Engineering Libraries Division Newsletter

December 2011

Message from the Chair

Michael White

It's December again, the end of another calendar year. And for most ELD members it's also the mid-point of the academic year. In either case, it's the time of the year when we usually pause to reflect on the accomplishments of the past few months and think about future goals. ELD has had another great year, thanks again to the collective efforts of our members, many of whom who have donated countless hours of service to the division. The highlights of the year were the Vancouver conference and the revision of the ELD bylaws.

I'm looking forward very much to next year's conference in San Antonio. Doug McGee and the Program Planning Committee have been busy all fall organizing the ELD program and events. ELD members can look forward to a different conference experience next year as ASEE has made a number of changes to the program structure. The most significant of these is the conversion of the Annual Picnic into an all-inclusive Division Mixer on Sunday afternoon followed by a Welcome Reception in the exhibit hall. Please see Doug's update below for more information.

For those long-term planners who might be wondering, ASEE has not yet announced the location of the 2016 conference.

Recommendations on Interdivisional Collaboration and PIC Realignment

Following the Louisville conference in 2010, the Liberal Education Division established a Committee on Interdivisional Cooperation to explore ways of enhancing interdivisional collaboration and coordination. This initiative led to a town hall meeting at the Vancouver conference where representatives from approximately fifteen divisions, including ELD, discussed ideas. Further discussion took place online after the conference. In September, the LED committee prepared a set of recommendations and forwarded it to the ASEE Board. The most significant recommendation was to realign the divisions within PIC III, IV and V. Under the current organization, PIC IV has approximately 7,000

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members in thirteen divisions, while PIC III has 4,900 members in twelve divisions and PIC V has only 1,700 members in three divisions.

ELD Task Forces in Action
Two new task forces got underway in October. The Task Force on Virtual Conference Participation will explore the possibility of allowing members to participate virtually in the ASEE annual conference. The members are Janet Fransen, Paul Grochowski , Patricia Kirkwood, Pauline Melgoza, Nestor Osorio, Bruce Reid and Megan Tomeo. The Task Force on Revitalizing the ELD Information Literacy Wiki will evaluate the wiki and develop recommendations for its future. Its members are Michelle Baratta, Jay Bhatt, Jan Comfort, Aleteia Greenwood, Paul Grochowski and Mary Strife.

Canadian Engineering News
The Canadian Engineering Education Association will hold its third annual conference in Winnipeg, Manitoba on June 17-20, 2012. The call for papers is available at http://www.ceea.ca/. Proceedings of the 2010 and 2011 conferences are also available online. Earlier this year the CEEA finalized its bylaws.

2012 Committee Chair Appointments/Reappointments
Next year the following committee chair appointments will expire and new chairs will need to be appointed or reappointed for two-year terms (2012-2014).

> Development
> Membership
> Publications
> Webmaster

If you would like to chair any of these committees or re-up for another term, please send me a brief e-mail describing your interest. The Executive Committee will make appointments following the ELD elections in the spring. If you have previously volunteered but were not appointed, I encourage you to try again. Committee chairs are not automatically reappointed, so this could be your year. Complete descriptions of the committees are available in the division bylaws located on the ELD website at http://depts.washington.edu/englib/eld/bylaws.php.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or ideas about activities of interest to ELD, please contact me at michael.white@queensu.ca.

I hope everyone has a fun and relaxing holiday season!

Michael White
ELD Chair, 2011-12
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Conference Program Update

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Greetings from Philadelphia!

I would like to begin my update by thanking everybody who submitted an abstract for a paper, poster, or idea for a panel presentation. I cannot emphasize enough that the success of our program comes directly from the hard work of our members. I would also like to thank the members of the ELD Program Planning Committee for all their advice and assistance: Anne Rauh, Larry Thompson, Michael White, Craig Beard, Adriana Popescu, Amy Buhler, and Jeff McAdams.

We received 21 abstracts, and one panel proposal. While the number of submitted abstracts is down from last year, changes to the overall ASEE conference program have significantly reduced the number of desirable time slots for sessions. As a result, fewer papers reduced the need to pursue the dreaded 7:00am sessions.

