

# Mechanics Division Newsletter

Fall 2025

Chair: Dan Baker

Division Website: <https://sites.asee.org/mechanics/>

Secretary: Adrian Rodriguez

## Message from the Chair

This fall is a new adventure for my family and I, as I'm currently teaching Fluids, Thermodynamics, and another class while we are aboard a cruise ship as part of Semester at Sea. Currently, we are enroute to Málaga, Spain and we'll wrap up in December in Thailand after voyaging around Africa. While I've been out at sea, our division has been in very capable hands. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to Program Chair Anna Howard, Assistant Program Chair Andrew Sloboda, Past Chair Chris Venters, and the Secretary Adrian Rodriguez for carrying the load this semester and keeping everything on track. Their leadership and support have been invaluable.

Looking ahead, I'm excited for the upcoming ASEE Annual Conference in Charlotte, NC. Anna is organizing our technical sessions and hands-on mechanics special session, and Andrew is taking the lead on planning another enjoyable division banquet. Thank you both for stepping up in these important roles.

When registering for the conference, please consider purchasing your banquet ticket early, as this helps with planning. And don't forget to check your ASEE division membership status — some members have encountered issues with auto-renewal.

### JOIN US IN CHARLOTTE! June 21-24, 2026

The ASEE Annual Conference & Exposition will be held at the Charlotte Convention Center in Charlotte, North Carolina. For more information, visit: <https://www.asee.org/events/Conferences-and-Meetings/2026-Annual-Conference-Exposition>

Also in this newsletter, you'll find the call for award nominations. I encourage you to nominate a deserving colleague (or yourself!) to recognize the important work being done in our community. Thank you all for being part of what makes the Mechanics Division such a great group, as authors, reviewers, committee members, session attendees, and more. Your involvement and contributions are what keep this division strong and vibrant.

Wishing you all a productive and rewarding fall semester!

Warm regards,

**Dan Baker**

2025-2026 ASEE Mechanics Division Chair

Teaching Associate Professor

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## Message from the Program Chair

Wonderful Mechanics colleagues! I am looking forward to welcoming you all to my dear North Carolina in June. I'm program chair this year. A couple things to keep in mind as you will:

- ASEE isn't extending deadlines, so please watch those dates. I'll send email reminders.
  - **October 15, 2025:** Abstract submissions due
  - **January 21, 2026:** Draft papers due
  - **February 18, 2026:** Revised papers due
  - **April 8, 2026:** Author registration deadline (at least 1 author per paper must register)
  - **April 29, 2026:** Final papers due
- We will have a new paper type this year which I wanted to bring to your attention. In addition to our full papers and works-in-progress papers, we will have a special session for Classroom-Ready Innovations (CRI):
  - CRI papers highlight an inspiring way to teach a topic (not necessarily hands-on demonstrations). What have you got that you've figured out how to teach? See the [Call for Papers](#) for more info.
- If you had a WIP paper accepted last year, we'd love to hear the final results of your research.
- I am very grateful for everyone who has agreed to review papers. Even if you can only do one, please accept the request to be a reviewer. I'm going to try to make sure everyone who reviews an abstract is also assigned to review that paper. Many hands make light work!
  - **October 29, 2025:** Abstract reviews are due
  - **February 4, 2026:** Draft paper reviews due
  - **March 4, 2026:** Draft revision review deadline
- If you aren't getting my emails, please double check that your email with the division is correct and that you've opted to get reminders. The Mechanics Division appreciates your membership!
- We will, of course, repeat our successful Hands-On Mechanics. If you have any ideas you'd like to present, please email me.

Can't wait to see you in Charlotte!

**Anna Howard**

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## Mechanics Division News and Announcements

### **Job Opportunity:** FME Call for Distinguished Visiting Professors/Scholars (DVP/DVS)

*Contributed by Philip Cornwell*

The Department of Mechanical Engineering is excited to announce that we are now soliciting applications for a visiting faculty member to join our department for the 2026-2027 academic year. The Visiting Faculty Program (VFP) offers a unique opportunity for career employees at a U.S. institution of higher education or current employees of a U.S. government agency to teach at the United States Air Force Academy. We are seeking individuals who can bring unique outside perspectives to enrich our curriculum. This fully funded position includes reimbursement of your salary to your home institution.

Applicants will be competitively selected based on academic experience, area of expertise, and department needs. This is a fantastic chance to contribute to the education of future leaders while expanding your own professional horizons.

