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**JOHN WEESE IS NEW ASEE PRESIDENT-ELECT.** In the 1998 ASEE national elections, John Weese, Regents Professor at Texas A&M University and long-time supporter of ASEE, was voted in as ASEE President-Elect. He served previously on the ASEE Board from ’88-’90, and again as Vice President Public Affairs from ’95-’97. Other 1998 ASEE election results: Vice President Member Affairs - Gerald Jakubowski; PIC I Chair - Burks Oakley; PIC IV Chair - Duane Abata; PIC V Chair - Patricia Chance; Zone I Chair-Elect - Thomas Weber; Zone III Chair-Elect - Tom Roberts; and Zone IV Chair - Richard Moore.

**1998 ASEE NATIONAL AND SOCIETY AWARD RECIPIENTS.** Winners of ASEE's 1998 National and Society Awards are as follows: Frederick J. Berger Award - Ronald Emery, Indiana University-Purdue University; Chester F. Carlson Award - Richard Felder, North Carolina State University; General Electric Senior Research Award - Jerry Woodall, Purdue University; Curtis W. McGraw Research Award - Eric Shaqfeh, Stanford University; Meriam/Wiley Distinguished Author Award - Allan Hambley, Michigan Technological University; Fred Merryfield Design Award - David Meyer, Purdue University; Minorities in Engineering Award - Emily Wadsworth, Purdue University; George Westinghouse Award - James Schaffer, Lafayette College; Benjamin Garver Lamme Award - Henry Yang, University of California-Santa Barbara; and Donald E. Marlowe Award - Roland Haden, Texas A&M University.

**1998 FELLOW MEMBER HONOREES.** ASEE members who will be inducted as Fellows in June are: Eleanor Baum, Cooper Union; J. Ray Bowen, University of Washington; Bill Cooper, Oklahoma State University; Richard Culver, SUNY-Binghamton; Fred Emshousen, Purdue University; Donald Kirk, San Jose State University; Luther Kraige, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University; Karl Smith, University of Minnesota; Mahbub Uddin, Trinity University; and Carl Zorowski, North Carolina State University.

Awardees will be honored at the ASEE Awards Banquet which will be held at the ASEE Annual Conference on Wednesday, July 1, 1998. For more information on recipients of ASEE national, section, and division awards, see http://www.asee.org/awards/.

**GOOD NEWS! ASEE WINS ONR CONTRACT.** ASEE has been awarded the ONR post-doctoral research support contract that will provide ASEE and our post-doctoral fellows $15 million over the next five years.

**DEVELOPMENT OF NEW SCIENCE POLICY CONTINUES.** At the outset of the 105th Congress, the Speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich (R-GA), asked that the Science Committee conduct a review of our national science policy and develop a new, comprehensive, long-range science and technology policy. Science Committee Vice Chairman Vernon Ehlers (R-MI) was appointed to lead this effort, and the Committee has held a series of hearings and meetings to gather information for the study. ASEE's Public Affairs Office has been following the hearings and also providing information to the Science Policy Study staff. There was a hearing on April 1 on "Math and Science Education II : Attracting and Graduating Scientists and Engineers Prepared to Succeed in Academia and Industry" at which Earl Dowell, Chair of ASEE's Engineering Deans Council (and Dean of Engineering at Duke University), testified. Dowell told the Committee that science and engineering are close partners, and in education and research it is not possible to say where one ends and the other begins. He described the changing nature of engineering education and the emphasis on assessment. He showed a video of the human heart beating to illustrate the work of the NSF-supported Engineering Research Center for Cardiovascular Technologies at Duke University. The Science Committee is also soliciting contributions from
people and organizations via the Web. Go to http://www.house.gov/science/science_policy_study.htm for information and to submit your ideas and opinions.

MORE IRI COMPANIES TO HOST ENGINEERING FACULTY. The following IRI companies, under the IRI-ASEE Visiting Engineering Faculty Program, are offering to host engineering faculty for summer of '98 and beyond: PPG Industries, Inc.; Phillips Research; The Gillette Company; Warner Lambert-Adams Worldwide R&D; McDermott Technologies, Inc.; Bechtel Technology & Consulting; Omega Technologies; Amway Corporation/Home Tech R&D. For more information on this program, see http://www.asee.org/fellowship/.

VISIT ANNUAL CONFERENCE WEB PAGE at http://www.asee.org/conferences for a preview of this summer's annual conference in Seattle, Washington. You can register right on the web and click around to various links for web snaps of what to see and where to take the kids. For example, hit the Seattle button and you're treated to changing art panels at the Seattle Art Museum or charming art sketches and information about the Space Needle. This is quick view. For a richer, more leisurely take, check your mailbox and wait for...

MAY/JUNE PRISM. When it arrives, read Vicky Hendley's delightful article, "Footloose in Seattle," for a step-by-step tour of where to go on foot. She takes you on a walking tour with options and offers suggestions for shops, sights, and sounds. There's a clear little map, a colorful collection of photos, and a good, short list of sites - complete with addresses and hours. No question, Vicky knows the city, and she makes it sound terrific.

SPEAKING OF TERRIFIC ....The May/June issue of PRISM is a blockbuster. At 125 pages, it's three times normal PRISM size and it's packed with information, photos, illustrations, opinion and commentary. There's everything you've ever wanted to know about the Annual Conference - plenaries, speakers, expo, social events, tours. Beth Panitz does a Q&A interview with Phil Condit, Boeing top exec, in "View from the Cockpit," while Kate Gibney talks to biotech entrepreneur George Rathmann about the US competitive edge. Or, if you're feeling a little anxious about Criteria 2000, read "A Model Assessment Plan." In this article, ABET EAC Chair Dayne Aldridge and Larry Benefield break it down into procedures and components and tell how to build a successful assessment system. Then, in Last Word, Jack Lohmann, Georgia Tech, wraps it up with suggestions for preparing for that first EC 2000 visit.

Hope to see you in Seattle.

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