SHERRA KERNS IS 2003-2004 ASEE PRESIDENT-ELECT

Sherra Kerns has been elected ASEE President-Elect for 2003-2004. Currently vice president for innovation and research at the Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering, Kerns is also the F. W. Olin Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering. Previously she served on the faculties of Vanderbilt, North Carolina State, and Auburn. Kerns served on the ASEE Board of Directors from 2000-2002 as chair of PIC I, VP for PICs, and first vice president. Full results of the 2003 ASEE National Elections are as follows:

- President-Elect - Sherra E. Kerns
- Vice President, Finance - Arthur T. Murphy
- Vice President Public Affairs - James L. Melsa
- Chair, PIC II - Walter Buchanan
- Chair, PIC III - Frank M. Croft, Jr.
- Chair-Elect, Zone II - Sandra A. Yost
- Chair-Elect, Zone IV - Robert J. Marley

ASEE PHONE SYSTEM DOWN

ASEE headquarters' phone system was down for the better part of Monday, April 14th. The electrical system throughout the building where ASEE is housed was being checked and worked on over the weekend. When the electricity was shut down, all phone programming was lost and must be reinstalled. If ASEE members have had difficulty in phoning in, we apologize, and thank you for your forbearance.

ASEE 2003 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This year's conference will be held in the country music capital of Nashville, TN, June 22 - June 25, and it is shaping up to be the largest and best attended yet. Hotel space is selling out, and you are urged to make reservations now if you haven't already done so. Reserve and register online at: http://www.asee.org/conferences/annual2003. The good news is, ASEE's conferences department is promising a New & Improved Society-wide Picnic! This year it will be held at The Wildhorse Saloon, which is within walking distance from the Nashville Convention Center – meaning no buses and no long lines. In addition to the opportunity to enjoy a true country western evening, the event promises more food, fun, and networking opportunities than in the past.

MAY-JUNE ISSUE OF PRISM MAGAZINE

The upcoming issue of Prism has great information about the Annual Conference, and tips for fully enjoying the sights and sounds of grand ole Nashville. There's also an excellent selection of other articles – from what corporations want in today's engineering graduates to what engineers are doing in the souped-up world of NASCAR racing.

K-12 GUIDEBOOK

There has been enthusiastic response from EDC and ETC members for the K-12 guidebook, ENGINEERING: GO FOR IT. The publication will go into production this month and be ready for distribution in the fall. Thus far, 71 engineering colleges have pledged their support for the project.

NEWSWEEK MENTIONS ASEE K12 WEB SITE

MEETING WITH PROJECT LEAD THE WAY

The leadership of Project Lead the Way (PLTW) met with ASEE Board Members (Duane Abata, Mike O'Hair, David Quick) and staff to discuss areas in which the two groups might collaborate. PLTW is a five-course engineering education curriculum program that high schools can adopt as part of their elective course offerings.

FINANCE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES TO MEET VIRTUALLY

The spring Finance Committee and the Executive Committee meetings will be held April 24 as virtual meetings, with committee members communicating via the Internet and by conference phone.

STUDENT INTERNSHIPS

If you have students looking for internships in the science or engineering fields, suggest they visit: http://www.tech-interns.com, an ASEE-created and maintained web site. The site points to opportunities offered by an array of organizations.

NEW ASEE E-NEWSLETTER

ASEE has initiated Connections, a new e-newsletter for engineering educators, who are not ASEE members. Published monthly, Connections provides the latest in engineering news including what's happening in Congress, teaching tips, and links to feature stories in Prism. Go to: ASEE Connections.

DIVERSITY TASK FORCE

The Engineering Deans Council has established a Diversity Task Force which will prepare recommendations to ASEE for actions to be taken in this area. Co-chairs are: Janie Fouke, Michigan State, and Don Giddens, Georgia Tech.

NSF ANNOUNCES NEW HEAD OF ENGINEERING DIRECTORATE

The National Science Foundation has named John A. Brighton, provost of National-Louis University, to be the new leader of NSF's Directorate for Engineering as of May, 2003. Brighton previously served from 1991 to 1999 as provost and university professor at Pennsylvania State University, where he was also dean of the College of Engineering. Prior to Penn State, he held faculty positions at Georgia Tech, Michigan State, Carnegie Mellon, and Purdue. Brighton is an ASEE Fellow.

AAAS DATABASE OF CONSULTANTS

The AAAS Research Competitiveness Service offers a network of paid consultants to assist universities, government agencies, research consortia, and other institutions in building their progress of research, development, and innovation. Teams of scientists, engineers, science administrators, and/or policy analysts are selected for each project, under the guidance of AAAS. If you are interested in joining a database of consultants, go to: http://www.aaas.org/spp/rcp/rcpta.htm.

MATE CENTER INSTITUTES

The Marine Advanced Technology Education (MATE) annual summer Institutes for faculty development provide university, community college, and high school educators with the skills and experiences needed to incorporate marine science, technology, and engineering into their classrooms. This year's institutes are "Building Underwater Robots or Remotely Operated Vehicles" (July 13-20) and "Marine Science, Technology, and GIS: Where Are the Fish?" (July 27-August 3). Visit http://www.mpcfaculty.net/tami_lunsford/SI_03_Institute/Information.htm for more information.

ENGINEERING DESIGN SYMPOSIUM

A symposium on teaching and research in the history of great engineering design will be held May 2-3, 2003, at Princeton University in honor of Professor of Civil Engineering David Billington, who will present one of the distinguished lectures at the ASEE Annual Conference in Nashville. The symposium is sponsored by the School of Engineering and Applied Science and is being held in conjunction with an exhibition at the Princeton University Art Museum on the tradition of visual education at the Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, Switzerland. Registration closes April 23; for information contact Kathy Poynette at (609) 258-4613 or email posnett@princeton.edu. To view program, go to: http://www.princeton.edu/~seasweb/Billington/agenda.html.

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