



# Engineering Libraries Division Newsletter



## December 2008



### Message from the Chair

Amy S. Van Epps

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It's hard to believe we're in December, sitting neatly half-way between two ASEE annual conferences. Although the typical end of the semester and holiday season rush has overtaken me, so I shouldn't be surprised. Due to the graciousness of our newsletter editor, you actually have a message from the chair in this issue, as I missed the deadline.

I have fond memories of time in Pittsburgh, and at the same time am very much looking forward to the conference in Austin in June 2009. John Teleha and the program planning committee have been putting together what looks to be another exciting conference. Hopefully the Program Chair report will give us a bit more information on that front.

The annual committee chair selection for 2009 is going to be upon us before we know it. There are several committees which need to have their current chairs reappointed or new chairs appointed. Those committees are:

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|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Accreditation and Standards        | Membership Directory               |
| Archivist                          | Mentoring                          |
| Awards                             | Newsletter Editor                  |
| Electronic Discussion Lists        | Literature Guides (subcommittee of |
| Scholarly Communications Committee | Publications committee)            |

If you would like to chair any of these committees, please send me an email briefly describing your interests. I will then work with the Executive Committee to make new appointments shortly following the ELD elections in the spring. If you have tried before and not been appointed, don't get discouraged, please try again! This could be your year.

For a complete description of each committee, just follow the links to the ELD Bylaws from the ELD homepage.

<http://depts.washington.edu/englib/eld/>



ELD is a division of the American Society for Engineering Education. Its mission is "to promote and strengthen the role of the library as an integral part of engineering education."

## Conference Program Update

John C. Teleha

### ELD Program for Austin, 2009

Has it been three months already since I put up the

***Wanted: Papers for***

***ELD for Austin?*** There has been so much activity I better get everyone caught up! The Program Committee wants to thank all the people who stepped up and submitted an abstract, suggested a workshop, or volunteered to moderate a session. You are appreciated!



## Message from the Chair

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I know the program planning committee will be busy in the next six months as we all ramp up for our time in Austin. I'm not sure of all the events we'll have planned, but I intend to spend at least one evening where I can see the bat leave their daytime home under the bridge. I'll let folks know when if anyone wants to join me.

In the meantime, may the season bring peace and rest to all of you.

Amy S. Van Epps  
ELD Division Chair 2008-2009  
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ASEE called us out, requiring all Divisions to "Publish to Present." I am proud to say that ELD folks did not back down! We came out with six-guns a-blazing with 29 abstracts submitted by 27 primary authors! (And that number rises to 43 when you add on the co-authors!) All the authors are aware of the publication requirements and have until February 6, 2009 to submit a draft paper. They have also been reminded to take advantage of the Mentor Committee's Paper Review Service. Just contact Karen Andrews and her folks will assist with editorial needs.

ASEE made it clear that the corral in Austin is much smaller than what we had in Pittsburgh. Program Chairs were told not to expect as many session requests to be accepted. Last year, Amy requested (and had accepted) seven technical sessions, four business sessions, two social events, the poster session, two workshops, and a Distinguished Lecturer for a total of 17 sessions – an amazing achievement! This year, I submitted requests for 14 sessions and all were accepted. In addition, I was asked to co-sponsor a workshop with ERM. These sessions include: seven technical sessions, three business sessions, two social events, the poster session, and two workshops. Through a combination of fewer session requests **AND** the membership submitting a large number of abstracts, we were able to maintain our full herd of technical sessions! From the ten suggested topics, six attracted abstracts and a seventh fell into place. The draft titles of our sessions include: ***From the New Librarian's View; Web 2.0/Library 2.0 Use and Misuse in Engineering Libraries; Information Literacy; Collections and Space Planning; Data / Digitization Projects; Collaboration;*** and ***Technical Papers.***

Our Directors, Nancy Linden and Linda Whang, are hard at work organizing the ***New Member's Welcome Reception*** and the ***Annual Banquet***, respectively. Our three business sessions include the Monday ***Special Interest Groups / Get Acquainted*** session, the Tuesday ***Annual Business Meeting*** (over lunch like last year), and the ***Extended Executive Committee Meeting*** at 4:30 pm on Wednesday. The business session not requested was the ***ELD Committee Meetings***. When you see the schedule, you will see how packed it is. The Committee Meetings

## Conference Program Update *(Continued from page 2)*

session would have had to have been scheduled for 7:00 am. I trust that Committee Chairs can coordinate times when their groups can meet. One suggested time is Monday from 4:30-6:00 pm during the **NSF Poster Session**.

