FELLOW MEMBER HONOREES

The following members have been selected as 2005 ASEE Fellow Members. The grade of Fellow is one of unusual professional distinction and is conferred by the Board of Directors upon an ASEE member with outstanding and extraordinary qualifications and experience in engineering or engineering technology education. The following 11 members were approved by the Awards Policy Committee for Fellow Grade and will be announced at the ASEE Annual Awards Banquet, June 15, in Portland.

- Jack Lohmann, Georgia Institute of Technology
- Carl Locke, Jr., University of Kansas
- John Steadman, University of South Alabama
- Nicholas Altiero, Tulane University
- John Lamancusa, Pennsylvania State University
- Thomas Edgar, University of Texas-Austin
- Marwan Simaan, University of Pittsburgh
- Joseph Shaeiwitz, West Virginia University
- Adeyinka Adeyiga, Hampton University
- Cristina Amon, Carnegie Mellon University
- Thomas Regan, University of Maryland-College Park

BEST PAPER AWARD

The Best Paper Award recognizes outstanding papers presented at the ASEE Annual Conference the year before. On Wednesday, June 15th, at the Banquet, awards will be given for the best paper from each PIC, and for a best Zone paper. The Best Overall Paper from the 2004 Annual Conference gets top prize; it was judged to be "Tailoring Cooperative Learning Events for Engineering Classes," by Steven Zemke and Donald Elger or the University of Idaho; and Jennifer Beller of Washington State University.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This year’s Annual Conference in Portland, OR, June 12-15, already looks like a success. A record number of papers will be presented, attendance may be strongest yet, and the exhibit hall is full. On Monday, there will be two outstanding speakers at for the Main Plenary. Wayne Clough, President of Georgia Tech, will speak on “The Engineer of 2020.” Dwight Streit, Vice President, Northrop Grumman Space Technology, will speak about “Engineering Education Requirements in a Rapidly Changing Global Environment.” Onsite registration opens June 11th in Portland.

NRL PROGRAM

The Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) Postdoctoral Fellowship Program is open to U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents and offers a competitive stipend as well as insurance, relocation, and travel allowances. This program 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. This program has a rolling admission. For details, go to: http://www.asee.org/resources/nrl/.

KATHIE OLSEN NOMINATED NSF DEPUTY

Dr. Kathie Olsen has been nominated Deputy Director at the National Science Foundation (NSF). Olsen currently serves as Associate Director for Science at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP). The nomination has been applauded by Rep. Sherwood Boehlert (R-NY), Chairman of the House Committee on Science. Olsen would replace outgoing NSF Deputy Director Joe Bordogna. Olsen has been a speaker at ASEE’s Engineering Deans Council Public Policy Colloquium.

PREMIER COURSEWARE AWARD

John Wiley & Sons, Microsoft Research, The Mathworks, and Autodesk have announced the 2005 Premier Award competition. The Premier Award recognizes high quality, non-commercial courseware designed to enhance engineering education. If you have developed non-commercial courseware or a web site designed to enhance engineering education, you are invited to apply for this award. Submissions are due by July 15, 2005, and winners will be announced at the 2005 Frontiers in Education Conference, October 19-22, in Indianapolis, IN. Visit http://www.needs.org/needs/public/premier for details or contact Joe Tront, at email: jgtront@vt.edu for more information.

WHATEVER FLOATS YOUR BOAT

How about this for another version of offshoring software development? Get a cruise ship, park it off California’s shore, fill it with foreign engineers hired to write code day and night, and forget flights to India to check on projects. This is the bright idea behind SeaCode, which wants to float a 600-cabin cruise ship off El Seguno, CA, a tad beyond the three-mile limit that marks international waters. The plan is to hire code-writing engineers from India and Russia, classify them as “seamen” who’d board the ship with sailors’ cards out of the Bahamas. Take home pay would be about $1,800/month, and work would be something like four months on, two months off. Of course, questions regarding maritime law, immigration visas, and U.S. payroll taxes come to mind. Plus some citizens in El Segundo have reservations. This new take on outsourcing was noted in the May issue of Forbes.