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2000 ASEE NATIONAL AND SOCIETY AWARD WINNERS.

The 2000 ASEE National and Society Award Recipients are as follows: Frederick J. Berger Award - Walter W. Buchanan, Northeastern University; General Electric Senior Research Award - Nicholas A. Peppas, Purdue University; Meriam/Wiley Distinguished Author Award - Yunus A. Cengel, University of Nevada-Reno; Minorities in Engineering Award, Prateen V. Desai, Georgia Institute of Technology; Benjamin Garver Lamme Award - John L. Hennessy, Stanford University; William Elgin Wickenden Award - Bruce E. Seely. These awards will be presented at the ASEE Awards Banquet, June 21, 2000, in St. Louis, MO.

ASEE FELLOW MEMBERS NAMED.

Fellows approved by the Fellow Member Committee and the Awards Policy Committee are as follows: Ronald Barr, University of Texas-Austin; Theodore Bickart, Colorado School of Mines; Gary Crossman, Old Dominion University; Lester Gerhardt, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; Bruce Harding, Purdue University; Eddie Hildreth, Southern University and A&M College; Walter LeFevre, University of Arkansas; Richard Moore, Oregon Institute of Technology (retired). Fellows will be honored at the ASEE Awards Banquet in St. Louis.

DEADLINES NEAR FOR ASEE ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXPOSITION.

Register now for the Annual Conference in St. Louis and as a member, registration will cost you $377. If you wait to register on site, it will cost you $30 more. Also, book your hotel room now and get the Conference rate. After the cutoff date, the hotels are not bound by the rate negotiated by ASEE and will be free to charge whatever traffic allows. Right now, May 18 is the hotel cutoff date. We are trying to negotiate a little leeway (but can't guarantee success) since the Love You virus has had various repercussions. One was the short delay in getting the May-June issue of Prism printed. Prism has lots of information on the St. Louis and the Conference. See editor's note* at end of newsletter for more on Annual Conference.

FEE WAIVED FOR WRITING WORKSHOP.

The ASEE Board of Directors has waived the $25 registration fee for session # 0445 at the Annual Conference. The Engineering Research Council sponsors this workshop, entitled "Tips on Proposal Writing." This session is designed to help National Science Foundation proposal writers write a winning proposal. We encourage all interested attendees to register for this event, at no cost, at: http://www.expocard.com/asee. If you have already registered for this session, your money will be refunded.

ETC ELECTION RESULTS.
Al McHenry, Past Chair of ETC, reports that the results of the 2000 ETC elections are as follows: Chair-elect - Michael O'Hair, Purdue University - Kokomo; Secretary/Treasurer - Jim Otter, Pittsburgh State University. Executive Board Directors - Director - Richard Alexander, Texas A&M University; Director - Patricia Fox, Purdue University-IUPUI; Director - Lyle McCurdy, California Polytechnic State U. Pomona.

GULF SOUTHWEST AWARDS APPROVED.

The ASEE Gulf Southwest Section submitted a proposal to establish two new awards: The Outstanding Service Award and The Best Paper Award. This proposal was reviewed and approved by the ASEE Awards Policy Committee and the ASEE Board of Directors. The Gulf Southwest Section plans to present these awards at this year's Annual Conference in St. Louis. Information on the awards will be posted on the Awards page of the ASEE web site.

FY 2000 NDSEG WINNERS.

ASEE administers the National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship Program (NDSEG). In February, the Projects Department organized the NDSEG panel (90 panelists and panel chairs) that reviewed 1,750 fellowship applications. The FY 2000 NDSEG winners have now been determined, and they are posted at: http://www.asee.org/ndseg/html/winners2000.htm. Under this program, the Department of Defense awards 150 new three-year graduate fellowships of up to $20,000/per year plus tuition. ASEE has the responsibility for promotion and outreach, application processing and review, and paying all stipend and tuition expenses.

NEW EDC EXECUTIVE BOARD TAKES SHAPE.

The EDC recently elected four new officers to serve on the council's Executive Board. David Wormley, Pennsylvania State University, John Anderson, Carnegie-Mellon University, David Ashley, Ohio State University, and Ben Streetman, University of Texas at Austin will begin two-year terms at the close of the ASEE Annual Conference in St. Louis, June 18-21, 2000. The EDC Executive Board for the upcoming year will also consist of Stephen Director, Chair, University of Michigan; Carl Locke, Vice-Chair, University of Kansas, Ross Corotis, University of Colorado at Boulder; Eugene DeLoatch, Morgan State University; and Richard Mkasad, University of Virginia. Ex-Officio Members of the Board will be Wallace Fowler, University of Texas at Austin, Earl Cowell, Duke University, and Frank Huband, ASEE Executive Director.

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE TAPS NEW MEMBERS.

The National Academy of Sciences announced the election of 60 new members and 15 foreign associates. Included in the newly elected members were the Director of the National Science Foundation, Rita Colwell, and one of the plenary speakers scheduled for the upcoming ASEE Annual Conference, Robert Waterston, Chair, Department of
IMMIGRATION OCCUPIES ATTENTION IN HOUSE.

The House Judiciary Committee is in the midst of marking up legislation to lift the cap on the number of highly skilled foreign workers allowed to enter the United States. One version of the legislation, H.R. 4227, introduced by Immigration and Claims Subcommittee Chair Lamar Smith (R-TX), would eliminate the caps altogether for FY 2000. Caps would also be eliminated for FY 2001-02, contingent on employers meeting certain requirements. Recent committee action has significantly reduced these requirements, compared to what earlier versions of the bill required. As of now, PL 105-227 allows 115,000 visas for FY 2000, 107,500 for FY 2001, and 65,000 for FY 2002. ASEE has joined the American Council on Education and other higher education associations in urging Congress to support an alternative measure, H.R. 3983. Introduced by Representatives David Dreier (R-CA/28) and Zoe Lofgren (D-CA/16), H.R. 3983 would issue 200,000 visas per year in FY 2001-03, including 10,000 visas set aside for use in higher education.

Editor's Note - WHY ST. LOUIS.

Why you should be making plans to attend this year's Annual Conference, June 18-21, in St. Louis: The Conference promises to be an excellent mix of educational benefit and family fun in Heartland America. The meeting, this year, is under the fresh management of Conferences Director Steve Duty. Duty is a Certified Meeting Planner with over 10 years of experience in developing and executing domestic and international meetings, conventions, and trade shows. He has planned a Conference that continues the rich selection of papers and speakers, but has added new aspects, that are bound to please you -- better food, better style, and in some cases, downright fun -- especially for the family. Go to http://www.asee.org/conferences/Annual2000/highlights.htm and get a quick summary of highlights. Go to http://www.asee.org/conferences/Annual2000/stlouis.htm and read about St. Louis attractions and see why the city draws six million visitors a year. A sports fan? Click on http://cardinals.mlb.com/NASApp/mlb/stl/schedule/stl_schedule_calendar.jsp to see about catching a Cardinals game, or http://www.slfp.com/ if you want to read the top news from St. Louis Front Page. Think about coming to St. Louis and seeing old friends and making new acquaintances. But don't wait too long -- if you register now, it's only $377 -- and in terms of today's conference costs - that's a steal. Meet You In St. Louis?

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