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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

September is just around the corner and vacations are coming too quickly to an end. Those of us who attended the annual conference of ASEE in Reno have had some time to contemplate, consider, and implement some of the ideas gleaned from the programs and from the people we met at the meetings. The speakers at our Engineering Libraries Division sessions were excellent and stimulated thought on both practical and philosophical levels. One ELD member confided to me that the networking and personal contacts she made with other engineering librarians was worth the time spent at the conference.

Portland, Oregon and the University of Portland is the site of next year's conference. It will be back to the classroom and campus for ASEE. Plans are already well underway by Jim Fries on the 1988 ELD program, and it promises to shape up well. Emphasis will be placed on automation and technology in the library, because it is the only way to keep this information explosion under control and a means of providing the best service for our patrons. Engineering faculty, we have noticed, are interested in these topics as well and attend our sessions when they can relate to the subject.

ELD committees have been working at their special projects. The Literature Guides Committee, under Kathy Jackson, continue to assign, edit, and publish Guides which are available from ASEE headquarters. There has been demand for these annotated bibliographies from many schools and if you are interested in putting one together, contact Kathy. She can tell you which are unassigned subject areas, and give you a sample format to be followed.

The Standards Committee will be chaired by John Forys for another two year period. His committee has sent the 2d edition of the Statistics of Engineering School Libraries to the Publications Committee for printing. It will be available to you for statistical comparison for \$12 from ASEE headquarters. When it is time to fight for budgets, space, staff, etc., be sure you have a copy on hand. In the course of our work we all talk to and meet librarians who are not ASEE members. Be sure you encourage these people to join and participate because they have information that we all need to do a better job. Just drop a note to Helen Wiltse, Chair of the Membership Committee, with the name and address and she will send ASEE information to these prospective members. Also, be sure that you encourage your faculty to support us by joining ELD.

Wendy Culotta and her Accreditation Committee have participated as observers on 3 on-site visitations. We will hear more about that project throughout the year and at the 1988 Conference. Don Richardson will serve as the Nominating Committee Chair and you are encouraged to submit names of potential nominees to him. This Newsletter and my message comes to you through the hard work and dedicated efforts of Jim Kyed

and Helen Wiltse. Do submit items of interest, position openings, and news from your library to one of them. Our new Membership Directory will be in the mail very soon, thanks to Vladimir Borovansky. Check the entry under your name for correctness, and if you find an error or your telephone number is not listed, please drop this information in the mail to Vladimir right away.

Last but not least I want to publicly acknowledge Don Richardson's excellent leadership as Chair of the Engineering Libraries Division. I turned to him frequently for advice and suggestions. His gentle persuasion was always on target. Thanks also to you dedicated members who served as moderators for the sessions at this year's conference. It was a pleasure to work with each and every one of you. My hearty congratulations on a job well done. We had an enthusiastic and very positive response to our work.

I look forward to this coming year and hearing from you all. Please call (213-743-6298) or write with your thoughts.

Hazel Wetts, University of Southern California  
August 1, 1987.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT FOR ENGINEERING LIBRARIES DIVISION, 1986-87

1. This past year saw activity in our two accounts, the regular Division account and our BASS account.
2. In our regular account, we began the fiscal year (October 1) with a balance of \$650.00. Expenses charged to this account covered the cost of producing and distributing the ELD Newsletter. Total newsletter-related costs were \$490.59, leaving a current balance of \$159.41.
3. In our BASS account, expenses and revenues were related to the production, distribution and sales of the ANNUAL STATISTICS OF ACADEMIC ENGINEERING LIBRARIES. Most of the revenues and expenses in this account were recorded in the April-June quarter of 1987.
4. We began the fiscal year with \$376.63 in the BASS account. The account balance rose to \$445.95 as of March 31, 1987. As of June 12, 1987 the balance in our BASS account was \$328.18. The costs incurred by Texas A&M charged to the account in the latter part of April (\$193.75) was the largest single cost charged to the BASS account. Many checks for the Annual Statistics publication were deposited in the latter part of April and in May.
5. As of October 1986, we had 147 members in the Division, according to ASEE Headquarters, and \$1 per head from ELD members has been deposited in our BASS account as member dues are received at Headquarters.

I'd like to thank Rosemary Loomis at Texas A&M for her help with coordinating billing, and for TAMU Library's help with production and distribution of this publication.

Respectfully submitted,

James Fries,  
Secretary-Treasurer, Engineering Libraries Division

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR ENGINEERING EDUCATION  
ENGINEERING LIBRARIES DIVISION  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING  
June 22, 1987

The meeting was called to order at 4.02 pm by Don Richardson, Chair. The minutes of the 1986 Annual Meeting were accepted as published in the Newsletter.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

The Secretary-Treasurer read the Treasurer's report (attached) and it was approved. A question was raised about our BASS account. Don clarified its purpose (BASS stands for Banking and Accounting Services System), and distinguished it from the regular operating budget. The BASS account includes funds from membership dues and publications sales. It is a kind of combined savings and checking account, earning interest that is 90% of the rate earned by ASEE investments during each quarter (interest paid quarterly).