- Tentative Assignment Dates:
  - Arrival: 1 July 2026
  - Departure: 29 May 2027
- Requirements: Open to civilian academic faculty and government civilian employees who are U.S. citizens. A Ph.D. is required, with the ability to teach in the mechanical engineering discipline.

If interested, please submit your resume and cover letter to [jason.christopher@afacademy.af.edu](mailto:jason.christopher@afacademy.af.edu) by **15 October 2025**. We look forward to seeing the innovative expertise that our next Distinguished Visiting Professors and Scholars will bring to DFME!

### **Job Opportunity:** Two Tenured or Tenure-Track Assistant Professors in Engineering

*Contributed by Christine Goble*

Centre College invites applications for two tenured or tenure-track faculty positions as Assistant or Associate Professor of Engineering, beginning in August 2026. Candidates must have a Ph.D. by the time of appointment. Candidates with a Ph.D. in engineering, or with a Ph.D. in physics and an undergraduate or master's degree in engineering will be considered. For one of the two positions, preference will be given to candidates in mechanical, aerospace or materials engineering. These faculty positions present an exciting opportunity to help build a new general engineering program with the goal of attaining ABET accreditation within four years. New faculty will teach core engineering courses—such as first-year engineering, computer-aided design, programming, mechanics, materials, or capstone design—and will also have the chance to develop upper-level electives aligned with their expertise.

Centre College, a highly selective liberal arts college of about 1,400 students, has one of the nation's premier study abroad programs and is ranked among the top National Liberal Arts Colleges by U.S. News & World Report. Classes are small and academic standards are high.

To apply, please submit the following at <https://apply.interfolio.com/174015>. A complete application will include (1) letter describing your interest in and qualifications for this position, (2)

curriculum vitae, (3) a statement of teaching philosophy, experience, and effectiveness (4) three confidential letters of reference from individuals able to share insight into the candidate's expertise and future potential, and (5) unofficial transcripts. Review of applications will begin on **October 20, 2025**. Candidates with questions about access or requiring reasonable accommodations for any part of the application or interview process should contact Christine Goble at [christine.goble@centre.edu](mailto:christine.goble@centre.edu). Centre College is an equal opportunity employer.

**Job Opportunity:** Multiple full-time, non-tenure-track faculty positions at Clemson

*Contributed by Todd Schweisinger*

The Department of Mechanical Engineering inside the School of Mechanical and Automotive Engineering at Clemson University invites applications to fill multiple full-time, non-tenure-track faculty positions at the rank of Lecturer. Candidates with prior teaching experience may be eligible for the rank of Senior Lecturer, and candidates with extensive practice and expertise in mechanical engineering may be considered for the rank of Professor of Practice. Highly desirable candidates will have an expertise and interest in teaching fundamental mechanical engineering courses with an emphasis in one of the broad subject areas of design, solid mechanics, thermal and fluid sciences, or dynamic systems and controls. Primary duties include teaching up to four courses, or equivalent, per semester and actively contributing to the undergraduate teaching mission of the department. In addition, part-time positions may be available.

The ME Department has over 30 tenure-track/tenured faculty and 8 full-time non-tenure-track faculty. Enrollment in ME includes 1,100 undergraduate students and 200 graduate students. Clemson University is a public, land-grant institution classified as a R1 university by the Carnegie Foundation. The campus is located on the shores of Lake Hartwell in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in upstate South Carolina halfway between Atlanta, GA and Charlotte, NC.

- Qualifications: Successful candidates must possess a Ph.D. degree or possess a Master's degree with at least 10 years of experience in Mechanical Engineering, or a closely related field. The candidates must have a passion for teaching and communication skills to motivate over 50 students per class in a dynamic, interactive environment with an ability to effectively engage students learning in person and in a remote environment using virtual technology platforms.
- Application Instructions: Applicants should electronically submit a curriculum vitae, contact information for three references, and a cover letter (maximum 2 pages) that includes a brief statement of teaching interests via Interfolio (<https://apply.interfolio.com/169211>).

**Resources:** Open Educational Resources (OER) for Mechanics

*Contributed by Dan Baker and Jacob Moore*

Have you ever wanted 100% of your students to have access to the course textbook from the first day of your course until after they have graduated, all free of charge? Open Educational Resources (OER) may be your answer. OER are a high-quality alternative to commercial textbooks, with the opportunities in Engineering Mechanics growing each year. Here are two resources we have written:

- [Engineering Statics by Daniel Baker and Will Haynes](#) - Engineering Statics is a free, openly licensed textbook used by over 20,000 learners each month. The text covers all the standard Engineering Mechanics: Statics topics and features interactive figures that allow students to

test their conceptual knowledge as they read. Additionally, most chapters conclude with a series of algorithmic exercises for students to practice what they have learned.

