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October 20th Deadline For Choosing The Century's Greatest Engineering Feats

ASEE is soliciting nominations from members to submit in a competition sponsored by the National Academy of Engineering to determine the greatest engineering achievements of the 20th century. The deadline is October 20th, and nominations for this contest must be submitted on the entry forms available on the ASEE web site at http://www.asee.org/html/achievements.htm.

Gerhardt, Jakubowski Candidates For President-Elect

The ASEE Nominating Committee has announced the slate of candidates for the ASEE 2000 National Elections as follows: President-Elect - Lester Gerhardt, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; Jerry Jakubowski, Loyola Marymount University; Vice President Member Affairs - Ron Barr, University of Texas-Austin; Ron Kane, New Jersey Institute of Technology; Chair PIC I - Sherra Kerns, Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering; Taggart Smith, Purdue University; Chair PIC IV - Eugene Brown, VA Polytechnic Institute & State University; Daniel Davis, National Science Foundation; and PIC V - W. L. McMahan, Exxon Company U.S.A.; Chair-Elect Zone I - Renata Engel, Pennsylvania State; Joseph Goldstein, University of Massachusetts; and Chair-Elect Zone III - David Kauffman, University of New Mexico-Albuquerque; Sudhir Mehta, North Dakota State University. Candidates will be announced in the December issue of PRISM Magazine.

Conference Department Receives 1200 Abstracts

Abstracts of papers to be presented in St. Louis at the 2000 ASEE Annual Conference were submitted electronically this year via the Conference/Abstract/Paper Submission (CAPS) process. After a slow start (175 abstracts received by September 17), abstracts began to flow in steadily. By the deadline (October 1 — plus a day or two leeway), abstracts totaled 1200. Next, the Important Dates to keep in mind include: October 15 - authors notified if abstracts accepted. November 15 - Session numbers assigned, authors notified. December 1 - Deadline for paper submissions via CAPS. January 15 - Program Chairs complete review process. February 1 - Authors notified of acceptance or rejection of papers. March 15 - Final papers due via CAPS. For more 2000 Annual Conference information, go to: http://www.asee.org/conferences/annual2000/.

ASEE's Awards Nominations Goes Electronic

Beginning this year, the ASEE awards nominations process will be handled electronically. Nominators will be able to submit complete nomination information on a form that will be available on the ASEE web site. It will also be possible to send letters of support via the web. The electronic awards nomination forms will be available on the web after November 1. The deadline for all ASEE awards nominations is January 15. Specific details will be posted on the ASEE Awards Page at http://www.asee.org/awards.
ASEE Supports Section 127

ASEE joined other higher education, engineering, business, and labor organizations to urge the President to support the permanent extension of the undergraduate and graduate provisions of Section 127. In a letter to the President, Section 127 supporters noted that support for employer-provided education legislation is particularly important at a time when employers nationwide are looking for more highly skilled employees.

Entrepreneurship Division Being Formed

An Entrepreneurship & Engineering Innovation Division is being formed to focus on applied technological innovation and commercialization in engineering education. Interested ASEE members should contact Lawrence Casper, University of Wisconsin, at e-mail: casper@engr.wisc.edu.

ASEE Two Year College Division 2000 Model Design Competition

The Two Year College Division (TYCD) is encouraging submission of student design projects for the Annual TYCD 2000 Model Design Competition. This event will be held in conjunction with the ASEE Annual Conference, June 18-21, 2000 in St. Louis. This competition is open to 1st and 2nd year students at four and two year colleges. This year a competition of battery-powered model vehicles will take place. The models must adhere to the guidelines of the model design competition, and the vehicles must be capable of navigating the course without any input from the team. An oral presentation is included as part of the competition. Complete rules are available at http://www.sunybroome.edu/~beston_w/ASEE_TYCDdesign2000. Questions may be directed to William C. Beston at e-mail: beston_w@sunybroome.edu.

Volunteer To Moderate PRISM Forum

PRISM is looking for a volunteer to moderate its Forum web site. Topics are usually related to recent PRISM articles and have included affirmative action, the master’s degree as the first professional degree, and the rise in part-time professors. A working knowledge of how to use the web and a desire to discuss and encourage debate on important engineering education issues are all that's needed. Please e-mail prism@asee.org if interested.

PRISM Online Classifieds

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Internet Newsgroup

A proposal has been submitted to Usenet for the formation of an unmoderated, worldwide newsgroup for those interested in topics in Engineering Education. The proposed group name is sci.engr.edu. A Request for Discussion (RFD) is currently going on in, and should remain in, the Usenet newsgroup news.groups. The proposed charter, and all significant dates and milestones, can be found at http://www.rpi.edu/~mannik/. After a period of discussion (about 21 days), another RFD may be held if there are significant changes to the originally proposed charter. If not, a Call For Votes (CFV) is declared and interested parties can vote by email as instructed in the CFV. If there are at least 100 more yes votes than no, and in at least a 2:1 ratio the group will become active. ASEE members are invited to participate during both the RFD and the CFV. For further information, contact ASEE member, Dr. Kenneth S. Manning, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, at e-mail: mannik@rpi.edu.

Applicants Sought For US/China Research Exchange Program

U.S. researchers in earthquake engineering are invited to apply for the US/PRC Research Exchange Program in Earthquake Studies. The program is sponsored by the National Science Foundation and coordinated by the Multidisciplinary Center for Earthquake Engineering Research, at the State University of New York at Buffalo. Application deadline is November 1, 1999. For further details, go to: http://mceer.buffalo.edu/outreach/intActivity/US-PRCRel.html.

Invitation To Participate In ICEECEE


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