

ELD Archivist 2006 Annual report

The Engineering Libraries Division archives have been inventoried by a work study student. The archivists are adding searching capabilities to the inventory and it will then be ready for posting on the ELD website. We have drafted a member questionnaire and distributed it to the Extended Executive Committee for review and comment. After revisions and further review, the questionnaire will be sent to the membership. We intend to expand the ELD archives with the information drawn from the questionnaire and to also use this information as a catalyst for collecting oral and/or text histories from current and former division members.

In April 2006 the Archives received a substantial donation of the papers collected by the Secretary/Treasurer 1989-1991 and the Chair 1992-1993. These were contributed by the current co-Archivist when she reviewed her office files.

To date we have received three archive queries since the 2005 ASEE annual meeting. All of the queries are about the date the division was established. This information is now posted on the ELD website in the "Officers, Committees" tab. Click on the link to "list of Past Directors", the information heads the list.

Listed below are a few of the categories where you can enrich our archives.

- Committee and division correspondence and other items no longer required for active business
- Photos digital or paper (please identify with names of people, location and date)
- E-documents, links, blogs and other electronic information of interest to the division.
- Badges, especially since 1998

The co-archivists will make a motion at the 2007 annual meeting that the ELD Archives be permanently stored in the UMass Dartmouth Archives. This was proposed by the UMass Dartmouth Interim Library Dean, Ann Montgomery Smith. Ann was the founding chair of the ELD Awards committee and the guiding force in establishing the Homer Bernhardt award. The UMass Dartmouth Archives are being expanded and the Archivist welcomes this addition to the collection. There is no library archive "home" for ASEE. The earliest papers for the American Society for Engineering Education are now at ASEE headquarters. The Linda Hall Library has a supplemental collection.

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