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ASEE CALLS FOR DOUBLING FEDERAL INVESTMENT IN RESEARCH. ASEE and the Engineering Deans Council joined 100 other scientific and engineering societies in signing the unified statement on research which called for Congress and the Administration to double federal funding for research. Senators Phil Gramm (R-TX) and Joseph Lieberman (D-CT) at a press conference on October 22 released the unified statement and announced the introduction of bipartisan legislation to double funding over the next 10 years. "We applaud the initiative of Senator Phil Gramm and Senator Joseph Lieberman in introducing bipartisan legislation to double the funds authorized for non-defense basic scientific, medical and precompetitive engineering research over the next decade," said ASEE President Lyle Feisel. "Engineering research and education is vital to the economic health and prosperity of all U.S. citizens in the next decade," Feisel stated.

CANDIDATES FOR 1998 ASEE ELECTIONS. The slate of candidates for next year's general ASEE election is as follows: President-Elect - Wallace Fowler and John Weese; Vice President - Paul Giolma and Gerald Jakubowski; PIC I Chair - Burks Oakley and John Steffen; PIC IV Chair - Duane Abata and David Whitman; PIC V Chair - Patricia Chance; Zone I Chair Elect - Thomas Kim and Thomas Weber; and Zone III Chair-Elect - Charles Johnson and Tom Roberts. Photos and biographies are in the November issue of ASEE PRISM.

ZONE IV CHAIR. Due to the unfortunate death of Richard Crain, the position of '98 Zone IV Chair is vacant. The ASEE Executive Committee has determined that the vacancy should be filled by placing Zone IV candidates on the 1998 ASEE Election Ballot. Candidates are being solicited from the Sections within Zone IV.

TIME FOR 97-98 AWARD NOMINATIONS. ASEE is now accepting nominations for the 1997-98 Awards which will be presented at the Annual Conference, June 28-July 1, in Seattle. The Awards Nomination Information Booklet and other awards related information are now available on the ASEE Web site at http://www.asee.org/awards. (The Awards Nomination Information Booklet is no longer distributed in hard copy.) A copy of the Nomination Form is located on the Awards page and should be printed and used to submit nominations. If you prefer, you can email Bey at s.wingatebey@asee.org (tel: 202-331-3550) and ask that a copy of the form be sent to you. The deadline for nominations is January 15, 1998.

PRECOLLEGE INTEREST. The strong interest in precollege information was evidenced by the flurry of orders for ASEE's new precollege recruitment brochure, Engineering: Your Future. Orders for the first print run topped 60,000. ASEE’s Publications Department has taken interesting pieces from the brochure as well as a rich variety of other guidance materials on engineering and put them up on the Precollege site on ASEE's homepage, http://www.asee.org. The Precollege site is updated weekly and the latest information that will be added is about school open houses. If your school is having an open house and you’d like it listed, please send Vicky Hendley (v.hendley@asee.org) the following information: school name, address, phone, email and www address, contact person, date of open house. Vicky also asks engineering educators to send her information and suggestions for new links to add to the Precollege site.

ASSESSMENT CONFERENCE MATERIALS. This is a reminder that the speeches and slides that were presented at the ASEE/ABET Assessment Conference in September are now on our homepage at http://www.asee.org near the top.

CHAIRMAN OF ICOS WILL SPEAK AT SEATTLE ANNUAL CONFERENCE. The Conferences Department confirms that George Rathmann, Chairman, President and CEO of ICOS Corporation and Chair of the National Science and Technology Medals Foundation, is slated to be the second plenary speaker for the 1998 Annual Conference in Seattle. Previously Rathmann founded and
served as CEO at Amgen Incorporated. Before that he worked at Abbott Labs, Litton Industries and the 3M Company.

CIEC TO MEET IN SAVANNAH, GA. The 1998 CIEC meeting is being held February 2-6, 1998 in the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Savannah, GA. The Conference theme is "Collaborating for Excellence." Post cards are being mailed to prospective attendees with information on how to receive a conference program and registration form. If interested, email or call Mark Pagano at mapagano@tech.purdue.edu (tel-765-494-7514) or Karen Fornaciari at karen.fornaciari@quickmail.llnl.gov (tel-510-422-8897).

REQUEST FOR JOURNAL REPLACEMENT. From Harold Jacobs, Dean of Engineering at Colorado State University, comes this special plea: "As you may have heard, our university suffered a major flood in July which inundated the engineering building and library. The engineering library was under six feet of water and its journal collection was ruined. We lost all bound journals for the last forty years. We would greatly appreciate help from ASEE members. We are asking faculty to provide copies of their old journals to replace our holdings. Publications can be sent to Dr. Jean Lamm, Engineering Development Officer, 206 Engineering Research Center, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO 80523. Thank you.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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