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### **ASEE Mission Statement:**

The American Society for Engineering Education is committed to furthering education in engineering and engineering technology. This mission is accomplished by promoting excellence in instruction, research, public service, and practice; exercising worldwide leadership; fostering the technological education of society; and providing quality products and services to members. The Society seeks to encourage local, national, and international communication and collaboration; influence corporate and government policies and involvement; promote professional interaction and lifelong learning; effectively utilize the Society's human and other resources; recognize outstanding contributions of individuals and organizations; encourage youth to pursue studies and careers in engineering and engineering technology; and influence the recruitment and retention of young faculty and underrepresented groups.

#### **ASEE Vision Statement:**

ASEE will serve as the premier multidisciplinary society for individuals and organizations committed to advancing excellence in all aspects of engineering and engineering technology education. To realize its vision, ASEE will:

- » Enhance services to its members
- » Work with educational institutions to improve engineering education and promote faculty development
- » Facilitate productive collaborations among industry, academe, and government
- » Increase the participation and success of underrepresented groups in the engineering profession
- » Promote the value of the engineering profession to society
- » Increase membership in ASEE in order to more completely serve the engineering and engineering technology enterprise
- » Facilitate international cooperation in matters pertaining to engineering education

Endorsed by the ASEE Board of Directors on June 30, 1994, in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, and amended to be approved by the ASEE Board of Directors on June 24, 2001, in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

#### President Annual Message - The Challenge of Change

It has been my distinct privilege and pleasure to serve ASEE and its members as the elected President during this 110th year of its existence. As the world's premier society for the advocacy and promotion of engineering and engineering technology education, ASEE occupies a position that carries major responsibilities. With the objective of maintaining this prominence, I asked this year that we all—ASEE's Board of Directors, staff, and members—examine the important role we play and dedicate ourselves to work that befits ASEE's global leadership stature. I further asked that we at ASEE commit time and energy to chart the critical path of ASEE's future.



When ASEE was formed in 1893, America was undergoing change. The nation was transitioning from an era that was largely rural and agricultural to one that was becoming progressively urban

and industrialized. There was a growing need for academia to become more systematic in the manner in which it was preparing engineers to cope with the change. With the objective of meeting the challenges associated with the new national imperative, the founders of ASEE developed a blueprint and set in place the basis for what we are today.

From its visionary beginning, ASEE evolved into an organization devoted to addressing the needs for a well-educated technical workforce that holds the potential be deployed anywhere in the world. In arriving at this stage, ASEE continues to play a significant role in the improvement of academic quality, shaping curricula, improving faculty development, promoting the profession to pre-college students, and affecting national policy on engineering education.

When I began my presidential year, it was clear to me that our profession is once again at the center of a period of dynamic change; however, this time it is global. This era of change is being driven by rapid population growth, concerns for personal and national security, an explosion of information and knowledge, wide-ranging weather,

climatic, and environmental challenges, and the desire of all the world's citizens for an improved quality of life. While there could be many perils associated with this change, these are far outweighed by promises and opportunities. To reach the potential offered by this exciting era, however, it is necessary that more and more of the world's people gain higher levels of technological literacy and related education. This includes major increases in the number of persons formally entering and completing studies in engineering and engineering technology at all levels, with special emphasis on advanced degrees.

To meet the demands related to technical manpower needs of U.S. business and government, it is absolutely necessary that expanding numbers of U.S.-born technically educated and trained individuals be available. Due largely to demographic trends, meeting this goal will require that the workforce look progressively like the population atlarge. While African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, and women from all ethnic and racial groups combined comprise about 64 percent of the nation's population, they represent about 20 percent of the U.S. engineering workforce. It is a continuing challenge for ASEE is to address this matter, to forge partnerships with other similarly concerned organizations and entities, and to determine ways to bring these statistics (population and workforce share) into alignment.

The past year has been a rewarding one. I am pleased to report to you that ASEE has done well. Membership has steadily grown, the annual conference in Montreal was excellent, and ASEE's expansion into the global arena has been appropriate and successful. ASEE's finances are strong; however, given the challenges of current economic times, I have continued to recommend caution and review. At the beginning of my presidency, I asked five questions:

- » Do the programs of ASEE meet member expectations?
- » Are ASEE programs attractive to potential membership sectors?
- » Are ASEE program elements connected?
- » Does the membership of ASEE represent the engineering-education community?
- » Are program elements of ASEE relevant to national needs for engineers and the times?

Throughout the year, I have continued to raise one or more of the same questions—I believe these questions will continue to be relevant to ASEE's future and success. As President, I have asked ASEE's leadership, staff and membership to work to ensure positive answers to the above questions.