Our first workshop is entitled **Three Rules for Great Presentations**. Lee Andrew Hilyer, from the University of Houston Libraries, plans to “combine the best evidence on multimedia learning with real-world practical guidelines and cover three simple rules for ensuring effective, learner-centered presentations.” The workshop will be onsite from 2-5:00 pm on Sunday, June 14, 2009. The second workshop’s working title is **How to Improve Teaching and Learning: Selecting and Integrated Digital Learning Materials**. Dr. Joseph Tront, from Virginia Tech, “focuses on the 10,000 educational resources cataloged in the **Engineering Pathway** digital library ([www.engineeringpathway.org](http://www.engineeringpathway.org)) and the resources and tools available for faculty to use to locate, evaluate and select helpful digital learning materials to achieve their teaching and learning goals.” This will be an onsite workshop from 9 am to Noon on Sunday, June 14, 2009.

One major change to the program this year is that ASEE will have two **Main Plenary** sessions: the usual at 8:30 am on Monday and then again at 8:30 am on Tuesday. This means that the **Distinguished Lecturers** will only be on Wednesday morning after the **ASEE Division Poster Session**. Another change involves ASEE retiring the **Emerging Trends Poster Session** on Monday afternoon and replacing it with the **NSF Poster Session**.

I want to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who has helped with the planning so far. Now that the first phase of the planning is over, many ELD members will become involved in the second phase: the Programming Committee and Development Committee will be rounding up the stray details and horse-trading with our sponsors; the Mentoring Committee may seek a posse to help our authors prepare high quality papers; and the Publications Committee will have its hands full wrangling and reviewing twenty-nine papers. All these folks will be hard at work, helping to make sure that your Austin experience will be rewarding and stimulating, whether you are new to ELD or an experienced engineering librarian.

So, mark your calendars for June 14-17, 2009. Remember to plan on the Sunday workshops and the Extended Executive Committee Meeting if those two are to be part of your Austin experience. If you arrive early or leave late, look for the CUEBALLS events scheduled for Saturday night, Sunday, and/or Wednesday evening!

The preliminary conference program is now on our website at <http://eld.lib.ucdavis.edu/conf/conf09.php>

John C. Teleha,

ELD Program Chair, 2008/2009

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## Committee Reports

### Membership Directory

ELD members;

I have prepared a December 2008 update of the ELD Membership Directory. Our Webmaster Julie Cook continues to make the latest Membership Directory available on our web site, with password protection. The password was distributed to the ELD-L listserv in September, and has not changed. The new URL is:

<http://depts.washington.edu/englib/eld/secure/2008DirDec.pdf>

I would also be happy to email a .pdf copy to individual current members of ELD on request. Feel free to email or phone the Directory Editor.

**IMPORTANT:** Please be aware that access to the ELD Membership Directory is a benefit of membership. The Directory address and password, and the information contained in the Directory should not be reproduced, copied, forwarded, edited, sold, or distributed. As you value your own privacy, so also shalt thou treat the Directory. Thank you!

James Van Fleet  
Membership Directory Editor

### Liaison Program Call for Volunteers – We Need You!

Are you active in professional associations? Do you enjoy attending conferences and meetings? Do you have an interest sci-tech information, higher education, libraries, information technology and scholarly publishing? Then don't miss this opportunity! The ELD Liaison Program is looking for volunteers to serve two-year terms as liaisons to the following organizations beginning in January 2009.

