

ELD

Annual Business Meeting Minutes,

June 20, 2000

Sheila Curl brought the meeting to order at 4:38 p.m.

Because of a scheduling conflict, the first order of business was the presentation of the Best Reference Work award by Suzanne Weiner, Chair of the Awards Committee. The winner of the 2000 Best Reference Work Award was the McGraw-Hill Concise Encyclopedia of Science and Technology, 4th edition, 1998, edited by Sybil P. Parker.

Minutes of last year's annual business meeting were approved without revisions.

Sheila attended the PIC IV business meeting, which ended up consisting of Sheila and Duane Abata, Chair of the PIC. Sheila commented that there was a very positive quote about ELD and its activity level in the annual report of the PIC.

Program report

Linda Musser reported that more abstracts were submitted this year to ELD for possible program inclusion than in any year in the past.

All complimentary registrations that the Division asked for were received.

35 papers were nominated for the Conference Best Paper Award and 3 were produced by ELD members.

Linda explained the process of how papers were submitted for the Best Paper Award from within ELD.

Both Sheila and those in attendance then lauded Linda for her work on the excellent program at this year's conference.

Banquet update

John Saylor reminded everyone of the location of the banquet (McMurphy's Grill), which was to immediately follow the business meeting. John also reiterated that a limited number people who had not registered for the banquet could still be accommodated. Anyone interested should please contact John.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards

The Awards presentation continued with Suzanne presenting the Division's most prestigious award, the Homer Bernhardt Award, to Tom Conkling, Head of the Engineering Library at Penn State.

The 2000 Best Paper Award was presented to Poping Lin, Assistant Science Librarian at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, for her paper "Core Information Competencies Redefined: A Study of the Information Education of Engineers." The paper appeared in *Leading Ideas* 11, pp. 2-7.

Suzanne then made a pitch for new members for the Awards Committee.

Nominating Committee

Beth Brin, Chair, listed Larry Clemens and Jill Powell as the other members of the Committee.

Sheila then explained to those assembled the 4-year commitment that was attached to accepting a nomination to the Secretary-Treasurer position (Secretary-Treasurer in year one, Program Chair in year two, Division Chair in year three, and Immediate Past Chair and Chair of the Nominating Committee in year four).

Beth then offered Gretchen Sneff's name as the nominee for Secretary-Treasurer. Sheila then explained the role of the Director, one of two positions with a two-year term as part of the Division Executive Committee.

Beth then offered three nominees on the slate for the position of Director: Kate Lee, Leslie Reynolds, and Andy Shimp.

Additional nominations were then solicited from the floor for both the Secretary-Treasurer and Director positions. None were received. ELD By-laws indicate that, in the case of only one nomination for a position, a single vote may be cast in favor of that candidate. That process was followed and Gretchen elected the new Secretary-Treasurer. Paper ballots were then distributed, marked, and collected for the position of Director, with Leslie Reynolds winning the election.

Accreditation and Standards

Karen Andrews thanked the members of the committee for their work. She reported the committee had received 3 questions and 2 requests for data in the past year. Karen also reported that there was no interest on ABET's part in adding library-related outcomes to their criteria. A brief discussion of process ensued. The Committee will

attempt to gather information on the questions asked by ABET accreditations teams on their visits.

E-mail Discussion Lists

Mel DeSart clarified the differences between ELD-L, the Division members-only list, and ELDNET-L, which has open subscription. Some discussion ensued on the need (or not) for two lists. The question is to be taken up by the Extended Executive Committee at their meeting the next day.

Membership Committee

Glee Willis reported that the Division currently has 184 members (while Glee's oft-stated goal is still 200). There were 67 people at the Get Acquainted session at this year's conference. Glee indicated she and the Committee would continue to work to not only acquire new members but also retain existing members. Andy Stewart also gave a brief update on the status of the new edition of the Membership Directory.

Newsletter Editor

Tom Conkling's update was brief PLEASE send him material for the Newsletter.

Publications

Godlind Johnson reported on the current state of Literature Guide production and sales. Guides availability was advertised on various e-lists. Andy Shimp reported on behalf of he and Ann Ward for the Literature Guides subcommittee and requested volunteers to not only produce new Guides but also update past Guides that are now out of date.

OLD BUSINESS

Sheila gave everyone a brief history of the ongoing discussions with ACRL STS on possible cooperative projects. The STS contact is Bart Lessin from Wayne State. Two topics were chosen to move forward on: information literacy and statistics. Sheila solicited individuals for participation on committees working in both areas. A brief discussion ensued. Karen Andrews expressed strong support for a joint statistical survey of the membership of the groups rather than each group surveying its membership. Sheila indicated that these committees might be largely virtual. Many details are not yet set in stone and there will be more information to come. The Extended Executive Committee will discuss further.

Jay Bhatt renewed a discussion on mentoring. The ELD group working on mentoring will schedule a session for new members at future ASEE conferences. Details and scheduling remain to be worked out. There would be the potential of pairing new members with volunteer mentors prior to the conference once registration information is known. The suggestion was to try the process for a year and evaluate it after that. It

was stressed that mentoring could happen with new ELD members whether or not they attend the ASEE conference. A proposal will be forthcoming from Jay.

ACRL Information Literacy Standards

The primary question asked was should ELD endorse them as they stand. Kate Thomes suggested distributing the Standards document in electronic form on ELD-L for wider ELD member input. Karen Andrews made a motion for the Division to endorse, in principle, the ACRL Information Literacy Standards. Suzanne Weiner seconded. A brief discussion ensued, with general support in favor of endorsement.

A brief break in the discussion occurred as Daniel Davis, the new Chair of PIC IV arrived, was introduced, and said a few words. Davis seemed eager to work with ELD.

The final motion was to endorse the ACRL Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education and send the Division's endorsement to the ASEE Board of Directors along with copies of the document. Motion passed unanimously. The endorsement will be forwarded via Mr. Davis, the new PIC IV Chair, to the Board. Davis indicated he would try to get the topic on the agenda for the Fall Board of Directors meeting.

Liaisons Idea

Sheila revisited the idea (discussed briefly at last year's conference) of establishing a quasi-formal liaison arrangement with ACRL STS and with one or more Divisions within SLA. Karen Andrews and John Saylor will work on draft guidelines for such an arrangement, how those individuals would be chosen, etc.

Center for Research Libraries

Linda Musser led a brief discussion. CRL has requested a letter from ELD on what CRL can do to aid the Division and its mission and goals. The Directors and Linda will work on a draft to be shared more widely within the Division.

JSTOR

Sheila indicated that the CIC member institutions were asked to compile a list of titles of interest in engineering. JSTOR has now indicated that they are not currently interested in expanding into an engineering cluster. Sheila asked about the possibility of pulling together those lists and sharing them with the membership of the Division.

Dorothy Byers then provided a bit of history/background on an aborted ELD JSTOR project. A discussion ensued, with one possibility being to perhaps tie this in to the CRL letter, since both dealt with holdings and availability of older runs of engineering journal titles. A task force will be formed to explore these issues further.

There was no new business.

Larry Clemens moved to adjourn. Roughly half the room seconded. Meeting adjourned.