Here is a list of planned ASEE events:

Sunday, June 10

4:00-5:30 – ASEE Division Mixer (new concept for the Picnic)

6:15-7:30 – ASEE Welcome Reception

Monday, June 11

8:45-10:15 – ASEE Plenary

10:30-12:00 – NSF Grant Awardees Poster Session and Brunch

3:45-4:15 – Ice Cream Social

Tuesday, June 12

10:30-12:00 – ASEE Exhibit time

12:30-2:00 – ASEE Division Poster Session and Lunch

Wednesday, June 13

10:30-12:00 – ASEE Distinguished Lectures

As a result of these changes, there are no organized ELD activities between 10:15am and 4:00pm o   n Tuesday, June 12. This should provide an ample window of time for ELD committees to meet.

ELD requested 13 sessions, four fewer than last year. These included five technical sessions, one panel, three business meetings, one poster session, and three social events. Unfortunately, the PIC chairs rejected one of our technical sessions, not for its topic, but for the time slot we requested. Given the number of submitted abstracts, we have some flexibility to rearrange our remaining sessions to accommodate our program rather than pursue available, but undesirable, time slots.

The session topics, in no particular order, are:

Orienting Students for Lifelong Learning Success

Empowering the User Learning Experience – Evolution in Library Design

Information Literacy in Context-- Enabling Real World Problem Solving

Technical Papers Session for unique topics

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Our panel, moderated by Susan Boyd, will explore *Mobile Strategies for Engineering Libraries.*

The ELD Mentoring Committee's friendly Paper Review Service (http://depts.washington.edu/englib/eld/paper_review.php) is an excellent resource for confidential, impartial and constructive feedback on your papers. Do take advantage of it.

Here are the upcoming deadlines and important dates:

January 9, 2012 – Registration and housing open for all attendees

January 6 – Draft papers due

February 17 – Draft paper reviews due

February 24 – Deadline for notifying paper authors

March 16 – Final and revised papers due

The ELD Business Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12 at 8:45am. The Lightning Talks/Get Acquainted Session is slated for its usual time on Monday, June 11 at 12:30pm. The ELD Extended Executive Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, June 13 at 2:15pm. We have received a few proposed topics for the Lightning Talks, but a general call for more will go out in the spring.

Amy Buhler and Anne Rauh, our two directors, are making the arrangements for the Welcome Reception and Annual Banquet. Elsevier has generously committed to sponsoring the annual banquet again this year. Plan to spend the evening of Tuesday, June 12th mingling with your ELD colleagues while enjoying drinks and dinner at the Iron Cactus on San Antonio's River Walk. Please watch your email for an invitation in January and RSVP yes to take part in this ELD tradition. Details about the Welcome Reception will be forthcoming.

So mark your calendars for June 10-13, 2012 and remember to keep watching the ELD conference blog and ELD e-mail lists for updates. If you're arriving early or staying after the conference, be on the lookout for CUEBALLS activities too. The preliminary program will appear soon on the ELD website.

Again, I want to express my thanks again to everyone who has contributed thus far to planning and organizing this event. I look forward to seeing you all in San Antonio!

Happy holidays!

Doug McGee
ELD Program Chair, 2011-12

Awards Committee "Call for Nominations"

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The ELD Awards Committee is seeking nominations for three annual awards. (The fourth award - Best Poster - will be determined at the Annual Conference and Exposition in June, 2012.) Nominations are an essential part of the awards process. The committee welcomes input from engineering librarians and other colleagues.

Ask yourself the following:
- Did you write an engineering information related paper or book in 2011?
- Have you read an excellent engineering information related paper or book written in 2011?
- Have you been impressed by a new resource, service or tool that provides innovative access to engineering information?
- Do you know someone who deserves to be recognized for his or her "Distinguished Service" to ELD and/or engineering information?

If you answered "Yes!" to any of these questions, please take the time and effort to nominate each item for which you said "Yes"! Please feel free to nominate more than one worthy candidate. Receiving nominations and a wide variety of perspectives is extremely helpful to the Awards Committee as it goes about trying to determine "the best of the best".

The awards are listed below along with basic summaries and their respective requirements. A link to the ELD Awards web page is also included. Send all nominations via e-mail to:

Alice Trussell
Chair, ELD Awards Committee
alitrus@ksu.edu

 1. HOMER I. BERNHARDT DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD - Each year at the ASEE Annual Conference, the Engineering Libraries Division presents an award that recognizes work that contributes to the advancement and development of excellence in engineering libraries. Membership in ASEE is not a requirement for this award.