- [\*\*Mechanics Map by Jacob Moore\*\*](#) - The Mechanics Map is another free and openly licensed textbook for engineering statics and dynamics. Used by more than 14,000 learners each month, the resource has written explanations, video lectures, hundreds of worked examples with both written and video solutions, and a full set of homework problems.

Outside of the content that the article's authors have created and used themselves, several other open resources exist. Below are just a few examples of open content you might consider incorporating into your courses.

- [\*\*Mechanics of Materials by David Roylance\*\*](#) – This book was written as part of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Open Courseware Project and has since been brought into [LibreTexts](#), where students, faculty, and outside experts work together to build freely available open education resources (OER). LibreTexts has a convenient remixing feature that allows an instructor to pull content from various books and have it remixed into a cohesive, custom online text.
- [\*\*Engineering at Alberta\*\*](#) – Hosted by the University of Alberta, this resource includes content for a number of introductory and advanced mechanics courses, including statics, solid mechanics and FEA, vibrations, and advanced dynamics.
- [\*\*Engineering Mechanics: Statics by Libby Osgood, Gayla Cameron, Emma Christensen, Analiya Benny, and Matthew Hutchison\*\*](#) – This textbook is built in the popular Pressbooks system. The book pulls heavily from Mechanics Map discussed earlier but expands upon and adapts the content, bringing it in a different direction as is allowed with some of the Creative Commons licenses.
- [\*\*Applied Fluid Mechanics Lab Manual by Habib Ahmari and Shah Md Imran Kabir\*\*](#) – This lab manual provides students with the theory, practical applications, objectives, and laboratory procedure of ten experiments. The manual also includes educational videos showing how students should run each experiment and a workbook for organizing data collected in the lab and preparing result tables and charts.
- [\*\*Hands-On Mechanics\*\*](#) – Last but not least, the Mechanics Division hosts a website full of hands-on activities shared by our members that you can bring into your classroom. The site is curated by Devin Berg, longtime webmaster for the division, and the system allows for anyone to upload and share their own materials as well as a system for reviewing content.

These are just some of the resources out there. Please consider using OER to increase student access and reduce student costs. We recommend searching the web, <https://oercommons.org/>, or <https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks> to find OER options for the courses you teach. If you don't find exactly what you are looking for remember that many of the resources allow you to mix and match content or to add to the content yourself, and if you are open to it (pun intended) you might even consider licensing your own materials openly and sharing them with other mechanics educators.

**DEI Updates:** ASEE Commission on DEI (<https://diversity.asee.org/deicommitee/>)  
*Contributed by Adrian Rodriguez, Mechanics DEI Delegate*

#### General reminders:

- As you review papers, keep an eye out for **DEI**-focused papers and mark them accordingly!
  - 2026 Constituent Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Award: Call for nominations opens **Nov. 12** ([nomination form](#)).

- ASEE would like to improve accessibility across the entire conference. Remember to make the content in your papers and presentations accessible to the audience.
- Are you interested in getting involved in DEI at ASEE 2025? We'll need help reviewing DEI papers, so let Adrian Rodriguez ([adrian.rodz@utexas.edu](mailto:adrian.rodz@utexas.edu)) know if you'd like to help!

### **Additional News Items**

If you have any news items or announcements for the Spring 2026 newsletter, please send them to Adrian Rodriguez ([adrian.rodz@utexas.edu](mailto:adrian.rodz@utexas.edu)) by March 6, 2026.

### **Archival Materials**

Do you have any interesting Division materials from past decades? Specific materials might include articles, photographs, Readiness Test results, role of the Mechanics Division in developing the mechanics curriculum, etc. Please contact Devin Berg at (715) 232-1133, [bergdev@uwstout.edu](mailto:bergdev@uwstout.edu).

# Call for Award Nominations

## **Archie Higdon Distinguished Educator Award**

The Archie Higdon Distinguished Educator Award is given annually by the Mechanics Division for distinguished and outstanding contributions to engineering mechanics education. The awardee should demonstrate a significant and sustained history of contributions to the mechanics education community through teaching, student mentorship, research, scholarship, service and leadership. The nomination package should include:

1. A letter of nomination and no more than four accompanying letters of support which delineate the nominee's contribution to mechanics education,
2. Nominee's curriculum vitae.

