

Spring 2025 ASEE BAE Division Newsletter

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1. Welcome Message from the Chair

Dear Members of the ASEE BAE Division,

As we approach the 2025 ASEE Annual Conference in Montreal, I am thrilled to see our division continue to thrive through collaboration, dialogue, and innovation. This spring marks a time of preparation and connection as we finalize plans for our technical sessions and discussions. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to advancing education in Biological and Agricultural Engineering.

Warm regards,

Dr. Tim Foutz

Chair, ASEE BAE Division

2. Preview of 2025 ASEE Annual Conference

Location: Montreal, Canada

Dates: June 22-25, 2025

This summer's conference will feature **two BAE technical sessions** and a **panel discussion** focused on ethics and education in engineering. We look forward to vibrant dialogue and shared insight from academia and industry professionals.

3. Technical Sessions & Panel Discussion

Technical Sessions

Monday, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM: Technical session 1

Wednesday, 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM: Technical session 2

A total of **eight peer-reviewed papers** will be presented across two sessions, exploring topics from curriculum design to innovative engineering applications. Titles and session details will be posted online soon.

Panel Discussion

Monday, 3:15 PM - 4:45 PM Strategies for Teaching Ethics for Biological/Living Systems Engineering

Led by experts from academia and industry, the panel will explore **engineering ethics, educational strategies, and the intersection of public policy and pedagogy**. One confirmed panelist is a regular ASEE participant; another is local to the Montreal area; and a third, from industry, brings significant experience in university outreach.

We are coordinating logistics and drafting engaging questions to spark rich discussion.

4. Travel Tips for Canada and Conference Registration

Important Travel Information

- U.S. Citizens & Permanent Residents: No additional documentation required.
- International Attendees: Be sure to check requirements for **Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) or Canadian Visa**.

Register Early!

Early-bird deadline: Monday, April 28, 2025

Reminder: At least one author must register for each paper to appear on the final program.
Secure hotel accommodations soon—availability is limited.

Visa Letter: Authors can request an official letter of recognition for their visa application by emailing conferences@asee.org with the following information:

- Your full name as it appears on your passport
- Your physical mailing address (where you reside)
- Your passport number
- Your passport expiration date
- The name of the country that issued the passport

Letter of Event Recognition from Canada: ASEE has provided a letter of event recognition from Canada.

Air Canada makes it easy to get to Montréal – and save!

This offer is valid for travel from June 15 to July 3, 2025. Use the code QCPTJCP1 in the promotion box when you book your flight. The discount code must be added at the beginning of the reservation before you hit “Search”. For North America 5% applies on Standard fares, 10% on Flex fares and higher. For International travel, 10% applies on Standard fares and higher. For questions, please reach out to meetings.events@aircanada.ca

5. Spring Pre-Conference Business Meeting

We will host a **virtual business meeting on Wednesday May 12, 2025 at 12 pm (EST)** to discuss division plans and streamline our summer meeting. Though the official business meeting must occur during the live June conference (per ASEE bylaws), this early discussion will allow more member input.

Watch for scheduling emails to participate!

6. Call for Nominations: Division Secretary

We are accepting nominations for the **2025-2026 Division Secretary**. If you or someone you know is passionate about BAE education and wants to get involved, please reach out. The official vote will take place during the **June business meeting**, but we aim to identify a candidate in May.

7. Announcements & Reminders

- **Teaching Awards Update:** Due to limited funds (~\$551), we will **pause the Teaching Award program** for 2025. We anticipate renewed funding in 2025-2026.
 - **Membership Note:** Our division holds steady at **~90 members**. Please encourage colleagues—especially early-career faculty and graduate students—to join and engage with BAE.
 - **Finances:** The division is expected to be fully funded again in 2025-2026.
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For additional questions or to get involved, please contact:

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Let's make this a great year for the BAE Division!