Award nominations must include the name, title, and contact information of the nominee and nominator, nomination rationale statement, and curriculum vitae of the nominee. The rationale statement should not exceed 700 words and should clearly indicate why the candidate is being nominated for this award. Letters of support from individuals besides the person making the nomination may be included.

Deadline for Nomination: February 7, 2012

2. BEST PUBLICATION AWARD - The purpose of this award is to honor the best new paper or non-reference monographic work in engineering information published during the year 2011.

Criteria:
1. Single or multiple authors are eligible. Works authored by Awards Committee members are ineligible during the members' term of service.

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2. Work must have been published during the year prior to the year in which the award will be made.
3. Work should represent a significant contribution to the field of engineering information. Work should be scholarly, show evidence of thorough research, documentation, and critical evaluation. It should be clearly written and well organized.

Deadline for Nomination: February 7, 2012

3. INNOVATION IN ACCESS TO ENGINEERING INFORMATION AWARD
The purpose of this award is to honor innovation in access to engineering information.

Criteria:
1. Awarded to a person or entity for the creation of a resource, service or tool in any format that provides innovation in accessing, utilizing, or presenting engineering information. Members of the Award Committee are ineligible during the members' term of service.
2. The resource, service or tool must have become available during the two years previous to the year in which the award will be made.
3. The resource, service or tool should represent a significant contribution to the field of engineering information.
4. Resources in all media are eligible.

Deadline for Nomination: February 7, 2012

The ELD Awards web page (http://depts.washington.edu/englib/eld/awards.php) has this detailed information on each award as well as a listing of past recipients.

Remember! Your participation in the nomination process is essential to keeping the Awards a vital part of ELD. Without your nominations, we run the risk of missing the "best of the best!"

Thanks to all of you for your time and effort.

Alice

Committee Reports

Membership Directory

ELD members;

The ELD Membership Directory is current as of December 2011. The URL and password were distributed to the ELD Listserv. If you need the URL and password again, please email me.

A PDF copy of the Directory can also be emailed to current members of ELD upon request. Email or call the Directory Editor to make your request.

IMPORTANT: Please be aware that access to the ELD Membership Directory is a benefit of membership. The Directory address and password, and the information contained in the Directory should not be reproduced, copied, forwarded, edited, sold, or distributed. We value your privacy as well as others' in the Directory.

Megan Tomeo
Membership Directory Editor

Newsletter

Four issues of the ELD Newsletter are produced each year and are posted on the ELD web site at
http://depts.washington.edu/englib/eld/newsletter/newsletter.php
A link to the current newsletter is distributed to members via the ELD-L listserv. If you require a paper copy of the newsletter, contact the editor:

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Report from the ASEE/ELD Duplicates Exchange committee:

For September - November 2011, the number of emails forwarded from duplicate back issue lists were:

September - 41

October - 60

November - 43

In late September, I sent out a notice to current Duplicates Exchanges list members asking if there were specific issues/volumes of titles they were looking for so I could send them a more targeted list of items. We work off a list of "missing" issues at our library which makes it easier for us to find and request items we need before someone else snaps them up (hence all those separate emails and not a digest).

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One library responded to my request, and they have so far received 2 emails of titles in specific subject areas during the past 3 months instead of 144. This is an experiment and I might not be able to accommodate all requests, but if this will make the service more attractive to you, please send me your requests/offers at linday@stanford.edu.

Linda Yamamoto
ASEE/ELD Duplicates Exchange Chair

Scholarly Communication Committee Report

The Scholarly Communication Committee celebrated Open Access Week in October 2011 by collecting ELD Libraries' schedules of activities and sharing via the ELD Scholarly Communication Blog (you can check it out at z.umn.edu/oa11). The committee is strategizing ways to move forward with its initiatives including finishing work on the conference proceedings punch list and revitalizing the Scholarly Communication Blog (http://blog.lib.umn.edu/sciref/eldsc/blog/).   If you have suggestions for areas that you'd like to see the Scholarly Communication Committee offer support you can send your ideas to Jon Jeffryes (jeffryes@umn.edu).

Jon Jeffryes
Scholarly Communication Committee

People & Places

Christopher Eaker is a graduate student in the School of Information Sciences at University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He is in his first year of studies, and hopes to become an academic librarian with a specialization in engineering and sciences. He was a practicing professional civil engineer for almost ten years in Georgia and Tennessee specializing in wastewater and drinking water treatment plant design. He graduated in 2000 with a degree in civil and environmental engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that **Mary Strife** (West Virginia University, Mary.Strife@mail.wvu.edu) is the new 2012 Chair-Elect of the Aerospace Section of the Special Libraries Association.