The award consists of a plaque to be given during the ASEE Annual Conference at the Mechanics Division Awards Banquet, a \$750 cash prize, and registration for the banquet for the awardee and a guest.

## **Ferdinand P. Beer and E. Russell Johnston, Jr., Outstanding New Mechanics Educator Award**

The Ferdinand P. Beer and E. Russell Johnston, Jr., Outstanding New Mechanics Educator Award is given annually to up to two individuals (contingent on availability of funds) who have shown a strong commitment to mechanics education. The winners are selected on the basis of their exceptional contributions to mechanics education through teaching, student mentorship, publications and event participations through ASEE, service, and leadership. Individuals who have no more than five years of academic experience past their first full time academic appointment are eligible. The nomination package should include the following:

1. A letter of nomination which delineates the nominee's contribution to mechanics education and no more than two additional letters of support,
2. A one-page letter from the nominee describing his or her personal philosophy regarding mechanics education,
3. Nominee's curriculum vitae.

The award consists of a plaque to be given during the ASEE Annual Conference at the Mechanics Division Awards Banquet, a \$750 cash prize, and registration for the banquet for the awardee and a guest.

## **Mechanics Division James L. Meriam Service Award**

The Mechanics Division James L. Meriam Service Award may be given annually to recognize significant service to the Mechanics Division as characterized by notable leadership, significant contributions, and prolonged and dedicated service. Candidates for the award must be members of the Mechanics Division and must have served the Division for a minimum of ten years. No individual may receive the award more than once, and members of the Division's Awards Committee are not eligible for the award until two years after completing their service on that committee. Nominations may be made by all members of the Mechanics Division except for those members serving on the Division's Awards Committee. Each nomination package must include the following:

1. A chronological listing of the candidate's service to the Division,
2. A narrative statement detailing the significant elements of the service.

The award consists of a plaque to be given during the ASEE Annual Conference at the Mechanics Division Awards Banquet and registration for the banquet for the awardee and a guest.



Attendance at the ASEE Annual Conference is required for the awardees. Nominations are due by **March 1, 2026**. Please submit nominations here: <https://forms.gle/biHywoe9KFHPWm2c9>. For additional information, please contact the Awards Committee Chair Fanny Silvestri ([fanny.silvestri@cgc.edu](mailto:fanny.silvestri@cgc.edu)).

## 2025 ASEE Mechanics Division Annual Business Meeting Minutes

Note: A final version will be approved at the 2026 Mechanics Division Business Meeting. Please forward any needed corrections via email to [adrian.rodz@utexas.edu](mailto:adrian.rodz@utexas.edu).

Meeting Time: Wednesday, June 25, 2025, 8:00 am – 9:30 am EST

Location: Bonsecours, Le Westin, Montreal, Canada

Attendees: Geoffrey Recktenwald, Jul Davis, Jacob Moore, Andrew Sloboda, Chris Venters, Ana Howard, Hadas Ritz, Amie Baisley, Dominic De Bellis, Kristi Shryock, James Lord, Fanny Silvestri, Dan Baker, Adrian Rodriguez, Chris Calhoun, Devin Berg, Thomas Golecki, Alexander De Rosa, Clay Gloster (PIC V Chair), Kellie Halloran, Jean Batista Abreu, Christopher Papadopoulos, Maxine Fontaine, Timothy Wood

Call to Order – 8:03 a.m. EST

- **PIC Update by Clay Gloster, PIC V Chair Update**
  - **Financial Update**
    - Creating two new programs named:
      - Workforce solutions
      - Career pathways
    - Brian Novoselich to be the new CEO
    - Nadir Yilmaz will be the new PIC V Chair
    - Finances
      - ASEE completed 4 audits; completed up to 2022
      - All audits completed by 2026
      - ASEE trying to replenish all BASS accounts; to return \$120K/year in FY25 and FY26
  - **Memberships**
    - Membership numbers are down
    - Must do something to increase member engagement
    - Committee on Code of Ethics
      - Reviewing and requesting input from members
    - 3678 abstracts submitted; numbers are up!
    - 3904 attendees; numbers are also up!
    - 2025 Best PIC Papers; one represented from each of the 5 PICs
      - Best paper was from Two-Year College Division and PIC IV
  - **New funding opportunities**
    - Shared several grants and other funding opportunities
  - **Distinguished Lectures**
    - Our division doesn't have one but we can consider it for the future
- **2026 Paper Schedule**
  - Abstracts open Sept. 1 and due Oct 15
  - Abstract decision Nov 12
  - Draft papers due Jan 21
  - Draft decision Feb 11
  - Revised papers due Feb 18
  - Revised paper decision March 11
  - Author registration deadline April 8