As I indicated at the beginning, it has been my privilege and honor to serve as President of ASEE. As the premier society committed to advancing excellent in engineering and engineering technology education, ASEE faces many challenges going forward. I am confident, given the passion, commitment, and dedication, that we, who represent ASEE, will be equal to the task.

Eugene M. DeLoatch

President

#### Executive Director's Message - Looking Back, Moving Ahead

I think we can all agree that we live in interesting—and challenging—times. The economy has not yet recovered, budget cuts abound, and we are exhorted to do more with less. So, I am pleased to report to you that last year, ASEE remained financially strong and successful. Our committed volunteers gave their time generously and provided unflagging support to headquarters staff. Together we achieved an excellent year. Here are a few highlights from our many accomplishments:

# Membership Grew Steadily

ASEE's membership continued its steady growth. Volunteers—from campus reps to engineering deans—worked with the membership department to procure new members, and as a result, professional membership rose by 4 percent. Engineering college membership, Engineering

Deans Council, and Engineering Research Council memberships rose to all-time highs. The number of ASEE members under 45 years of age increased, as did the number of members who are assistant professors or department heads. The establishment of K-12 membership categories and the K-12 Outreach Constituent Committee offered the opportunity to reach new constituencies. We worked to rejuvenate corporate activity at ASEE, and as a result, gained several new corporate members, including Caterpillar, Merck, and PTC.

#### Annual Conference a Win-Win

The annual conference in Montreal was a great success. It set two records—total number of attendees (3,300) and papers published (1,340). And despite a tight economy, we had a full exhibit hall of more than 90 vendors and exceeded sponsorship goals by 10 percent. Main plenary speakers, William A. Wulf, President of the National Association of Engineering, and John Brooks Slaughter, President and CEO of the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering, added to the luster of the meeting as they addressed a standing-room-only audience.

# **ASEE Launches 1st International Meeting**

In October we hosted our first international meeting overseas, in Berlin. Held in conjunction with the European Society for Engineering Education (SEFI) and the Technical University Berlin, the ASEE/SEFI/TUB International Colloquium was a fine success. ASEE's president, Eugene DeLoatch, and SEFI's president, Tor-UIf Weck, gave opening presentations to approximately 300 attendees from 30 countries. A rich program addressed critical topics of international interest: accreditation, entrepreneurship, and technology. Global membership rose after the Berlin meeting, and ASEE currently has 350 global online members. The success of this international meeting has given impetus to the 2nd ASEE International Colloquium, which will be held in conjunction with the 6th World Federation Education Organizations World Congress, just prior to ASEE's 2003 annual conference in Nashville.

#### Prism Magazine is #1

Last year Prism magazine continued its outstanding performance and won 13 awards. And in a survey of ASEE members, Prism was voted our members' favorite benefit. With the sponsorship of the Engineering Deans Council executive board and the Engineering Technology Council executive board, ASEE offered each dean of engineering and engineering technology, as well as their department heads, Prism subscriptions for their corporate advisory



board members at an annual rate of \$35. The program was well received, and 25 deans chose to participate. By providing Prism to corporate leaders on their advisory boards, participating deans broadened these leaders' awareness of issues and concerns shaping engineering education.

#### K-12 Center Draws Interest and Funds

Interest and support of ASEE's K-12 Center grew last year, and the center began the transition from start-up to operational. The center raised funds from a wide range of companies; created an academic review board of scholars; set up a Web site; and in November, hosted a well-attended meeting at headquarters.

# **High Five for Projects**

The projects department submitted five winning proposals last year: the NASA Summer Faculty Fellowship, the NDSEG Graduate Fellowship Program, the ONR Summer and Sabbatical Program, NRL Post-doctoral Program, and the NASA Tech-Interns. Winning these contracts will generate over \$ 1 million per year to ASEE in salaries, overhead recovery, and fees.

### Public Policy Draws Deans to Washington

The public affairs department held a successful engineering deans public policy colloquium in Washington, D.C. It was the first time the colloquium was held at the National Academy of Engineering, and Senator Pat Roberts (R-Kans.) gave the keynote speech. The next day, deans met with members of their congressional delegations and staffs on Capitol Hill. Turnout for the colloquium was excellent, with 120 deans attending from 44 states, the largest number of states ever represented at this annual colloquium.

# **ASEE Serves IACEE**

ASEE agreed to serve as the headquarters for the International Association for Continuing Engineering Education (IACEE) for the next three years. IACEE is a non-profit association established to enhance lifelong technical education, and ASEE has long supported the goals and objectives of IACEE. In June, the ASEE board approved the Cooperation Agreement between ASEE and IACEE.

# Other Accomplishments

Some of our best achievements were those that recur, those we have come to expect and depend upon. I want to mention a handful of these that contributed to ASEE's successful year.