Below is a brief bio of Mary:

Mary Strife has been a member of the profession for over 29 years and a member of SLA for about 25 years. From 1986– 1995 she was an active member of the Upstate NY Chapter, serving as Local Area Meeting Chair, Treasurer, VP, and President. She joined the Pittsburgh Chapter in 1996 and served a term as membership chair about 7-10 years ago; she is currently serving the Pittsburgh Chapter as a director. Mary is also a member of the SLA Emergency Preparedness & Recovery Advisory Council.

Mary's career focus has been in the sciences and engineering. Currently she is director of the Evansdale Library at West Virginia University (WVU) and the Senior Engineering Librarian. Previously she worked at Cornell University, University of Rochester, Syracuse University and SUNY Utica/Rome and briefly as a librarian at Hamilton Standard in Connecticut. Aerospace engineering has been part of her responsibility at various times during her career.

In addition to SLA, she is also a member of ALA, ACRL, and most recently joined the Engineering Library Division (ELD) of the American Society of Engineering Education.

Mary's family is from Northern New York State (east of Lake Ontario and west of the Adirondacks).

Best wishes to Mary as she starts to plan the Aerospace program for 2013!

Hema Ramachandran (Past-Chair, Aerospace Section, SLA)

Call for Nominations

Nominating Committee

I am pleased to announce that the Nominating Committee has the following candidates lined up to run for Secretary/Treasurer and for 1st year Director in the upcoming election.

Secretary/Treasurer: Patricia Kirkwood, Megan Sapp Nelson

Director: Julia Gelfand, Aleteia Greenwood

Additional nominations from the membership (including self-nomination) remain open until the first Friday in March. Please contact the Nominating Committee, eld-nominations@u.washington.edu, if you wish to suggest additional candidates.

The person elected to Secretary/Treasurer position is making a commitment to a four-year officer track within ELD. The Secretary/Treasurer moves on to be Program Chair in their 2nd year, Division Chair in their 3rd year, and Past Chair/Nominating Committee Chair in their 4th year. The first three of those four positions include service on the Executive Committee (EC), the five person primary governing body of ELD, as well as on the Extended Executive Committee (EEC). The Past Chair is a member of the EEC, but not the EC. The person elected as Secretary/Treasurer this spring will assume office as of the end of the 2012 conference in San Antonio, Texas, serve in this office through the 2013 conference in Atlanta, Georgia, and serve as Program Chair and plan the 2014 conference in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The second position is one of two Directors, who serve alternating two year terms. In the first year, the Director organizes the ELD banquet. In the second year, the Director organizes the ELD welcome reception. Directors are members of the EC and the EEC for both years. The person elected as Director this spring will organize the banquet for 2013 in Atlanta, Georgia and the welcome reception in 2014 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

More complete descriptions of officer responsibilities appear in Addendum 1 to our division bylaws at
http://depts.washington.edu/englib/eld/bylaws.php#addendum1

Having made it through to the fourth year, from Secretary/Treasurer, to Program Chair, to Division Chair and now as Past Chair/Nominating Chair, I can say in all honesty that time has zipped by. I can also say that the experience of working so closely with my ELD colleagues and with ASEE was exceedingly rewarding. Helping to play a role in guiding the direction that both ELD and ASEE are headed has been satisfying, gratifying, educational, and yes, I will admit, occasionally demanding. I definitely encourage you not to be intimidated by the time commitment, and instead focus on the opportunities these positions present. Working with ELD is an excellent way to grow as a professional and to contribute to your profession all within an organization that is extremely supportive.

The Nominating Committee, comprised of Beth Brin, Linda Whang and yours truly has responsibility to announce this "Call for Nominations" to the rest of the membership, to assemble a slate of candidates for each position, to administer the election in March, and to report the results to the ELD membership. Please let us know if you are interested in running for office, if you want to suggest someone else who you think would make a good officer, or if you have any questions. Self-nominations are both encouraged and accepted.

You can contact the Nominating Committee at: eld-nominations@u.washington.edu .