- Final paper upload deadline April 29
- **2024 Minutes Approved Unanimously**
- **2025-2026 Executive Committee**
  - Chair: Dan Baker (Colorado State University)
  - Program Chair: Anna Howard (North Carolina State University)
  - Program Chair-Elect: Andrew Sloboda
  - Immediate Past Chair: Chris Venters (East Carolina University)
  - Secretary: Adrian Rodriguez (University of Texas at Austin)
  - Treasurer: Sahithya Reddivari (Georgia State University - Perimeter College)
  - Web Master/Archivist: Devin Berg (Univ. of Wisconsin – Stout)
  - Directors (5-7):
    - Andrew Sloboda (2021-25),
    - Nicolas Libre (2022-26),
    - Amir Danesh-Yazdi (2022-26),
    - Amie Baisley (2023-27),
    - Jacob Moore (2023-27),
    - Kristi Shryock (2023-27), and
    - Hadas Ritz (2024-2028)
- **2025-26 Committees**
  - Nominating: Geoffrey Recktenwald (Chair), Phil Cornwell, Jul Davis
  - Membership: Jul Davis (Chair), Amie Baisley, Maxine Fontaine, Amir Danesh-Yazdi
  - Awards: James Lord (Chair), Fanny Silvestri, Jacob Moore, Christine Masters, Christopher Papadopoulos (plaques)
  - Ad-hoc Committee on Sponsorships: Jul Davis, James Lord, Sahithya Reddivari
- **Notes from the chair, Chris**
  - Membership
    - Membership by Division graph from June 2020 to December 2025
    - Some chatter about merging ME and Mechanics division; however, we're happy remaining separate but possibly proposing a different acronym identifier that more distinguishable from ME division.
  - Thank you to Dan for organizing the program!
  - Thank you to Anna for organizing the Awards Banquet!
- **Report from Program Chair – Dan**
  - 60 abstracts submitted (up from 44 last year)
  - 45 papers presented in 9 sessions (up from 32 last year)
  - 105 reviewers making 170 abstract reviews and 143 paper reviews
- **Financial Report – Chris (standing in for Sahithya)**
  - \$\$
- **Nominating Committee – Geoffrey Recktenwald**
  - No update given
- **Awards Committee - James Lord**
  - Looking to find ideas about getting more nominations and engaging members to submit nominations
- **Ad Hoc Sponsorship Committee - Jul Davis**
  - The “Mechanics” ribbon was a great idea and would like to continue having them in future conferences
  - Chris P. – consider going to open-source or software-based tools for sponsors and move away from McGraw-Hill/Pearson/Wiley publishers
- **Secretary – Adrian Rodriguez**
  - No updates
- **Elections**
  - Program Chair Elect (from Directors)
    - Andrew Sloboda (ELECTED)
  - Secretary

- Adrian Rodriguez (Re-ELECTED)
- Treasurer
  - Sahithya Reddivari (Re-ELECTED)
- Web Master/ Archivist
  - Devin Berg (Re-APPOINTED)
- Directors (need 1 new)
  - Kapil Gangwar
  - Huihui Qi (ELECTED)
- **Appointed positions**
  - Nominating: Chris Venters (Chair), Geoff Recktenwald, Jul Davis,
  - Membership: Amie Baisley (Chair), Maxine Fontaine, Amir Danesh-Yazdi, Kristi Shryock
    - New volunteers: Anna Howard (ex-officio), Geoff Recktenwald, Kellie Halloran
  - Awards: Fanny Silvestri (Chair), James Lord, Huihui Qi, Jacob Moore, Hadas Ritz, Alexander De Rosa, Jacob Moore, Christopher Papadopoulos (plaques)
    - New volunteers: Joe Rencis, Jean Batista Abreu
  - Ad-hoc Committee on Sponsorships: Jul Davis (Chair), James Lord, Sahithya Reddivari
    - New volunteers: Fanny Silvestri
- **Mechanics Division Representatives 2024-2026**
  - Ethics: (dissolved committee)
  - DEI: Adrian Rodriguez
  - Interdivisional Town Hall: Christopher Papadopoulos
  - P12: Kristi Shryock
- **Other Business**
  - Regarding WIPs: Do we need to be stricter on titling requirements?
    - Anna: to get some feedback on how to title them; WIP: vs. Work-in-Progress:
  - New suggestion/idea: Adding some pre-planned session themes
    - Encourage folks to do efficacy on hands-on mechanics tools/strategies
    - Task the Membership committee (Amie); create a framework that we can use for future conferences to involve multi-division sessions
  - See you at the next ASEE Annual Conference June 21–24, 2026, in Charlotte, NC

