

## ELD Business Meeting Minutes

Portland Oregon

June 14<sup>th</sup> 2005, 8:30 - 10:15 am

### **Agenda**

- Call to Order
- Agenda Additions
- Approval of Minutes
- Announcements
- Officer/Committee Reports
- Old Business
- New Business
- Awards Presentations
- Adjournment

Andy thanked outgoing chairs for their service: John Napp, Christy Hightower, John Saylor, Liz Mengel, Linda Martinez, Sandy Lewis.

**Call to Order:** Division Chair Andy Shimp called the meeting to order and thanked Mike Morgan and Joel Claypool, of Morgan & Claypool publishers, for their sponsorship of the ELD Annual Business Meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion was made to approve the minutes from Salt Lake City, June 22, 2004. It was seconded and approved with no changes.

**Announcements:** Andy announced that the 2010 ASEE annual conference will be held in Louisville KY.

Stephen Stitch and Mel DeSart handed out directions to the ELD Annual Banquet that will be held at the Governor's Hotel, featuring cocktails in the library followed by dinner in the billiard room.

Julia Gelfand announced that she is looking for chapter editors for the series "Books for College Libraries."

Malica Oxnam announced that she is starting a project to organize legacy technical reports.

**Special Guest:** Andy introduced PIC IV Chair, Sarah Rajala. ELD is in the Professional Interest Council (PIC) IV. Sarah described PIC IV as an eclectic group of 11 divisions. She said that 7 of the 10 ASEE divisions with the highest participation of women are in PIC IV (ELD is one of those 7). Sarah said that ELD is recognized in ASEE as a very active division, and a division that ensures opportunities for new leadership from within its membership. She reported that the theme for the annual conference next year in Chicago will be “Advancing Scholarship in Engineering Education: Launching a Year Dialogue.” She encouraged ELD to look for a distinguished lecturer again for that conference. All divisions will be allocated fewer technical sessions for the Chicago conference but are invited to request additional sessions. We will need to justify additional sessions, and partnering with other divisions may be helpful in that process. Sarah also said that poster sessions are highly regarded in ASEE and that ELD should continue to support an active posters program. Lastly, Sarah announced that ASEE has added a new division, K-12 Division, and that it has 400 members.

### **Officer and Committee Reports:**

Andy announced the new appointments for committee leadership for the coming year:

- Accreditation And Standards - Kevin Drees
- Archivist - Paige Gibbs with Cecelia Mullins as co-chair
- Task Force on Best Practices - Mel DeSart
- Listserv - Mel DeSart
- JSTOR - Larry Thompson
- Liaisons - Liz Mengel
- Membership Directory - Jim Van Fleet
- Mentoring - Karen Andrews
- Newsletter - Linda Whang

**Program Chair:** Jill Powell reported that ELD had 29 author/presenters at the Portland conference and 14 events, including technical sessions, poster session, and business meetings. ELD also sponsored the Distinguished Lecturer Lawrence Lessig. This was the first year for a morning Annual Business Meeting and the time change was well received by the membership.

**Treasurer:** Kate Thomes reported that as of June 9<sup>th</sup> the ELD Operating Account had \$53.95 and the BASS account had \$19,360.20.

**Accreditation And Standards:** Kevin Drees said that this committee will focus on how to set standards for the colleges and universities represented by the membership and how to communicate those ideas to ABET.

**Archivist:** Paige Gibbs invited members to send ELD memorabilia to her for the archives.

**Awards:** John Teleha noted that the award for Best Paper has been broadened to include other types of publications, and is now called the Best Publication Award. The Awards Web page was updated to include Karen Andrews' 1993 ASEE Centennial Certificate for Distinguished Service.

**Task Force on Best Practices:** Christy Hightower said 14 people volunteered to join this group and was very pleased to see this level of interest in the topic. After much discussion 4 new members were added to the group: Alesia McManus, Binghamton University; Beth Mohler, Wichita State University; Don Richardson, Worcester Polytechnic Institute; Mike White, Queens' University. Bob Heyer-Gray will also serve as webmaster and technical consultant to the group. Christy thanked the founding members of the "Punchlist" group: Karen Andrews, Mel DeSart, Liz Mengel, Jim Ottaviani, Kate Thomes, and Tom Volkening.

Mel DeSart will take over as chair of the group in June, and Jim, Kate, and Christy will step down because of other duties.

During the weeks just before the Portland conference the Best Practices group created an executive summary of the document to serve as an introduction, and created 2 one-page flyers to promote the document, one for librarians and one for publishers. These documents reside at: <http://eld.lib.ucdavis.edu/punchlist/>

**Development:** Stephen Stitch thanked the development liaisons and our sponsors for their work during the past year.

**Listserv:** Mel DeSart reported that ELD-L and ELDnet have both successfully moved to a new platform.

**JSTOR:** Larry Thompson invited potential new members to join him during the Committee Meetings time period to discuss strategies for getting engineering journal backfiles added to JSTOR.

**Liaisons:** Christy Hightower announced that Mel DeSart will take over as the new ELD Liaison to SPARC effective immediately. Other new liaisons, who will begin their terms on January 1<sup>st</sup>, are Patricia Kirkwood for the American Chemical Society and Paula Storm for SLA's SciTech Division. The liaison position for the American Society for Information Science (ASIS) is still open. A new organizational liaison that was recently created is to the Patent Information Users Group, and Michael White will be the ELD liaison to that group.

