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Ballots for the 2003 ASEE National Election were included with the February issue of Prism Magazine. Be sure to vote and remind your associates to do so as well. Ballots must be returned to headquarters by March 31, and the ballot envelope must bear your signature in the designated area in order to have your vote counted. To read online about the candidates for this year’s election, go to: http://www.asee.org/welcome/elections.

ASEE REJOINS AAES
At its January 26, 2003 meeting in Tucson, AZ, the ASEE Board of Director decided that ASEE should rejoin the American Association of Engineering Societies. Tom Price, AAES executive director, has been notified that ASEE will pay $12,500 for 2003 dues; that ASEE President, Eugene DeLoatch will be this year’s principal contact, and ASEE President Elect, Duane Abata will the be the alternate.

THREE NEW CONSTITUENT COMMITTEES
Also at the1/26/03 meeting, the ASEE Board of Directors approved the by-laws of three new Constituent Committees: Engineering Ethics, Multidisciplinary Engineering, and Systems Engineering. Capsule descriptions of all three committees can be found at: http://www.asee.org/members/divisions. If you would like to join one or more of these new committees, send an e-mail to membership@asee.org.

ASEE/WFEO INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM
ASEE will hold the Second ASEE Global Conference on Engineering Education in conjunction with the Sixth WFEO World Congress on Engineering Education on June 20-23, 2003 in Nashville, TN. You can view the program and also register on our web site at: http://www.asee.org/conferences/international2003/.

ERC FORUM AND WORKSHOP
This year's meeting is scheduled for February 23-25, in Arlington, VA. For full information, go to: http://www.asee.org/erc.

IACEE
Last fall, ASEE became the headquarters for the International Association for Continuing Engineering Education (IACEE) for the next three years. See revised IACEE web site at: http://www.iacee.org.

EDC PUBLIC POLICY COLLOQUIUM A SUCCESS
The Engineering Deans Public Policy Colloquium was held February 11-12. Representative Curt Weldon (R-PA), Vice Chair of the Armed Services Committee and a member of the Appropriations Committee, gave the keynote address (see excerpt in next item), and Marcus Peacock, Associate Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and Kathie Olsen, Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), spoke as panelists. At a reception at the Rayburn House Office Building, Rep. David Price (D-NC) was presented with the EDC Award in appreciation for his outstanding contributions to national engineering and science policy, research and education. Congressman Vernon Ehlers (R-MI) joined attendees to congratulate him. The EDC Colloquium Planning Committee was composed of EDC Public Policy Committee (PPC) Chair Nino Masnari, PPC Vice Chair Janie Fouke, EDC Chair David Wormley, and EDC Vice Chair Richard Miksd.

REP. WELDON: ENGINEERS MUST LEAD TO MEET CHALLENGES AHEAD
This is a key excerpt from the address Congressman Weldon gave at the ASEE Public Policy Colloquium. “America needs to be prepared to meet the new challenges of the 21st Century, and America’s Engineers must take a lead role in that effort. This not only requires finding new and creative solutions to our challenges, but a transformation in the ways to pool our resources. The American Society for Engineering Education recognizes the value of cooperation, and I commend their efforts to bring together America’s engineering colleges. State-of-the-art research and development will continue only if our institutions work together - complementing their respective strengths and weaknesses. I encourage each engineering program to work toward this end for the benefit for our families, neighborhoods and
ERM GRANTS
The ASEE Educational and Research Methods (ERM) Division will award up to four ERM Division Apprentice Faculty Grants, which cover the costs of attending the ASEE Annual Conference. To qualify for a grant, applicants must: 1) plan to pursue a career in engineering education, but currently not hold a tenure-track appointment, 2) have demonstrated a commitment to innovation in teaching and/or have potential for substantial contribution to engineering education, and 3) be nominated by an advisor, mentor, supervisor, or colleague. Deadline for nominations is March 31, 2003. For further details, see: http://fie.engrng.pitt.edu/erm/ or contact Robin Adams at Email: radams@u.washington.edu, Tel: 206-616-0615.

DEANS SUMMIT II
The second Deans Summit, that brought together engineering deans and faculty members with colleagues in education, took place recently in Miami. Over 150 deans and faculty members discussed strategies to promote collaboration across the disciplines of engineering and education, and the best use of resources to promote K-12 education. See: http://www.ieee.org/organizations/eab/fcc/index.htm.

EIR ROUNDTABLE
The Engineers International Roundtable (EIR) met in January 2003, at the National Academy of Engineering (NAE), to discuss two international issues of importance to the engineering community: how to implement the actions outlined in the Engineering Declaration on Sustainable Development presented at the WSSD in Johannesburg; and how to ensure a meaningful role for the engineering community when the U.S. reenters UNESCO. The U.S. engineering community has sent a concept paper to the U.S. State Department and UNESCO outlining a potential role for the U.S. engineering community. EIR will next meet on May 9, 2003 at NAE.