Adjourn at 9:43 a.m. EST

## 2025 Mechanics Division Awards

### Ferdinand P. Beer and E. Russell Johnston, Jr., Outstanding New Mechanics Educator Award:

- *Not awarded*

### James L. Meriam Service Award:

- **Devin Berg**, University of Wisconsin – Stout



### Archie Higdon Distinguished Educator Award:

- **Huihui Qi**, University of California – San Diego



## 2024 Best Presentation Award:

**Paper:** *Effectiveness of Just-in-Time Teaching on Helping Students Achieve Lower Order Learning Goals in a Mechanics of Materials Class* ([read-the-paper](#))

- **Marguerite Matherne**, Northeastern University



## 2025 Best Paper Award:

**Paper:** *Using Learning Maps and Bloom's Taxonomy to Develop a New Instrument to Assess Knowledge Transfer from Physics to Statics Courses* ([read-the-paper](#))

- **Priyantha Wijesinghe**, University of Vermont
- **Varuni A. Seneviratne**, University of Vermont
- **Larry R Medsker**, The George Washington University
- **Courtney D Giles**, University of Vermont
- **Marlee Ottati**, University of Vermont





## 2025 Mechanics Division Awards Banquet



## 2025-2026 Mechanics Division Officers and Standing Committees

**Chair:** Dan Baker, Colorado State University  
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**Past Chair:** Chris Venters, East Carolina  
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**Notes:** Two Directors are elected at each annual Business Meeting for terms of four years. Directors who have served for at least one year are eligible to be elected as Program Chair Elect (and to serve consecutively as Program Chair and Chair). Secretary and Treasurer are ex-officio (non-voting) elected at each annual Business Meeting for terms of one year. Webmaster and Archivist are ex-officio (non-voting) and are elected for terms of one year. The Nominating Committee is specified to consist of the three most recent Past Chairs. The Membership and Awards Committee are appointed to serve for terms of one year.

# Mechanics Division - Opportunities for Involvement

All members and prospective members of the Mechanics Division are invited to the Mechanics Division Annual Business Meeting, held each year in June at the ASEE Annual Conference. One of the primary activities of the division business meeting is to elect new officers and fill available committee positions.

Some of the offices are described below. For a full list of positions, see “2025-26 Mechanics Division Officers and Standing Committees”, provided earlier in this newsletter.

**Director:** A director is a voting member of the Executive Committee. Main duties: attend the Executive and Business Meetings at the Annual Conference, elect the Program Chair Elect, and participate in decision making as issues arise. Directors must also be willing to accept a nomination for Program Chair Elect, which succeeds consecutively to Program Chair, Chair, and Immediate Past Chair. Term: 4 years.

**Secretary:** Main duties: Attend Executive and Business Meetings at the Annual Conference and record minutes; prepare ballots for elections of officers; prepare and distribute Newsletter (twice per year); assist Chair with ensuring that Division agenda is executed. Term: 3 years.

**Treasurer:** Main duties: Keep records of accounts; issue checks to award winners; pay and process other items as necessary. Term: 1 year.

## **Officer Nominations:**

You are welcome to submit nominations before or during the 2026 Mechanics Division Annual Business Meeting. Self-nominations and/or multiple nominations are permitted. Nominations may be submitted via email in advance of the meeting to Dan Baker ([dan.baker@colostate.edu](mailto:dan.baker@colostate.edu)). Include a brief statement of the nominee’s current/past involvement in the Mechanics Division and nominee’s interest in serving in the specific office. If a person is being nominated for more than one position, please state preference.

## **2026 Annual Division Business Meeting Agenda Items:**

If you have any items that you would like included on the agenda for the Annual Division Business Meeting, please contact Division Secretary, Adrian Rodriguez ([adrian.rodz@utexas.edu](mailto:adrian.rodz@utexas.edu)) or Division Chair, Dan Baker ([dan.baker@colostate.edu](mailto:dan.baker@colostate.edu)), before the 2026 Annual Business Meeting.