American Society for Engineering Education Liberal Education Division Minutes

Annual Breakfast Meeting – June 26, 2007 Hilton Hawaiian Village – Waikiki

1. Division Chair Jerry Gravender called the meeting to order.

2. Jerry Gravender thanked to Roberta Harvey for serving as program chair this year noting that some sessions had already been attended by as many as fifty people. [huge round of applause]

3. John Krupczak announced the annual LED dinner to be held at the Shizu Restaurant at the Royal Garden Hotel, 7pm June 26th, with a reception hosted by Hope John Krupczak – dinner tonight. At Shizu restaurant. Look for Royal Garden Hotel. 7:00 tonight, with a reception hosted by Hope College, Smith College, and Clarkson College.

4. The nominating committee of John Krupczak (immediate past president), Jerry Gravender (president), and Steven VanderLeest met in cyberspace and have nominated Borjana Mikic as Chair of LED and Roberta Harvey as Chair Elect of LED. No new nominations were offered. The LED vote was unanimous in support of these new officers. No oppositions and no abstensions.

5. Gary Downey was nominated for program Chair of ASEE LED for the 2008 annual meeting. Jamey Wetmore was nominated to serve an additional two year term as Secretary/Treasurer. The LED vote was unanimous in support of these officers.

6. Jerry Gravender awarded Caroline Carvill the 2007 Sterling Olmsted Award. A short biography that lists a few of her accomplishments is posted on the LED website. Heinz Luegenbiehl chaired the award committee and thanked Bruce Seely, Arthur Sacks, and Kay Neeley for their help.

7. Jerry Gravender opened the floor for general comments.

8. Arthur Sacks proposed that LED create a national visiting lecturer to visit four to six institutions throughout the course of the year, with an opening or final presentation at the ASEE annual meeting. There was a great deal of support for the idea and Jerry Gravander proposed putting together an ad hoc committee of LED to structure the program.

9. Julia Williams noted that ASEE has been tasked with picking ABET evaluators for engineering science and suggested that LED contribute to the process. There was a great deal of support for the idea, but past experiences have shown the difficulty of integrating LED ideas into the process.

10. The desire to build more ties and relationships with engineers was raised. Bill Grimson suggested that LED work with engineers rather than preach to engineers. The group decided to circulate the LED white paper, as well as shorter descriptions of LED, more broadly to help engineers interested in LED topics to become more involved in the division. There was also some discussion of having an event immediately before or after the annual meeting to make it easier for engineers to get involved with LED activities.

11. Jerry Gravender closed the meeting.