

American Society for Engineering Education  
MEMORANDUM

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To: ASEE IL/IN Executive Board

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Re: October 20, 2006 IL/IN Executive Board Minutes

On March 20, 2006 from approximately 10:00AM-2:00PM, the IL/IN executive board met at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI).

In attendance at the IL/IN board meeting were:

Pat Fox, Indiana University/Purdue University Indianapolis, 2007 Conference Co-Chair  
Robert Hofinger, Purdue University - Columbus, IN, Section Chair  
Mark C. Johnson, Purdue University – West Lafayette, IN, Secretary/Webmaster  
Michael Kozak, Purdue University - Richmond, IN, Past Section Chair  
Rich Pfile, Indiana University/Purdue University Indianapolis, 2007 Program Chair  
Gary Steffen, Indiana University/Purdue University - Fort Wayne, IN, 2006 Conference Chair  
John Uhran, University of Notre Dame - Notre Dame, IN, Zone II Chair

**Summary of action items from Executive Board Meeting:**

(MCJ) Make web site updates including: make sure national site links to both section and IUPUI conference site, contact Tim Mancini at national regarding use of Google search, post more information from 2006 conference.

(GS – DONE) Provide photos, papers from 2006 conference site to mcj to put on section web site.

(GS) Prepare section newsletter.

(GS) Send comments from 2006 conference survey, contact information for portfolio maker, CD creation information to 2007 co-chairs

(PF) Get new contact information for Dean at either IIT or UI Chicago.

(PF) Update schedule for student poster session. (see notes below for details)

(JU) Send best paper form North Central uses to RP/PF

(PF, RH) Follow up with people whose names were collected at ASEE national to organize some kind of “year of dialogue” event at conference.

(PF, RP) Come up with title for 2007 conference.

**Detailed notes from Executive Board Meeting: (\*\*\*) indicates action items)**

**Secretary/Webmaster Report –**

Web – hosting fee – update for 2006 highlights (need data – Gary will send link for papers

\*\*\* check national links to section & IUPUI – link to section and IUPUI – national links to IUPUI right now. Discussion – would be good for national to link to section. Contact Tim Mancini to update link. \*\*\* Contact ASEE web master or Tim Mancini about using Google.

Re newsletter – at last meeting GS agreed to do newsletter after the conference

- put in 2007 sect conf info, IPFW conference highlights

JU – Taggart Smith and self did a hardcopy newsletter some years ago. Used to include a feature on a school.

- statement from chair for newsletter
- Pat Fox will provide discussion about next conference

Discussion of how to get numbers up. Only 7 abstracts so far for section. GS – had 86/87 for 2006 section. \*\*\* action item for PF?

### **Treasurer Report (provided via email by section treasurer Carmine Polito)**

**as of 6/31:**

Bass 9538

Operating 550 (gone at end of Sep)

JU – did you roll the 550 into national teacher’s award? RH – don’t know where contribution to award came from. Might not still be too late to contact national to do this anyway \*\*\*for Bob. Operating account – you get \$1 per member. JU – can also roll into it from BASS but probably don’t want to.

### **Spring Conference Wrapup**

GS – provided budget sheets from 2006 conf. Approximately 128 registrants (not including a couple day-of posters)

18 students – a lot more than expected student participation

90 papers & tech sessions, 90 presenters

Industry came through - \$14500 from industry. One individual came through with \$11,500 (ADP). One donor bought all the meals. Two had tables (\$500 per) selling their product. One company complained about increase in amount from prior year. Book suppliers not interested in section – not big enough or didn’t reach the right people.

Approx. “profit” \$8897 – half goes to IL/IN, half to North Central. Paperwork to get this returned to section treasures is in progress. Should see in about a month.

Had representation from 12 states.

Evals 4.2/5.

General comments – 90% comments great/good. A few “interesting” comments – “wasn’t good value for \$100”, another “need to have more sessions on ... very narrow topics”. Didn’t see reason for some of the groupings of papers. \*\*\* GS – send these comments to IUPUI. Most critical comment – “be more thorough on papers, critical in evals, more of research journal orientation.

regarding financial report from 2006 conference:

“Sponsoring Dept. ECET 100%” just indicates department responsible since IPFW Continuing Ed does the administration.

The “Cont. Ed \$10/reg” was continuing ed fee for registration/accounting.

“other personal services” included pianist at reception, items for speaker, foam boards for poster session, etc.

PF – interested in type of portfolio that IPFW used. \*\*\* GS will provide contact info for supplier.

RP – asked about CD cost. Gary – sent out of campus. Not sure where appears in last budget from IPFW. \*\*\* GS will get details.

JU – why difference between sheets on income and expenditures? “Project Financial Report” is the more up to date accounting.

PF – looks like the industry donations made the difference. JU – Indy should have advantage on this with so much industry.

GS – what is reg for this year – PF- probably \$125.

### **Campus Reps**

JU – find out how many faculty (incl potential members such as librarians) in IL/IN. PF – saw IUPUI financial staff on list which doesn't make sense. Have seen long deceased members on list.

