

ASEE Multidisciplinary Engineering Division Business Meeting Minutes June 24, 2013

Meeting convened at 7:30 pm (during/following dinner)

1. Circulation of sign-in sheet. Attendees (14):

Chell Roberts	chell.roberts@asu.edu	(chair)
Steve Northrup	snorthru@wne.edu	(program chair)
Gayle Ermer	germer@calvin.edu	(secretary/treasurer)
Jean Kampe	kampej@mtu.edu	(incoming secretary/treasurer)
Catherine Skokan	cskokan@mines.edu	(PIC Chair)
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Cindy Barnicki	barnickc@msoe.edu	
2. Welcome from the Division Chair and introduction of officers
3. Business Meeting Minutes from June 12, 2012 were distributed and approved.
4. Chair Report – Chell Roberts
 - Approximately 4000 attendees at this conference (roughly the same as previous two years). Division membership is stable at 1120 members.
 - The chair introduced the incoming division secretary/treasurer, Jean Kampe.
 - The possibility of charging dues for membership in the division was discussed. No motion to do so was produced.
 - ASEE requires division bylaws to be reviewed once every ten years. Ours were updated two years ago.
 - Future direction of the division was discussed. Suggestions included developing a better definition/explanation of “multidisciplinary.” Reference was made to Jim Farison’s paper describing multidisciplinary engineering programs (2010). Also, the division could use better marketing, particularly an updated website.
5. Program Chair Report – Steve Northrup
 - Number of abstracts submitted – 53 (up from 44 last year, 60 in previous year)
 - Numbers have tracked the general decline in ASEE membership/attendance
 - Papers submitted and placed in sessions – 29 (last year 30)
 - Number of sessions – 7 (5 last year, 6 previous year with 1 co-sponsored with another division)
 - One session focused on “Arts and Engineering” as a theme
 - No papers in the Poster Session

- Attendance at sessions has been good so far (20 – 35 attendees in each)
 - Best paper award of 2013 was presented to Shah, French, Rankin, and Breslow “Using Video to Tie Engineering Themes to Foundational Concepts.” Darshita Shah and Jennifer French accepted the award. This paper also won the PIC II best paper award and the overall conference best paper award.
 - A new call-for-papers will go out in July for next year’s conference.
 - Suggestions should be sent to the program chair, Gayle Ermer
 - Ideas proposed: add energy as a specific topic, emphasize K-12 and continuing education (as per advice from ASEE long range planning committee), and add assessment, particularly of hybrid or on-line courses.
6. Financial Report – Gayle Ermer
- BASS Account
 - Current balance of \$0 (since we have no dues and have received no special gifts)
 - Operating Account
 - Current balance of \$1120 (\$1 for each member of the division). Mixer supplies (~\$30), best paper award plaque, and the business meeting dinner will be paid for out of these funds, which do not carry over to the next year.
7. ASEE Accreditation Activities Committee – Chell Roberts is currently the division’s representative to this committee, which assigns ABET evaluators for general engineering programs.
8. PIC II Chair Report – Catherine Skokan
- Announced that publication cost for the ASEE on-line journal *Advances in Engineering Education* will increase from \$75 to \$250.
9. Other Business
- None

Adjournment: 9:20 pm