DEADLINE IMMINENT FOR ASEE AWARDS NOMINATIONS

If you hurry, there is still time to nominate a deserving colleague for one of ASEE's distinguished national awards. The deadline is January 15, 2002. Fellow Member nominations are due February 1, 2002. The ASEE Awards recognize the outstanding accomplishments of educators whose commitment to excellence help advance engineering and engineering technology education. These awards will be presented at the 2002 ASEE Awards Banquet at the ASEE Annual Conference in Montreal, Quebec, June 16-19, 2002. A list of awards, on-line nomination forms, and related information are available at Awards Headquarters.

UPCOMING DEADLINE FOR FACULTY NAVY RESEARCH PROGRAM

The U.S. Navy-ASEE Summer Faculty Research Program provides science and engineering faculty members from colleges and universities the opportunity to participate in research at Navy laboratories for a 10-week period during the summer. Participants work with professional peers in the Navy laboratories on research tasks of mutual interest. This program offers college and university faculty members an experience that can benefit them professionally. Stipends range from $13,500 to $18,500 in addition to travel expenses and a relocation allowance. Faculty from Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Minority Institutions, and American Tribal Colleges and Universities (HBCU/MI/TCU), as designated by the department of education, are especially encouraged to apply. Application deadline is January 16, 2002 and application materials are available online at: Program Headquarters. For more information, contact Justin Stevens at (202) 331-3509 or via email: projects@asee.org.

NEW HEAD OF CONFERENCES DEPARTMENT

Bill Ryan started at ASEE on January 2 as ASEE's new conventions and meetings manager. He replaces Steve Duty, who left at the end of the year to manage a winery in Virginia. Bill was selected from over 300 applicants, and comes to ASEE from the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), where he helped plan and execute their annual meeting of 5,000 attendees. Before that, Bill handled all the international meetings for the American Psychological Society (APS), and earlier was director of conference planning for the Coalition of Juvenile Justice. He is a graduate of Siena College in New York and has a minor in Business Administration. We at ASEE headquarters are happy to have Bill on staff. If you wish to reach him, Bill's telephone number is 202-331-3516, and email is b.ryan@asee.org.

CIEC MEETING

The CIEC Conference will be held in Sarasota, FL, February 5-8, 2002.

ERC WORKSHOP AND FORUM

The Engineering Research Council's Annual Summit, Workshop, & Forum, February 24 -26, 2002, will be held at the Arlington Hilton and Towers in Arlington, VA. The Forum Dinner speaker will be Jack Marburger, the Presidential Science Advisor and former Director of Brookhaven National Lab and President of SUNY Stony Brook.

NAE SYMPOSIUM

On Thursday, January 17, a national symposium, sponsored by the National Academy of Engineering (NAE), the National Research Council (NRC), and the International Technology Education Association (ITEA), will explore education, business, and public policy initiatives that could improve U.S. technological literacy. The keynote speaker is U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige; other speakers include U.S. Rep. Rush Holt (D-N.J.) and Alan Friedman, director of the New York Hall of Science. The event is free and open to the public; it will be held in the NAE auditorium at 2100 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., from 9:30am-4:15pm. An agenda and a registration form are available online at: http://www.nae.edu.

2001 DATA POSTED ONLINE

Data from the 2001 Survey of Engineering and Engineering Technology Colleges is now available online. This data, which includes enrollments for fall 2001 and degrees awarded for 2000-2001, is currently being reviewed by the survey contacts at each school. Please feel free to review your Web Profile and contact your survey contact or Michael Gibbons at ASEE by email: m.gibbons@asee.org or tel: 202-331-3535, if you have questions.
AAES MOVES ITS OFFICE
At the end of the year, the Association of American Engineering Societies (AAES) moved its office to the Washington office of the American Society for Mechanical Engineers (ASME) at 1828 L Street, N.W., Suite 906, Washington, D.C. 20036-5104.

BEMENT IS NEW NIST DIRECTOR
On November 30, the U.S. Senate confirmed Arden Bement, Jr., as Director of the Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology. Bement comes to NIST from Purdue University, where he was David A. Ross Distinguished Professor of Nuclear Engineering and headed the School of Nuclear Engineering. Bement is a member of the National Academy of Engineering, and has been a member of the National Science Board. His background includes positions as Vice President of Science and Technology for TRW Inc., Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, Director of DARPA's Office of Materials Science, and professor of nuclear materials at MIT.

WHITE HOUSE NAMES CANDIDATE TO HEAD DOE SCIENCE
President Bush announced recently that he would nominate Raymond L. Orbach to be Director of the Office of Science at the Department of Energy. Orbach is currently the Chancellor of the University of California Riverside and Professor of Physics and served as Provost of the College of Letters and Science at the University of California from 1982 to 1992. He received an undergraduate degree from California Institute of Technology and a Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley.

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