ASEE Awards Nomination Process Goes Electronic

It is now easier than ever to nominate a colleague for an ASEE award. Simply fill out and submit the award nomination form on-line. Supporting letters may also be submitted on-line. The deadline for all awards nominations is January 15, 2000, and the deadline for Fellow Member Nominations is February 1, 2000. Nominations cannot be accepted after those dates, so make your nominations now. For more awards information, visit the ASEE Awards Page at [http://www.assee.org/awards](http://www.assee.org/awards). For questions, contact Bey at e-mail: s.wingatebey@asee.org.

Summer Faculty Research Programs

ASEE administers the Navy-ASEE Summer Faculty Research Program and the NASA-ASEE Summer Faculty Fellowship. These programs offer faculty the opportunity to conduct research for 10 weeks during the summer at one of 17 Navy laboratories or one of eight NASA centers. The deadline for the Navy summer program is January 14, 2000, and complete program information and an on-line application are available at [http://www.assee.org/summer](http://www.assee.org/summer). The deadline for the NASA summer program is February 1, 2000, and the application and program information are available only on-line at [http://www.assee.org/fellowship/nasa](http://www.assee.org/fellowship/nasa). For more information about either program, contact Michael Moore at (202) 331-3525 or by e-mail at m.moore@asee.org.

CIEC Meeting Set In Sunny Florida

Plan to shake those winter blues and head for sunnier climes. The CIEC Conference will be held in Orlando/Buena Vista, Florida, January 31 to February 4, 2000. (Florida contact claims it was 70 degrees yesterday.) Jack Selter, University of Central Florida, and General CIEC Conference Chair, says the topic for the Opening Plenary will be "Corporate Competitiveness and the Future of Engineering Education: Real-World Mandates vs. Academic Requirements. The Blue Ribbon Panel for this session includes current ASEE Board Member, Eugene DeLoatch (Morgan State University) and past ASEE President, Lyle Feisel (SUNY-Binghamton), as well as Roy Bridges from NASA, and representatives from several key industries, including Lockheed Martin, Boeing, Federal Express, Harris Corporation, Siemens Westinghouse and Disney World. The CIEC Final Program can be seen at: [http://www.assee.org/conferences/html/ciec.htm](http://www.assee.org/conferences/html/ciec.htm).

Wulf Holds Special Seminar On Engineering Education

In December William Wulf, President of the National Academy of Engineering, held a special seminar at the National Science Foundation on "The Urgency of Engineering Education Reform." Wulf said that the changing nature of engineering practice is accelerating. He pointed out, "Engineering education has to change comparably in order to prepare young engineers for the careers they will have. While many good engineering curricula changes have been undertaken, in fact, most engineering curricula and pedagogy are little changed from 40 years ago."

ERC Research Administration Award

The ASEE Engineering Research Council has established the ERC Research Administration Award. This new award has been approved by the ASEE Awards Policy Committee and by the ASEE Board of Directors. For details, go to: [http://www.assee.org/awards/nominationinfo/council.cfm](http://www.assee.org/awards/nominationinfo/council.cfm).
New PRISM Feature

ASEE PRISM magazine will be starting a new feature next month called “Bookmarks.” For this column, members should submit the web sites they feel help them the most in doing their jobs. The editors will credit members who give the best suggestions. Please send your best web ideas to PRISM editor Bob Black at e-mail: b.black@asee.org.

PRISM Online Classifieds

Remember it’s easy to place an advertisement on-line in ASEE PRISM magazine. Ads can be for jobs, short courses, products or services. See the Classified Ad Placement Page at: http://www.asee/publications for prices and billing options. Furthermore, classifieds in ASEE PRISM's print version are placed on ASEE's web site 30 days prior to publication for no additional charge. For more information, contact Tim Deamley, Advertising Manager, at 202-331-3528 or by e-mail at classifieds@asee.org.

ASEE To Administer Visiting Scholars Program

ASEE will again administer the ASEE-NSF Visiting Scholars Program, which supports visits by respected educators to selected engineering colleges and universities. ASEE is seeking 10 host schools where these educators will conduct pairs of two-day regional workshops. The primary goal of the program will be to identify promising innovations in engineering education resulting from NSF-supported research. Each host school should be located relatively close to other colleges and universities that have engineering programs. Close proximity to other schools is necessary as attendance at the workshops by faculty from neighboring schools is important. ASEE is also seeking educators to conduct the workshops. If you would like to host a workshop or recommend an educator to conduct a workshop, please contact W. Tyler Cluverius at (202) 331-3531 or e-mail him at w.cluverius@asee.org. For more information, go to: http://www.asee.org/visit/.

Industry, Policy, Academic Leaders Examine Innovation

The National Science and Technology Council held a summit meeting in December to generate ideas as the Council develops federal policy to enhance systems of technological innovation. Speakers included Neal Lane, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), John Young, Co-Chair, President's Committee of Advisors for Science and Technology (PCAST), and Martin Baily, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers. In closing, Duncan Moore, Associate Director for Technology, OSTP, noted the very small percentage of college graduates with engineering degrees relative to other countries such as China and Israel, and he stressed the urgent need to fill K-12 classrooms with qualified, committed science and math teachers. For details, go to: http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/EOP/OSTP/html/rand/summit/.

Bowen Appoints Bonfire Commission

In the wake of the November tragedy that took place at Texas A&M during preparations for the annual bonfire event, University President Ray Bowen has appointed a Bonfire Commission. The Commission will study the collapse of the bonfire logs in which 12 people were killed. The bonfire is a 90-year old tradition that is part of an annual football rally. ASEE President John Weese has been asked to serve as the head of the on-campus group to work with the Commission. While strongly committed to his duties as Society President, Weese will be devoting considerable effort to the important work of the Commission.
Feisel Elected VP IEEE Educational Activities

ASEE Past President Lyle Feisel ('97-'98) has been elected Vice President of Education Activities by the Institute of Electrical Engineers (IEEE). Feisel is Dean of the T. J. Watson School of Engineering and Applied Science at the State University of New York at Binghamton.

Survey On Engineering Courses and Service Learning

ASEE members, John Duffy (University of Massachusetts-Lowell, Mechanical Engineering), Susan Lord (University of San Diego, School of Engineering), and Edmund Tsang (University of South Alabama, Mechanical) are conducting a survey on Service-Learning/Community-Based Project in Engineering. If you have integrated Service-Learning or Community-Based Project in your course(s), please participate in the brief survey located at: http://duffy.eng.uml.edu. The results will be sent to all individuals who participate in the survey.

Campbell Named President Of Cooper Union

George Campbell has been named the new President of The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, effective July 1, 2000. Campbell is currently President of the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering, where he has served for more than 10 years.

Virtual Science Fair

The University of Central Florida in coordination with the National Medal of Technology Program is hosting a virtual science fair. The Internet Science and Technology Fair (ISTF) will enable teams of students and their teachers to explore Internet information resources, collaborate via e-mail with engineers and scientists, and develop "Project Homepages." If you or someone from your organization would be willing to assist students by providing technical guidance, go to: http://istf.ucf.edu/How/Step_by_Step_Guide/TechAdvisor/.

New Orleans College of Engineering To Host Solar Splash

The University of New Orleans College of Engineering and its School of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering will host the 2000 Solar Splash International Boat Regatta. This world class Solar/Electric boat race is divided into categories designed to challenge both the theoretical and practical aspects of the engineering disciplines. For more information, contact Larry DeCan, UNO College of Engineering, tel: 504-280-3116, or e-mail: eboat@uno.edu.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
Wishing you a Happy New Year, peace, fortitude and safe passage into the new millennium.

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