#### NEWSLETTER EDITORS' REPORT

Jim Kyed reported on the year's work involving the Newsletter, and encouraged any suggestions about the publication from members. One suggestion was reducing print size to save mailing costs. Since we weren't overbudget in 1986-87 with Newsletter production and distribution costs, it won't be necessary to alter current production methods. Don thanked Helen and Jim for their continuing work on the Newsletter this past year.

#### PUBLICATIONS

Kathy distributed a status report on literature guides. Kathy reported on guides issued to date, those soon to be issued, in progress, and yet to be started. Don noted that ELD publications give us high visibility within ASEE, and thanked Kathy for her continuing efforts to coordinate production and publication of the literature guides. Discussing the Union List of Technical Reports, Dorothy said that she hopes to expand it and solicited contributors to the List.

Vladimir said that the latest edition of the membership directory will soon be ready (the latest officer name changes will be added). The suggestion was made that names of past chairs of ELD should be highlighted with an asterik. Don commented that given the size of the ELD, we have an active publications program, as well as publications that are useful to members of ASEE.

#### MEMBERSHIP

Helen said that ASEE Headquarters tracks Division membership by the number of mailing labels we order. Approximately 180-185 labels have been supplied for some issues of the Newsletter; other issues have had as few as 147 labels. We have about 152 members in the Division, 78 of whom elected ELD as their first choice when renewing their membership.

We discussed ways to recruit new members into the Division. Hazel said that it behoves us to increase the number of members in ELD. Suggestions for attracting new members included soliciting engineering school Deans and faculty as prospective new members; soliciting academic librarians; advertising in ENGINEERING EDUCATION. Concerns were expressed that coordination and control of membership records may be lacking at Headquarters. We concluded that ASEE Headquarters must help us coordinate our efforts to attract new members, and decided that we should talk with Headquarters about getting their records straight.

#### STANDARDS COMMITTEE

John Forsys, Chair, was not able to attend the Annual Meeting due to illness. Don spoke for the Committee, and reported that the major task this past year has been the production and distribution of the Annual Statistics of Engineering School Libraries. We briefly discussed the survey currently being done by ACRL of Science/Engineering Libraries. John will be asked to contact the librarians compiling the ACRL survey to discuss any overlap between the ELD and ACRL surveys, and mutual interests regarding surveys. The suggestion was made that we might be able to get statistical subsets from ACRL that would be relevant to our interests.

#### ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

Wendy reported that Karen, Wendy and Jay visited three universities in 1986-87. Wendy distributed a two-page report and solicited ELD members' comments. Jim Kyed commented that the accreditation work undertaken by ELD is important and should continue; we should sustain the momentum. The question was asked whether or not ABET had been contacted; Wendy has not contacted ABET, preferring to review findings and get comments from ELD members before doing that.

Karen, Jay and Wendy discussed their experiences on site visits. Karen met with the University President, the Dean of Engineering and the University Librarian. She commented that a librarian's visibility during the site visit kept the library in the minds of academic administrators and the ABET team. Jay reported on his visit to University of Texas at San Antonio, and said that librarians on site visits should be mindful of and sensitive to the effect we have on staff in the engineering library. Wendy discussed her impressions of the visit to University of Kentucky; Russell Powell, as the engineering librarian at University of Kentucky, also shared his observations about having a librarian on the ABET team.

Future participation of ELD members on ABET site visits is unclear; many ABET visits are made each year, and the ELD commitment in time and money could be considerable. We have had three useful experiences this past year, and decided it is important to have clear goals that we want to accomplish for the coming year regarding ELD involvement with ABET and accreditation.

#### NOMINATIONS

Anita Clammuro was nominated as an ELD Director; Dorothy Byers was nominated as Secretary-Treasurer, Program Chair, Chair (3 year appointment). The nominations were accepted, and the Secretary cast one vote for the slate. The roster of officers includes: Chair - Hazel Wetts; Program Chair - Jim Fries; Secretary-Treasurer - Dorothy Byers; Director - Hugh Franklin; Director - Anita Clammuro.

#### PROGRAM PLANNING - 1988

The theme for next year's meeting, to be held in Portland, OR on June 19-23, 1988 is "Beginning a new era in engineering education". Several suggestions have been received for program sessions: ABET accreditation and its relation to engineering librarians and libraries; software distribution; online databases used on campus networks; new information technologies; a poster session; costing/managing/organizing campus information resources and systems; faculty-librarian discussion of issues of mutual interest. Suggestions for 1988 sessions are welcome!