### The Computers Are Up

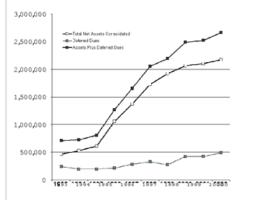
Every project, program and proposal at ASEE had an MIS component. The MIS department continued to maintain a reliable and cutting-edge computer system that enabled headquarters to function and have quick and sure communication with our members.

# May I Have the Envelope, Please

Administrative services managed the national ASEE awards program that climaxed with an exciting presentation of awards at the 2002 ASEE annual banquet in Montreal. ASEE Action Communicates Communication remained a key goal, and the ASEE executive office produced the monthly electronic newsletter, ASEE Action, for members.

# Learnon Grows

www.Learnon.org is ASEE's continuing education site. Our course providers for Learnon have increased to 115, course listings increased to over 10,000, and monthly visitors have risen to 7,000.



# **Clean Finances**

I am pleased to report that ASEE's finances are in excellent order; we accomplished "clean" annual audits and a "clean" billing system audit. Additionally, as you can see from the chart above, ASEE's reserves have increased every year in the last decade. Given heightened awareness of the importance of fiscal responsibility, ASEE's accounting department redoubled efforts to provide ASEE with current, accurate financial information, and to ensure that our finances remain in meticulous order.

I am proud of what we—ASEE's volunteers and staff—achieved last year. While the record speaks for itself, I will reiterate that ASEE had an excellent year. I am pleased to report on these successes and to congratulate our volunteer leadership, ASEE members, and headquarters staff. Thank you all.

Frank L. Huband Executive Director

For the Fiscal Years Ended Sep	tember 30		
Revenue		FY2002	FY 2001
Membership		\$ 1,070,023	\$ 946,146
Publications		1,052,213	1,038,659
Nongovernment Awards		672,298	304,479
Contract Fee on Programs		225,246	216,838
Other**		264,684	183,059
Convention and Seminar Corporation		1,827,867	1,475,108
Tau Alpha Pi		29,426	26,683
	TOTAL:	\$ 5,141,757	\$ 4,190,972
Expenses			
Membership		\$ 457,644	\$ 377,092
Publications		1,696,959	1,507,45:
Nongovernment Programs		672,499	324,61
Field Operations and Other		513,072	501,97
Convention and Seminar Corporation		1,705,649	1,406,32
Tau Alpha Pi		25,555	34,44
	TOTAL:	\$5,071,378	\$ 4,151,91
	Change in Net Assets:	\$ 70,379	\$ 39,061
Revenue			
Convention and seminar corporation	36%		
Membership	21%		
Publications	20%		
Publications			
	13%		
Nongovernment awards	13% 5%		
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ASEE Convention and Seminar Corporation

For the Fiscal Years Ended September 30

Revenue			FY200	2 FY2001	
Registration Fees				\$ 1,092,14	\$ 790,154
Exhibit Fees				214,05	50 248,937
Ticketed Events				138,65	57 143,000
Sponsorship and Other				383,01	3 293,017
		тс	DTAL:	\$ 1,827,86	57 \$ 1,475,108
Expenses					
Salaries and Benefits				\$ 403,24	\$ 282,778
Facilities and Equipment				103,46	94,895
Catering				270,41	2 189,506
Travel and Related				80,17	41,32
Printing and Postage				113,69	26 113,30
Contractors/Professional	Contractors/Professional Services			215,75	50 129,303
Overhead				271,00	161,250
Other				247,91	1 235,262
		тс	DTAL:	\$1,705,65	i0 \$ 1,406,323
Revenue					
Registration Fees	60%				
Sponsorship and Other	21%				
Exhibit Fees	12%				
Ticketed Events	7%				
Federal Awards and	Non-gove	ernmental Progra	ams		
For the Fiscal Years I	Ended Sej	ptember 30			
Revenue				FY2002	FY2007
Department of Defense	artment of Defense			\$ 27,956,109	\$ 15,947,59
National Science Foundation				212,524	175,53
Department of Energy				-	223,000
NASA				208,125	77,42
Non-governmental Program				672,499	324,619
		TOTAL:		\$ 29,049,257	\$16,748,170
Expenses					
Participant Support	•			\$ 27,958,467	\$15,177,83
Indirect Cost Recovery			430,479		492,520
Administrative				660,311	753,204
TOTAL:				\$ 29,049,257	\$ 16,423,557
Revenue					
DoD 96%					
DOD	Non-government Program 2%				
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NSF	1%	
Expenses		
Participant support	97%	
Administrative	2%	
Indirect cost recovery	1%	