CANDIDATES FOR ASEE NATIONAL ELECTIONS.

Watch for your December issue of Prism magazine, which includes the following slate of candidates who are running in the ASEE national elections: For the office of President-Elect - Eugene M. DeLoatch (Morgan State University) and Theodore A. Bickart (Colorado School of Mines); for the office of Vice President for Finance - Arthur T. Murphy (DuPont de Nemours & Co., Inc.); for the office of Vice President for Public Affairs - Carolyn W. Meyers (North Carolina A&T State University) and Lawrence H. Hare (Johnson Controls); for the office of Chair, PIC II - John J. McDonough (University of Maine) and Robert English (New Jersey Institute of Technology); for the office of Chair, PIC III - Mary Sadowski (Arizona State University-East) and Nancy L. Denton (Purdue University); for the office of Chair-Elect, Zone II - Sandra A. Yost (University of Detroit-Mercy) and J. P. Mohsen (University of Louisville); for the office of Chair-Elect, Zone IV - Kenneth L. “Larry” DeVries (University of Utah) and Ronald E. Terry (Brigham Young University).

CALL FOR AWARDS NOMINATIONS.

ASEE is now accepting nominations for awards that will be presented in June 2001 at the ASEE Annual Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. For details on awards that are offered, go to: http://www.asee.org/awards/awardslist.cfm. All award nominations are now made on the Web. For an update on awards information go to: http://www.asee.org/awards. Fellow Member Nominations are also being accepted. The deadline for Awards nominations is January 15, 2001. The deadline for Fellow Member nominations is February 1, 2001.

TWO NEW ASEE NATIONAL AWARDS.

Nominations are now being accepted for the following newly established awards: The Robert G. Quinn Award for Excellence in Engineering Education is endowed by Agilent Technologies, in proud memory of the late Dr. Robert G. Quinn. This award recognizes outstanding contributions in providing and promoting excellence in experimentation and laboratory instruction and consists of a $5,000 honorarium and an inscribed plaque. See: http://www.asee.org/awards/nominationinfo/special.cfm. The award will be presented in June 2001 at the ASEE Annual Conference. The Sharon Keillor Award for Women in Engineering Education is endowed by Russell C. Jones, P.E., in memory of his late wife, an engineering educator and a high technology industry executive. This award recognizes and honors outstanding women engineering educators and it consists of a $2,000 honorarium and an inscribed plaque. See: http://www.asee.org/awards/nominationinfo/special.cfm.

AWARDS UPDATE.

The James H. McGraw Award, sponsored by Glencoe/McGraw-Hill and previously administered by the ASEE Engineering Technology Council and the Engineering Technology Division, is now offered as a national award and will be presented in June 2001 at the ASEE Annual Conference Awards Banquet in Albuquerque, New Mexico. See http://www.asee.org/awards/nominationinfo/excellence2.cfm.

DISCONTINUED AWARDS.

The General Electric Senior Research Award, established by the Engineering Research Council of ASEE in 1979 and sponsored by the General Electric Corporation, has been discontinued. The
Dow Outstanding New Faculty Award, established by Dow Chemical USA in 1969, has been discontinued.

NEW DIVISION AWARDS.

Several new ASEE division awards were recently established. The “ECE Meritorious Service Award,” which is sponsored by the ASEE Electrical and Computer Engineering Division (ECE), recognizes significant and meritorious service to the ASEE-ECE Division over an extended period of time. The award consists of a commemorative plaque to be presented at the ECE Division’s business meeting at the ASEE Annual Conference. See: http://www.asee.org/awards/nominationinfo/otherdivision.cfm.

The “Industrial Engineering (IE) Division Best Paper Award,” which is sponsored by the ASEE Industrial Engineering Division, encourages and recognizes industrial engineering educators for the preparation and presentation of outstanding papers at sessions sponsored by the IE Division during the ASEE Annual Conference. The award consists of a plaque of recognition for first place, and a letter of recognition for second place (runner-up). See: http://www.asee.org/awards/nominationinfo/otherdivision.cfm.

