

Letter from the Chairman – November 2008

Dear Members:

Here is a summary of the October events:

The Executive Committee met on October 9. The October newsletter was published on October 21.

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The Executive Committee again thanks those who have participated in the programs we have organized. Your participation is our reward. Your qualms, quibbles, contributions, comments, and suggestions are welcomed.

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2008 CALENDAR

November – PDH seminar on Thursday, Nov. 20, 2008,
no regular meeting.
December - TBA

TALLAHASSEE SENIOR SECTION

OGZEB_Tour

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Photos





For more information, please visit
<http://www.sesec.fsu.edu/ogzeb.html>

STUDENT SECTIONS

TCC Engineering Club – The Club continues to work on the FSGC Rocket Competition project.

ASME INTERNATIONAL

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Knowledge and Community Sector

Vice President of Affinity Communities

Vice President of Financial Operations

Visit the Nominating Committee Website at
http://www.asme.org/Governance/Nominating/Nominating_Committee.cfm or email RuthAnn Bigley at
bigleyr@asme.org for details.



The ASME Foundation Grants Program funds programs that support students and early career engineers and activities that help shape their careers. Planned gifts to the Foundation are the groundwork on which funding for scholarships and grants is based, helping in many ways to inform the future of engineering.

A capital campaign, "World Class by Design," was launched in 1996 to endow the Grants Program. The focus of the Foundation Grants Program is three-pronged: technical literacy, specifically early (K-12) math and science literacy and tuition and scholarships at the college level; career planning and skills development to nurture early career engineers; and technologically sound public policy stewardship.

For calendar year 2008, the Foundation Grants Program awarded support to six programs. Five of those specifically benefit students and early career engineers. Those projects are: Increasing ASME Impact at the Graduate Level, World-Class Engineering Student/Engineer Design, Students Engineering a Sustainable Planet, *Heroes of Engineering* Comic Education Series and ASME Faculty Development Workshops – Understanding Student Diversity; Increasing Learning.

The ASME Grants Program is trying to streamline the application and reporting processes moving forward. Currently, there is \$264,300 available in funding for approved ASME programming in calendar year 2009. Proposals selected for funding will be announced following the meeting of the Foundation Board of Directors at Congress in November in Boston, MA.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! ENGINEER YOUR LIFE

Help Inspire the Next Generation of Young Women to Become Engineering Leaders!

ASME (as part of its Engineers Week collaboration) actively supports Engineer Your Life (EYL), the national campaign to encourage college-bound girls to consider engineering enrollment.

A key element of EYL outreach is collaboration with the college counseling community through the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC).

We are asking for volunteers – engineering and engineering students – for high school fairs throughout the U.S. this fall.

Cities, dates and locations of fall fairs can be found at http://www.eweek.org/site/pdfs/college_fair.pdf For more information or to sign up, contact Marina Stenos at 212 591 8614 or stenosm@asme.org. For more information about Engineer Your Life, visit www.EngineerYourLife.org

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Great Opportunities, Great Work, Great People Engineers without Borders – USA



Engineers Without Borders - USA (EWB-USA) is a non-profit humanitarian organization established to partner with developing communities worldwide in order to improve their quality of life. This partnership involves the implementation of sustainable engineering projects, while involving and training internationally responsible engineers and engineering students.

ASME and EWB-USA have been collaborating for several years on a variety of projects. You can get involved too! EWB-USA offers several opportunities to become involved in building a better world one community at a time, whether you are an engineering student (undergraduate or graduate; a student in some other field of study; a professional engineer or university faculty member; or, not an engineer at all!

There are several EWB_USA workshops taking place this fall around the country. More details on these workshops are available at <http://www.ewb-usa.org/Fallworkshops.php>. To find out how your Student Section can get involved in EWB-USA, contact Marina Stenos at stenosm@asme.org or 212 591 8614.



Big Announcement

The ASME Foundation promised something big at Congress this month. Did we deliver? Were you front and center at the Keynote Address? If not, stay tuned for a recap in the December Section Newsletter!

Programs and Activities Training Committee

Seasoned members: Looking for a way to pass on your expertise to new members? New members: Looking for a way to increase your participation in ASME at your own pace?

The Knowledge and Community (K&C) Sector recently formed a Training Committee to work on the following:

1. Review and update existing skills and knowledge material. Volunteers use this material, called the body of knowledge (BOK), at each K&C leadership level.
2. Develop and implement an annual training plan for leaders in the K&C Sector. The training plan will include face-to-face conferences, webinars, online self-study material, and information that can be downloaded for local use.
3. Work closely with other ASME members to provide world-class leadership training and orientation for volunteer leaders, which will contribute to the quality of leadership at all levels.
4. Develop the knowledge and skills needed to lead ASME units in forming collaborative efforts, sharing best practices, providing forums for outreach, focusing programs on critical issues (students, early career engineers, industry, new technologies, etc.), encouraging more active volunteer participation, and developing new business opportunities.

Choose topics that most interest you. Contribute your special talents (speaking, teaching, editing, etc.) to enable learning at training events in your local, district or society events. We'd love to have you.

To apply, please visit the Volunteer Opportunities Bulletin Board at <http://volunteer.asme.org/vobb/> and select our position posted on the "Looking to Volunteer?" page.

Volunteer with ASME Using the Volunteer Opportunities Bulletin Board

Have you thought about volunteering at ASME, but don't know where to start? Try the Volunteer Opportunities Bulletin Board (VOBB). Whether you are an experienced ASME volunteer or new member looking to make a difference, the VOBB is the place for you to start. As a tool designed to help volunteer leaders promote local Section and Society-wide positions, it opens the door to new opportunities. The opportunities for involvement include pre-college and educational activities, standards development, government relations, honors and awards selection, the development of new programs and more.

To learn more about the VOBB and the volunteer positions available, go to <http://volunteer.asme.org/vobb/>.

ASME E-Library

The ASME E-Library is a members-only benefit that allows you to access online collections of engineering reference books to help you answer questions and find practical solutions to daily on-the-job problems.

As an added bonus, the ASME E-Library is powered by Knovel, whose interactive and user-friendly technology gives you the ability to manipulate and search for content across the entire collection quickly and easily.

To learn more, go to <http://www.asme.org/Membership/Benefits/Professional/eLibrary.cfm>

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ASME International Tallahassee Section publishes this newsletter six to eight times a year. Members are requested to e-mail newsworthy articles to Doug Jones, Newsletter Editor, jonesd2@asme.org or to Siddhartha Kamath, Chair, kamaths2@asme.org