Bob Heyer-Gray
Chair, Nominating Committee
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ELD Archives

ASEE ELD ARCHIVIST QUESTIONNAIRE

Some members of ELD began their careers back when indexes were only on paper and we pushed into computers pieces of cardboard with holes in them. Some members cannot imagine a world without smart phones. We ELD archivists are asking each of you – young or old, new-to-the-division or now-retired – to take the time to complete a member questionnaire that will be posted on January 2, 2012 on the ELD website. As an encouragement to complete yours – here's the one I completed. Enjoy a chuckle or more as you read it.

Paige Gibbs- UMass Dartmouth pgibbs@umassd.edu

ASEE ELD ARCHIVIST QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Even if you are a new member of the Engineering Libraries Division the information will be of help and importance. At the conclusion of the questionnaire you will be asked if you wish to be contacted for an in-person or telephone interview.

1)   Name *Paige Gibbs*

2)   Year Joined ASEE/ELD *1982*

3)   Why did you join ASEE ELD? *An engineering faculty member had attended the annual meeting (at UMass) and returned with a program which included the Engineering Libraries Division. He asked me if I was interested in joining.*

4)   Who referred you: librarian colleague_____, engineering faculty __X__, library administrator_____? Other_____.

5)   Positions –including task forces- in ELD (with dates if you know them)

Awards Committee-founding member 1987

Secretary Treasurer 1991

Program Chair 1992

Chair 1993

Also: guides subcommittee of Publications Committee, Publications Committee,

Conference paper reviewer

6)   Have you attended an ASEE National Conference ? (if no please skip to question 11) *yes*

7)   Year of first conference attended. (Conference list at: http://wwwtemp.asee.org/conferences/annual/pastannual.cfm

 1984 Salt Lake City

8)   Subsequent conference years attended. *With the exception of 1985 every year*

9)   At Conferences: What event or incident (good or bad) is most memorable? Date?

My favorite was in Toronto (1990). Quite a few of us were waiting on the sidewalk to get into a restaurant. In an adjoining building, on the second floor was a restaurant identified by a sign in the window. A passerby asked someone else in our party for the location of the adjoining restaurant. As one, we all pointed to the sign and said "up there."

10)   At Conferences: What concept(s) or innovation(s) were you introduced to at an ELD session? Date?

1984 not at an ELD session but at ASEE- High definition television.

Fuzzy on the remaining dates:

    NEEDS an engineering education curriculum tool, how to best use and market mediated online searching,
    ICE the service hosted at Cornell which captured live links to engineering websites,
    many "auditions" for end user online databases from Engineering Index, IEEE (and others)
    every hardware and software advance since 1984.

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The most valuable wisdom I have learned from this continuum is that librarians have advance notice of new concepts. The lead time should be used to prepare to take full advantage when the faculty/administration "catch on." Marketing prior to that is fruitless.

11)   What ASEE-related publications, posters or presentations have you created/planned?

Posters: Lincoln, NE A reference desk branding campaign (askus). Another year Science, Technology and Society publications. At Milwaukee hosted a session on electronic files for engineering information.

12)   Have you attended regional ASEE events (e.g. zone or section meetings?) (if no please skip to question 17)   *Yes*

13)   If yes, what were the years?   *The most recent was 2002*

14)   If yes, where was the location?   *Dates and whether section or zone meetings are lost in the mists of time but : University of Hartford (CT), Western New England College, UVM, University of New Brunswick, Naugatuck Valley Community College, WPI, West Point*

15)   If yes, zone __X_   sectional _X___   other (please briefly describe)

16)   If yes was (were) there a library component?   *Yes. Most of these were intended for engineering faculty but were more frequently attended by librarians and corporate sponsors At various times- desktop publishing, copyright compliance, GIS, the internet web, ALA library competencies mapped to revised ABET criteria.*

17)   What NON-CONFERENCE ELD sponsored service(s) or publication(s) (e.g. a newsletter article, ELD list, webpage) has had an impact for you – what was the situation and impact? Was the impact positive or negative? –

Always positive and too many to count. The ELD list has been my best current resource both for engineering and librarianship in general. Engineering is about a third of my collection/liaison responsibility (other departments and programs include but are not limited to: Philosophy, Psychology, Public Policy, Teaching and Learning).

18)   Would you be willing to submit a photo of yourself to the archive?   *The archives already has a lot of me – but sure.*

19)   Would you like to be contacted by phone (or in person if convenient) for a further interview? Your interview would help provide a deeper dimension of the ELD membership.   *Yes*

20)   If yes, please note convenient dates, times, telephone numbers and e-mail address:

Cecilia and I will arrange offline – an expression I picked up from ELD.