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Ronald Barr was inaugurated as ASEE President at ASEE’s Annual Conference Awards Banquet in Portland, OR. In his inaugural speech, Barr touched on a number of the questions and current concerns facing engineering education in America: global outsourcing, K-12 education, representation of women and minorities, scholarly research and curriculum reform. Barr also has a President's Message up on ASEE's web site at: http://www.asee.org/about/Presidents_Message.cfm. In this online message he reviews ASEE's goals and objectives and how they have guided the Society's planning process, which has lead to our current status.

ASEE 2005-2006 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 2005-2006 ASEE Board of Directors was inaugurated in Portland, OR, June 15, 2005, at the ASEE Awards Banquet. Board members are: Ronald E. Barr, President; David N. Wormley, President-Elect; Sherra E. Kerns, Immediate Past President; Renata S. Engel, First Vice President, and Vice President Member Affairs; Joseph T. O'Brien, Vice President, Finance; Albert L. McHenry, Vice President, Public Affairs; Isadore T. Davis, Vice President, Institutional Councils, and Chair, Corporate Member Council; J.P. Mohsen, Vice President, Professional Interest Councils, and Chair, Professional Interest Council I; Paul S. Peercy, Chair, Engineering Deans Council; John G. Gilligan, Chair, Engineering Research Council; Patricia L. Fox, Chair, Engineering Technology Council; Gary R. Crossman, Chair, Professional Interest Council II; Shirley B. Pomeranz, Chair, Professional Interest Council III; Sarah A. Rajala, Chair, Professional Interest Council IV; Ray M. Haynes, Chair, Professional Interest Council V; Nelson A. Macken, Chair, Council of Sections, Zone I; Sandra A. Yost, Chair, Council of Sections, Zone II; Amir Karimi, Chair, Council of Sections, Zone III; Robert J. Marley, Chair, Council of Sections, Zone IV; and Frank L. Huband, ASEE Executive Director. For information about Board members including photographs and contact information, go to: http://www.asee.org/about/currentBoard.cfm.

PORTLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

ASEE’s 2005 Annual Conference was highly successful with the most attendees (3354) and a record number of papers (1501). A highlight of the Conference is the Annual Awards Banquet. Recipients of ASEE’s 2005 Awards were recognized at the banquet. They are also listed in May’s ASEE Action. In the next week or so, the winners with photos and bios will be posted to ASEE’s web site in the Awards section (Member Activities). In addition to the usual awards presented at the banquet, this year, a special presidential award for distinguished leadership and service was presented to John A. Weese for his outstanding and dedicated volunteer service to ASEE. Weese was ASEE President in 1999 and has been a Campus Rep since 1986. ASEE has also established its first Conference Blog. If you would like to comment or post an observation -- or just read what others have to say -- go to: http://www.asee.org/blog. Next year’s annual conference will be held in Chicago, IL, June 18-21, 2006.

ASEE FOURTH GLOBAL COLLOQUIUM

ASEE, partnering with the Australasian Association for Engineering Education (AaeE), will hold the 4th Global Colloquium on Engineering Education in Sydney, Australia, from September 26-30, 2005. The colloquium will have the following themes: globalization of engineering education, the K-12 pipeline, and the transformations of the disciplines. It will provide an excellent opportunity for international leaders and policy makers from industry, academe, and government to gather and discuss the major challenges in preparation for the next generation of engineering innovators. For more information, visit www.gcee2005.com.

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IACEE serves as the headquarters for the International Association for Continuing Engineering Education (IACEE). IACEE's goal is to enhance lifelong technical education. In May, IACEE held its annual council meeting in Beijing. At this meeting, the Chinese Association for Science and Technology (CAST) asked IACEE to establish an evaluation program for Chinese continuing engineering education programs. The IACEE Council is working on the development of such a program.

CHINESE DEAL WITH INTERNET ADDICTION

Everyone seems to be talking about Internet addiction, and Beijing -- speaking of Beijing -- was host to a weekend spring camp for Chinese kids addicted to the Internet. According to the China Internet Information Center, some 15% of Chinese adolescents are said to suffer from the "disorder." Meanwhile, in Hong Kong, a government information office warned that 40% of the city's kids were addicts. But they're not alone. In the U.S., UMass at Lowell and UC-Irvine, among others, provide counseling for the Net-addicted. Cures appear to range from prescriptions for anti-anxiety meds to going cold turkey and turning off the monitor. For the full article on broadband burnout, see Lea Goldman's article in May's Forbes Magazine.

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