American Chemical Society  
American Society for Information Science and Technology  
International Federation of Library Associations  
Special Libraries Association - Engineering Division  
Special Libraries Association - Physics, Astronomy and Math Division  
Special Libraries Association - Sci-Tech Division

The primary purpose of the ELD Liaison Program is to facilitate the exchange of information between ELD and organizations with similar professional interests and goals. Liaisons accomplish this by working to improve the visibility of ELD within those designated organizations, representing the views of ELD, and cultivating collaborative opportunities. Liaisons are responsible for participating in the activities of both ELD and their assigned organizations and reporting on issues of interest to ELD members.

For more information about the Liaison Program, please see the ELD website at <http://depts.washington.edu/englib/eld/bylaws.php#liaisons>. If you are interested in becoming a liaison or would like to propose a new organization or conference for the program, please contact Michael White at [michael.white@queensu.ca](mailto:michael.white@queensu.ca).

### Current Liaisons

Patent Information Users Group

Mike White, 2007-2009

## Committee Reports *(Continued from page 4)*

### Awards Committee "Call for Nominations"

The ELD Awards Committee is seeking nominations for three annual awards. (The fourth award - Best Poster - is decided at the Annual Conference and Exposition in June, 2009.) Nominations are an essential part of the awards process. The committee welcomes input from engineering librarians and other colleagues.

Ask yourself the following:

- Did you write an engineering information related paper/book in 2008?
- Have you read an excellent engineering information related paper/book written in 2008?
- Have you purchased or reviewed a significant engineering information related reference work written in 2007 or 2008?

Do you know someone who deserves to be recognized for his or her "Distinguished Service" to ELD and/or engineering information?

If you answered "Yes!" to any of these questions, please take the time and effort to nominate each item you said "Yes!" too. Please feel free to nominate more than one worthy candidate. Nominations and opinions regarding reference works are particularly sought by the committee since none of us owns everything published!

The awards are listed below along with basic summaries and their respective requirements. A link to the ELD Awards web page is also included. Send all nominations via regular mail and/or e-mail to:

Alice Trussell  
Chair, ELD Awards Committee  
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Manhattan, KS 66506-1200  
[alitrus@ksu.edu](mailto:alitrus@ksu.edu)

**Please take note of the February deadlines.** Prior to 2005, the committee began their work after nominations were received at the end of March. The change to the middle of February reflects the need to have the committee finish its work on these three Awards before March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**1. HOMER I. BERNHARDT DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD** - Each year at the ASEE Annual Conference, the Engineering Libraries Division presents an award, consisting of a plaque that recognizes work that contributes to the advancement and development of excellence in engineering libraries. Membership in ASEE is not a requirement for this award.

Award nominations must include the name, title, and contact information of the nominee and nominator, nomination rationale statement, and curriculum vitae of the nominee. The rationale statement should not exceed 700 words and should clearly indicate why the candidate is being nominated for this award. Letters of support from individuals besides the person making the nomination may be included.

**Deadline for Nomination: February 5, 2009**

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**2. BEST PUBLICATION AWARD** - The purpose of this award is to honor the best new paper or non-reference monographic work in engineering information published during the year 2008.

Criteria:

1. Single or multiple authors are eligible. Works authored by Awards Committee members are ineligible during the members' term of service.
2. Work must have been published during the year prior to the year in which the award will be made.
3. Work should represent a significant contribution to the field of engineering information. Work should be scholarly, show evidence of thorough research, documentation, and critical evaluation. It should be clearly written and well organized.



**Deadline for Nomination: February 5, 2009**

**3. BEST REFERENCE WORK AWARD** - The purpose of this award is to honor the best new reference work in engineering information.

Criteria:

1. Single or multiple authors are eligible. Works authored by Awards Committee members are ineligible during the members' term of service.
2. Reference works must have been published/released during the previous two years prior to the year in which the award will be made.
3. Reference works should represent a significant contribution to the field of engineering information.
4. Works in all media are eligible.

**Deadline for Nomination: February 5, 2009**

The ELD Awards web page ( <http://eld.lib.ucdavis.edu/awards.php> ) has this detailed information on each award as well as a listing of past recipients.

