice President, Vice President, Professional Interest Councils, and Professional Interest Council I; John McDonough, Professional Interest Council II; Nancy Denton, Professional Interest Council III; Daniel Davis, Professional Interest Council IV; and William McMahan, Professional Interest Council V, will be working to develop the program for the 2002 Annual Conference.

CALL FOR AWARDS NOMINATIONS.

ASEE offers over a dozen distinguished national awards annually. These awards recognize the outstanding accomplishments of educators whose commitment to excellence help advance engineering and engineering technology education. Please consider nominating one or more of your colleagues for an award. We are now accepting nominations for awards to be presented at the 2002 ASEE Awards Banquet at the Annual Conference in Montreal, Quebec, June 16-19. A list of awards, on-line nomination forms, and related information are available at http://www.asee.org/awards. The deadline for all award nominations is January 15, 2002. The deadline for Fellow Member nominations is February 1, 2002. Please inform your associates of this important announcement.

K-12 CENTER FOR BEST PRACTICES.

ASEE recently hosted a meeting of groups interested in working on the proposed Center for Best Practices in K-12 Science and Math Education. The meeting provided a forum for exchanging ideas and helped ASEE refine its objectives. Since the meeting, ASEE has focused its efforts on the programs of our member academic and corporate institutions in K-12 science and math education. These programs will provide data for benchmarking and assessment instruments that ASEE and program operators will use to identify and implement best practices across a range of program activities. A K-12 web site has been developed, which catalogues institutions' programs. The database now lists over 150 programs searchable by categories (location, program participants, type of activity, discipline). To view, go to: http://www.asee.org/k12smet_ed.

ROBERT BLACK NAMED DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

ASEE Executive Director, Frank Huband, announced at the October 2001 ASEE Executive Committee meeting that he has named Robert Black as ASEE Deputy Executive Director. Black has been with ASEE since September 1998 as manager of ASEE's Publications and Marketing Department. Huband said, "Under Bob's direction, the Publications and Marketing Department has taken on additional areas of responsibility - advertising, data collection, continuing education, development and marketing. I am pleased to recognize his accomplishments and increase his areas of responsibility." Previously, Black spent 14 years at US News & World Report where he
helped establish the business and technology division. He has a BA in history from the University of Wisconsin and an MA in Public Policy from the University of California at Berkeley.

**ABET INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS.**

At the November 2001 Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc. (ABET) Board Meeting in Lake Tahoe, NV, ABET installed its new officers. Jerry Yeargan, University of Arkansas, was installed as ABET’s President. Yeargan is an ASEE Fellow, and he received his Ph.D. from University of Texas at Austin. Larry Nixon was installed as ABET President Elect. He represents NSPE on the ABET Board, and graduated in electrical engineering from North Carolina State University. Edwin C. Jones, Jr., Iowa State University, was presented with the Linton E. Grinter Distinguished Service Award, which is ABET’s highest honor. Jones is an ASEE Fellow and currently serves as the Awards Chair for ASEE’s ECE Division. ABET is a federation of professional engineering and technical societies, and since 1932 ABET has provided quality assurance of education through accreditation.

**NATIONAL ACTION COUNCIL FOR MINORITIES IN ENGINEERING FORUM.**

“Engineering Policy and Practice” was the theme of NACME’s 21st Annual Forum, held recently in Baltimore, MD. The Honorable Jack Kemp, Executive Director, Empower America, was the keynote speaker, and plenary panels explored the gaps between policy and practice. Eugene DeLoatch, ASEE President Elect, presided over the Alumni Awards Luncheon. He spoke of ASEE, and noted that one of the NACME honorees, Pamela Leigh Mack, Morgan State University, had also been a winner of a Helen T. Carr fellowship, a program administered by ASEE. NACME’s President, John Brooks Slaughter, was profiled in the November issue of *ASEE’s Prism Magazine*.

**MARBURGER NAMED OSTP DIRECTOR.**

The Senate approved by unanimous consent the nominations of John Marburger to be Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy and Philip Bond to be Under Secretary for Technology in the Department of Commerce.

**NEW NASA ADMINISTRATOR NAMED.**

President Bush announced his intention to nominate Sean O’Keefe, deputy director of the Office of Management and Budget and co-author of a recent study critical of NASA, as the new space agency administrator. O’Keefe was named to the OMB job in February. He played a major role in the report analyzing NASA’s budget problems. Dan Goldin will resign as Administrator effective November 17. Goldin has served as the top NASA official since April 1, 1992. After leaving NASA, Goldin will assume a temporary position at the Council on Competitiveness as a Senior Fellow.

**ENGINEERING TRENDS WEB SITE.**

Engineering Trends is a web site at: [http://www.engtrends.com](http://www.engtrends.com). Richard Heckel, Technical Editor, says the site now has a section called Inside Engineering Education, which contains information on contemporary engineering education issues. Currently, there are twelve articles on the site, including one which predicts that new records will be set within the next three years in the numbers of bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees in engineering awarded by US universities. Engineering Trends database compilation relies in good part on the annual surveys of ASEE. Trends will recognize this by providing ASEE members with a 20% discount on all studies and analyses using its databases. This discount is in addition to the no-fee service of
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