**Membership:** Amy Van Epps reported that as of June 8<sup>th</sup> ELD had 221 active members, 9 members in non-current status. She also reported that there were 24 new members in Portland attending the ASEE annual conference for the first time. There were a total of 110 ELD members in attendance at the conference in Portland.

**Nominating:** Larry Thompson announced that the incoming Secretary/Treasurer is Jay Bhatt, and the new 1<sup>st</sup> year Director is Carol Brach. Larry explained that the Director serves for 2 years. The 1<sup>st</sup> Year Director organizes the Annual Banquet at the following conference, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Director organizes the Welcome Reception at the following conference. Larry reminded the members of the progression of officers through ELD from Secretary/Treasurer to Program Chair to Division Chair to Past Chair (and chair of the Nominating Committee). Each position is a one-year appointment.

**Publications:** Craig Beard invited people to please talk with him about ideas for Literature Guides.

**Old Business:** Andy reported that results from the continuing Education Survey are posted on the ELD website. This survey is a joint project with ASEE/ELD, SLA's Science and Technology Division, and ACRL's Science and Technology Section. The results are linked from the Programs and Resources section of the ELD website under the heading 2004 Continuing Education Survey.

**New Business:** The members present at the meeting unanimously approved the proposed revision to the by-laws, moving the date of elections and announcement of results earlier in the year (by the first Friday of April), to facilitate conference planning by newly elected officers. A suggestion was also made that the same time frame should be considered for committee head appointments.

**Awards Presentations:** John Teleha presented the Best Publication Award to Don King and Carol Tenopir for their book "Communication Patterns of Engineers" published by IEEE and Wiley. Kate Thomes accepted the award on behalf of the authors. The Best Reference Award went to Hari Singh Nalwa for the "Encyclopedia of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology" published by American Scientific Publishers. Dr. Nalwa donated a set of the encyclopedias to the winner of a drawing held at the ELD Annual Business Meeting. Jill Powell of Cornell University was the winner of the drawing.

The Homer I. Bernhardt Distinguished Service Award was presented to Karen Andrews for her strong professional service, assistance to colleagues, energy for management and committee work, her wisdom, her inquisitive mind and her sense of humor. This year marks her 29<sup>th</sup> straight year for attending ASEE conference!

Two letters included personal testimonials of how you emulate the standards for which he [Homer] was known:

"For those of us who remember Homer, we think about the wry sense of humor and keen wit coupled with a strong professional dedication to information service and to helping his colleagues learn and grow."

"Karen and I both had the privilege to work with Homer Bernhardt in ASEE, and I think Homer would be very pleased with the breadth and depth of Karen's activities. Homer was a kind and caring person, and I find that Karen has both of these valuable traits. She is enthusiastic and full of plans and has definite opinions, but she is always willing to listen to others, as was Homer. Those working with Karen are inspired to do their best. They are made to feel good about themselves and their activities."

The committee cited as determining factors Karen's professional perspective; philosophy of leadership; recruitment and mentoring of new engineering librarians; work with scholarly communication and publishing; and extraordinary service to ELD.

"Karen's career embodies the best of librarianship: energy for carrying out difficult management and committee tasks; wisdom for knowing how to accomplish work and develop the best in others; and an inquisitive mind that searches for new solutions and recognizes the need to be a constant learner even while leading."

"Karen fosters and encourages an atmosphere of creativity, support, and an expectation that PSE library staff will excel .... She leads with a sense of purpose and, when necessary, a sense of humor."

"Throughout her career Karen has been, and continues to be, an active and influential mentor to new librarians just entering the field, and a sought-after advisor to mid-career librarians and to her peers in library management. Her sincere interest in people and their well-being, her vast knowledge of the field of librarianship and publishing, her generosity with her time, and her respectful style all combine to make her an unusually effective mentor and advisor .... She is personally devoted to fostering in others and actively practices that whenever she can as personal commitment to the profession."

"A dedicated librarian who has been central to the very positive experience other engineering librarians have felt when joining ASEE/ELD .... in honoring Karen, ELD also holds up the best in itself."

The May 2005 ELD Newsletter contains the complete text of this announcement in the Awards Committee Annual Report.

Karen spoke eloquently about who Homer Bernhardt was and said that this distinguished Service award stemmed from his courage and commitment to engineering librarianship. Karen mentioned Homer's caring nature to others in ELD but bull-dog tenacity in regards to the "Kent Study" from the University of Pittsburgh School of Library and Information Science. Homer discredited the 1977 study point by point, showing how the data collection was incomplete and faulty and explained how conclusions drawn from such data could not be valid.

John Teleha called for a submission of testimonials, personal memories or memorabilia, photographs, or other such items relating to Homer I Bernhardt and his career at Pitt. The Awards Committee would like to expand the web page discussing the Distinguished Service Award named in his honor.

**Adjournment:** The Annual Business meeting was adjourned.

Notes submitted by Kate Thomes, Secretary/Treasurer, kthomes@pitt.edu.