Remember! Your participation in the nomination process is essential to keeping the Awards a vital part of ELD. Without your nominations, we run the risk of missing the "Best of the Best!"

Thank you all for your time and effort.

Alice Trussell  
Chair, ELD Awards Committee

## People & Places

ELD member Patricia Kirkwood is organizing a session at the 237th ACS National Meeting & Exposition in Salt Lake City, UT on March 22, 2009 that may be of interest to all engineering librarians.

### Just Enough, Just in Time

#### How Engineers use Information for Everyday Problem Solving

9:00 — Introductory Remarks.

9:05 —1. A career working with engineers and scientists: Lessons learned. J. Siess

9:35 —2. Fulfilling specialized information needs of engineers. D. Bittern

10:05 —3. Meeting the information needs of chemical engineering students. A. D. Bolek

10:35 — Panel Discussion.

For more information contact Patricia Kirkwood at [pkirkwo@uark.edu](mailto:pkirkwo@uark.edu).

## New Members

**Haymwantee Singh** is a Technical Reference Librarian at NJIT's Van Houten Library, a position she has held since September 1992. She serves as the library's liaison to the departments of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Engineering Technology, Industrial and Management Systems Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Distance Learning.

As a trained science teacher, Haymwantee taught at high school for 10 years. She obtained her undergraduate degree from the University of Guyana - majoring in mathematics, minoring in Economics. Haymwantee completed a master's degree in Industrial Engineering at Alfred University, New York, 1988 and a second master's degree in library science at the SUNY, Albany in 1992.

She was a reference librarian at IBM Technical Library, Kingston New York prior to joining NJIT. In 2001, Haymwantee served for a year as Acting Director of NJIT's Architecture Library. In addition to working in the library, she was an adjunct professor for Math 098 and MGMT 216 (Business Statistics) at NJIT.

Haymwantee's hobbies include gardening, cooking, and accompanying her husband to horse-racing events.

**Patsy Hulse** is the Engineering Library Manager and Civil and Environmental Subject Librarian at the University of Auckland, New Zealand. The University of Auckland Engineering Faculty has around 3000 students, 500 of these postgraduate students, 250 staff and is the largest engineering school in New Zealand, teaching most branches of engineering. Patsy has an undergraduate degree in German and History and a postgraduate library qualification. She has been in her current position for 18 years and prior to this was in the Cataloguing and Acquisitions Departments in the University Auckland Library for many years.

When Patsy is not busy with library work she is very occupied with her musical interests. She is principal clarinetist in the Auckland Symphony Orchestra, has a wind quintet, teaches piano and clarinet and learns singing. She has travelled to 87 countries and has been fortunate to attend the ASEE Conference 6 times since 1995. Indeed, it is possible that she holds the world record for the number of libraries she has visited (and the number of American engineering libraries).

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**Christina Mayberry** is a Science and Engineering Librarian for the Oviatt Library at California State University, Northridge, a position she has held since August 2008. In the past she has been an Information Specialist for USC's Norris Medical Library, the Manager of the Health Sciences Library at the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, and a Reference Desk Assistant and Collection Development Assistant at the Louise M. Darling Biomedical Library at UCLA. She has a BS in Chemistry from Harvey Mudd College and an MLIS from UCLA.

**Sarah McCubbin-Cain** works as an Information Specialist at the Association of State Dam Safety Officials (ASDSO) in Lexington, KY. Her primary duties include managing the ASDSO library, maintaining a comprehensive bibliographic database of dam safety news and publications worldwide, and coordinating the activities of ASDSO's Committee on Education Outreach. Sarah has been with ASDSO for about 11 years. Prior to that, Sarah taught social studies and math at a middle school as well as worked at public libraries in Lexington and Nicholasville, KY. Sarah holds an undergraduate degree in psychology, a graduate degree in education, and post-graduate studies from University of Kentucky and Georgetown College respectively. If you ask Sarah what brought her into this field, she may say: "My attraction to libraries stems from being interested in almost everything."

**Happy Holidays!**