In discussing next year's program, suggestions included: (1) distributing a written statement before the meeting to help structure the Monday morning get-together and expedite discussion. (2) publishing the preliminary program earlier in the year in the Newsletter. We want to encourage maximum member participation in both program planning and general activities of the Division.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Since there was no old business to discuss, we proceeded to new business. Charlotte Erdmann from Purdue announced that she will chair an engineering library-related session at the Frontiers in Education meeting to be held at Purdue in October 1987.

Maurita Holland, PIC IV Chair, joined that meeting at this point. In her capacity as PIC IV Chair, and member of ELD, Maurita reported to the group and led discussion on several matters.

¶ A re-evaluation of ENGINEERING EDUCATION is in progress. In future, the editorial emphasis will be on high quality contributions that are refereed. A high-level editorial board has been appointed, and the format of the journal will change considerably. The annual statistical issue will be retained.

¶ Following on this point, a concern was raised about the lack of full indexing of ENGINEERING EDUCATION in ENGINEERING INDEX. We discussed the matter, and the suggestion was made that we contact Engineering Information, Inc. and request that they give more complete coverage of ENGINEERING EDUCATION in ENGINEERING INDEX. A motion was passed unanimously that we contact ASEE and EI about providing cover-to-cover indexing of this journal.



¶ A related concern was expressed — including engineering library information in the annual statistical issue of ENGINEERING EDUCATION. A motion was proposed, and passed unanimously, that we re-open the matter of having engineering library information included in the annual statistical issue of ENGINEERING EDUCATION.

¶ Maurita led additional discussion concerning ASEE's policy about Society publications. She said that publications are a major concern and interest of the current ASEE President, and the publications program will continue to be an area of emphasis and attention. Staff and operational problems that have adversely affected the publications program at ASEE Headquarters are being solved.

¶ Maurita discussed the reorganization of the PIC Councils. The Society will retain the current 4 PICs. PIC I and II will be engineering discipline-oriented; PIC III and IV will cover social issues and engineering support services. Engineering Libraries remains as a Division within ASEE, but there is still concern about our having fewer than 200 members in the Division. Maurita emphasized that since ELD has an active publications program, a key factor for our success as a Division already exists.

¶ Maurita said that ASEE will be sending a ballot to members concerning a dues increase. While annual dues would increase for individual members by about 25%, corporate member dues would increase by about 40% to 50%.

¶ ASEE has been evaluating different options for the Fall Conference Planning Meeting. Budget constraints on the Society (ASEE may be operating in deficit next year) dictate a review of activities such as the Fall meeting. At this time, the meeting dates and location are not finalized. Maurita said that ASEE members are welcome to communicate their concerns about the fall meeting (either cancelling it or moving it to another city such as Washington).

¶ A question was raised about regional meetings and ELD members' participation at those meetings. Levels of participation vary considerably, but a comment was made that presenting a formal paper at the regional meetings helps focus attention on engineering libraries. The suggestion was made that interested people should consult Headquarters to learn more about section and regional meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 5.45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

James Fries  
Secretary-Treasurer, 1986-87

## PLANS FOR 1988 MEETING UNDERWAY

Planning for next year's Portland meeting is underway. So far, our sessions include:

- \*engineering technology faculty and librarians panel discussion about issues of mutual interest to engineering faculty and librarians
- \*ABET accreditation and the engineering library
- \*information technology update
- \*software distribution on campus
- \*commercial online databases used on the campus computing network
- \*poster session
- \*Monday morning discussion group

The Portland Conference organizers are very enthusiastic about having the ASEE meet in the Pacific Northwest next June. They promise a beautiful meeting site, and will offer trips to places in the region such as Mount Hood. We invite you to join us in Portland!

The continuing involvement of ELD members in the Annual Meeting--by participating in or organizing sessions, or making presentations at poster sessions--helps us sustain our vitality and strength as a Division. We encourage your ideas and suggestions for next year's Annual Meeting or on other ELD issues that interest you.

--Jim Fries, Program Chair

## NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE SEEKS SUGGESTIONS

The Nomination Committee requests that suggestions for officers be submitted by members. Candidates are needed for the following offices:

1. Secretary-Treasurer, 1988-89 3 year commitment  
(advancing to Program Chair/Chair-elect  
1989-90 and to Chair 1990-91)
2. Director, 1987/9 2 year commitment

Please submit names for consideration by December 15, 1987  
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## NEWSLETTER PLANS

Three more newsletters will be issued during the year on the following schedule:

Issue 2: Deadline for news: Nov. 20 - Mail date: Dec. 4  
Issue 3: Deadline for news: Feb. 12 - Mail date: Feb. 26  
Issue 4: Deadline for news: Apr. 23 - Mail date: May 6

Brief, informal reports about current activities in your library are welcome and serve as a method of maintaining communication among members between annual meetings. Give us an update on your report at last year's Open Forum. Do you have a question or problem that someone else can help you with? Send items along to the editors for publication!