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Sherra Kerns was inaugurated as ASEE President at ASEE’s Annual Conference Awards Banquet in Salt Lake City. In her President’s Message, which can be found on ASEE’s web site at: http://www.asee.org/members/PresidentsMessage.cfm, Kerns says as President, she hopes that ASEE can fulfill its promise by focusing on four goals: Expanding Communication and Collaboration; Extending Global Reach; Encouraging Engineering and Technology Careers; and Engaging More Talent. She expands on each of the four goals and invites ASEE members to contribute ideas and strategies, noting the value of joining efforts in order to move ASEE forward. Kerns is currently vice president for innovation and research at the Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering, and is the F.W. Olin Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

ASEE 2004-2005 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 2004-2005 ASEE Board of Directors was inaugurated in Salt Lake City, June 23, 2004, at ASEE’s Annual Awards Banquet. Board members are: Sherra E. Kerns, President; Ronald E. Barr, President-Elect; Duane L. Abata, Immediate Past President; Frank M. Croft, Jr., First Vice President, Vice President, PICs, and Chair PIC III; Arthur T. Murphy, Vice President, Finance; Renata S. Engel, Vice President, Member Affairs; James L. Meltsa, Vice President, Public Affairs; Patricia L. Fox, Vice President, Institutional Councils, and Chair, Engineering Technology Council; Isadore T. Davis, Chair, Corporate Member Council; David N. Wormal, Chair, Engineering Deans Council; John G. Gilligan, Chair, Engineering Research Council; J.P. Mohsen, Chair, PIC I; Walter W. Buchanan, Chair, PIC II; Sarah A. Rajala, Chair, PIC IV; Ray M. Haynes, Chair, PIC V; Harold N. Knickie, Chair, Council of Sections, Zone I; Sandra A. Yost, Chair, Council of Sections, Zone II; John L. Ballard, Chair, Council of Sections, Zone III; Robert J. Marley, Chair, Council of Sections, Zone IV; and Frank L. Huband, ASEE Executive Director. For information about Board members including photographs and contact information, go to: http://www.asee.org/members/organizations/currentBoard.

SALT LAKE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Annual Conference was one of the best attended with a total of 3217 people. The number of papers published was 1429 – a record high. The Main Plenary speaker was MIT Professor Woodie Flowers. Flowers, known for his work in creative design, proved an entertaining as well as educational speaker. He is a director of four companies, serves on the board of Technology Review magazine and FIRST. This year’s conference instituted the Distinguished Lecture series with seven excellent presentations. Next year’s annual conference will be held in Portland, OR, June 12-15, 2005.

JACK WILSON WILL BE PLENARY SPEAKER AT INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM

Lyle Feisel, Chair of the Steering Committee for the Third ASEE International Colloquium on Engineering education, has announced that Jack Wilson will be one of two main plenary speakers for ASEE’s upcoming international meeting at Tsinghua University. The other plenary speaker will be from China – probably a government minister or university president. Wilson is President of the University of Massachusetts system. Prior to that he served as the Vice President for Academic Affairs of The University of Massachusetts system and CEO of UmassOnline. Wilson has had a long interaction with China spanning back to the 80’s when he served as the U.S. Chair of the U.S.-China-Japan Trilateral Physics Education Conference Committee that conducted conferences in all three nations on a rotating schedule. The Third ASEE International Colloquium will be held September 7-10, 2004 in Beijing. The three topic areas are: Continuing Education and Its Delivery; Engineering Education Reform; and International Recognition of Qualification. The conference is jointly sponsored by ASEE, the Chinese Academy of Engineering; the National Natural Science Foundation of China; and Tsinghua University. Further details for the meeting can be seen at: http://www.asee.org/about/events/conferences/international/index.cfm.

PRISM WINS DESIGN AWARDS

Prism Magazine has won two design awards from The Association of Educational Publishers. The first award was for the cover of the November 2003 issue which featured a design for the article “Munching Hazardous Waste.” The second award was for the photograph used for "The Phoenix Man" article that appeared in the September 2003 issue.

NEW WEB MANAGER FOR ASEE

Dennis Cummings is ASEE’s new Web Manager. Cummings comes to ASEE with over five years of graphic and web design experience. He has served as the manager of various creative design teams and as a corporate liaison between management teams and programmers. He has worked with clients such as STAR Systems, Gucci, Blackboard, SER Solutions, The Baltimore Ravens, and The United States Navy. Cummings also currently serves as an Adjunct Faculty for The Corcoran College of Art and Design in Washington DC, where he teaches two Web Design courses. He replaces Tracy Guthery, who served as ASEE’s web manager for the past six years and who resigned to pursue her MFA in photography.
IACEE MEETING IN JAPAN

The International Association for Continuing Engineering Education (IACEE) met with the 9th World Conference for Engineering Education in Tokyo, Japan. At the meeting, Mervyn Jones of the United Kingdom was elected IACEE President, and Vienna was determined as the site for the 2006 IACEE meeting. The conference was organized by Nihon University and the Japanese Society for Engineering Education (JSEE). ASEE serves as the secretariat for the International Association for Continuing Engineering Education (IACEE).

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