The “Outstanding New Mechanics Educator Award,” sponsored by the ASEE Mechanics Division, has been changed to the “Ferdinand P. Beer and E. Russell Johnston, Jr. Outstanding New Mechanics Educator Award.” The award description has also changed. See: http://www.asee.org/awards/nominationinfo/otherdivision.cfm.

CONSULTING OPPORTUNITIES.

ASEE has partnered with the Gerson Lehrman Group, http://www.glgroup.com, a New York based technology research company, to generate short-term consulting opportunities for ASEE members. The Gerson Lehrman Group runs the Council of Communications and Technology Advisors, a network of engineers, consultants and others who are paid to consult with investment management firms. The Gerson Lehrman Group pays Advisors their customary consulting rates. You can apply to become an Advisor at: http://www.glgroup.com/aseeapp.asp. If you have questions, please contact Jasen Li at email: jji@glgroup.com or telephone: 212-838-6900, ext. 225.

NEW PRE-COLLEGE OUTREACH PROGRAM.

ASEE is planning to provide a new service to supplement our pre-college section, one of the more popular parts of our web site, and we need your help. We are planning to start an online mentoring program for students researching engineering colleges. We need professors and administrators to write short messages and columns offering advice and guidance, as well as to strike up conversations and offer one-on-one advice to students via an online bulletin board. If you would be interested in writing messages or corresponding with students, please contact Susan Wachowski at email: s.wachowski@asee.org.

EDC COLLOQUIUM.

The 2001 EDC Public Policy Colloquium will take place February 13-14 in Washington, DC at the Westin Fairfax Hotel and on Capitol Hill. The Colloquium, titled "Maintaining the Technology Engine for Economic Growth: Issues of Workforce, Diversity, and K-12 Education," offers deans a valuable opportunity to discuss policy issues of current importance among themselves and with Members of Congress from their home states.
ERC MEETING.


WHAT'S NEW.

ASEE’s web site has been redesigned -- see http://www.asee.org. On the home page to the right is “What's New.” This is the page that focuses on upcoming deadlines, special items, and what has been updated. This is always the place go to stay current on ASEE affairs.

UPCOMING WEPAN/NAMEPA CONFERENCE.

The National Association of Minority Engineering Program Administrators (NAMEPA) and the Women in Engineering Programs & Advocates Network (WEPAN) 2001 National Conference will be held April 21-24, in Alexandria, Va. The conference theme is “Co-Champions for Diversity in Engineering.” For more information, please go to: http://www.eng.vt.edu/namepawepan2001/.

AAAS DEBATES SCIENTIFIC FREEDOM.

In October, the AAAS held a meeting to discuss concerns of the academic scientific and engineering community on two topics relating to the nexus between scientific freedom, human rights, and national security. The first session considered the impact of the National Commission on Terrorism Report on foreign students and minorities. This report made a controversial recommendation that the Immigration and Naturalization Service monitor what foreign students study at U.S. universities. The second session discussed the impact on science and scientists of security policies at the National Laboratories. There are reports that Asian and Asian-American scientists are avoiding jobs at U.S. weapons laboratories because they claim that researchers of Asian descent have been systematically harassed and passed over for promotions due to their ethnicity. Furthermore, some Asian-American organizations have called for boycotts of the weapons laboratories. The security measures, such as polygraph testing and requirements to list all contacts and relationships with people in “sensitive” countries, are seen by some as contributing to the unjust treatment of certain scientists and a decline in morale among lab scientists.

ACE PRESIDENT TO STEP DOWN.

Stanley Ikenberry, president of the American Council on Education, has announced that he will leave his position as head of the nation's principal higher education association next June. Ikenberry, who has led ACE since November 1966, plans to return to his faculty position at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana to teach, write, and consult. ACE is the umbrella association for the nation’s colleges and universities. Its membership includes nearly 1,800 accredited, degree-granting institutions from all sectors of higher education and nearly 200 national and regional higher education associations and organizations. ACE is also the Secretariat for the Washington Higher Education Secretariat, of which ASEE is a member.

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