RH – purged list by sending emails & watching the bounces. There was a Prof. at Parkland College (?) in St. Louis who was only engineering Prof. and was member. JU - John Leep at Parkland College. Requested that there not be a campus rep. required. One from Indiana Inst. Of Tech in Fort Wayne, interested in getting involved again. Dean there – Steve Dessault (?)

RH – made list of all schools. Olivet Nazarene has 3-4 members but don't come to section or have campus rep.

JU – what about UI Chicago? IIT? \*\*\* PF was going to get contact for new Dean at one of those schools.

JU – did 2005 make money at NIU? GS – recall that didn't make money but Dean there made up difference, very supportive.

**Section Campus Reps** – AA not here to report.

### **Zone Report** – JU

Keep in mind, need best paper award. Anything in place for this?

JU – has something Sandy Yost used for North Central. GS – used this for IPFW. \*\*\* JU to send this to RP.

GS – if could be decided who judges are and candidate papers in advance, would help a lot. Judges can read ahead. Otherwise, judges don't have time, conflicts with moderating sessions,

etc. Also, don't schedule a best paper near end of day. Consider a session of best papers. Uhan – don't you need more than a week for setting schedule? Pat – what about best papers presented twice – once in best papers session? Gary – considered this but didn't want it competing with other sessions. Consider standalone best paper session. JU – think standalone session is good. GS – in that case, attendees could also contribute to evaluation. PF – likes idea. GS – be careful re. imbalance in areas of interest but still could be helpful. JU – important that presentation be good, not just the paper.

JU – best teacher? RH – send out request for nomination to all membership. Got 4 or 5 nominations last year.

RH – we gave 3 awards – best paper, best teacher, service award.

JU – there is a campus rep award. RH – didn't do a presentation for this. GS – don't think we did a campus rep award.

GS – service award done instead of campus rep even though it often is campus rep. Last year was section treasurer Carmine Polito.

JU – re year of dialogue – conference needs to address this. North Central is going to have a panel and solicit questions/comments from audience. Could get a hold of people who expressed interest, have conf. call, put something together. GS – what list was this? JU – list derived from responses at ASEE national survey re interest in participation. Jacobowski was one of them. \*\*\* to PF, RH – need to follow up with these people.

JU – was discussion last week (at NC?) about what “year of dialogue” meant. Plenary session was really on research in engineering education & was too narrow. More important to address whole problem of engineering educators, not just scholarship and teaching techniques, but how do we get more engineering teachers overall. Would take broader view. PF heard a recent talk on year of dialogue that was much broader. JU – “Gathering Storm” book has 12 page exec summary. We are losing engineering leadership role. JU – 7 of 8 guys in charge of China are engineers & probably all or some were educated here. Somehow – have to integrate into thinking for conference.

GS – conference usually has a title. Has IUPUI thought about. PF – have a motorsports oriented theme. \*\*\* IUPUI to work on.

JU – would be good if three sections talked to each other about conference dates. Don't know if overlap a serious issue but is problem for Zone chair. Doesn't allow to attend entirety of section conferences.

JU – don't know what you can do about this, but – problem trying to get people involved in section. RH – typically mostly Purdue. JU – research universities tend not to be so education focused. JU – see atmosphere changing at Notre Dame with 1<sup>st</sup> year program but not tenure track faculty. But was surprised to see at ASEE national people he didn't know had interest in ASEE. Don't see how to get Illinois involved. A few years ago, IL/IN was going to be dissolved and rolled into another such as NC – before IL/IN section was revived. Maybe – a repartition is in order. Based on population, IL/IN reasonable, but don't think should be population based. What happened to IIT? Voland who did IIT, now at IPFW. Tom Jac... still at IIT. Southern Ill, Bradley used to be active. Research focused schools are a problem. MCJ – commented – although I'm at Purdue main campus, I'm not a regular faculty – which is part of why I can afford to be involved this way.

### **Distributed Lunch**

Discussion of facilities – entire conference will be at Speedway Motel

JU suggestion to RH re building membership and participation – try contacting assoc. Deans instead of Deans. Purdue is pushing tech. towards research - may decrease availability of technology people. JU will check to see if there are other struggling sections.

RP – wonder if sections less relevant than they used to be.

PF is running for national VP for member affairs.

### **2007 Section Conference Plans**

PF distributed prelim schedule for conference.

PF – Jakubowski – dinner speaker. Melsa, ASEE Pres elect is unch speaker

Need industry support if reception to be at Speedway museum. Otherwise, reception will be at hotel. Had conversation with development officer about this. Pete Hylton is one in contact with hotel.

Not many abstracts received yet (5), but not due till Nov. 17.

RH – involved in instrumentation division went from 4 to 29 abstracts on last day for division at ASEE national.

RH – need time for business meeting.

MK – had business meeting Friday evening before.

RH – during 3:30-5:00 slot looks open.

MCJ – when is poster session. Pat 10:15-11:30am Sat. Others – should be longer. \*\*\*PF: will expand. Saturday morning 9-10:15 student poster judging. CORRECTION – poster judging in Sat AM session allows enough time for judging. RH – students will stay for lunch.

MCJ – concern about student drive time if they are coming for the day if student poster judging starts at 9am. \*\*\* PF - Move poster judging time to 1:30 session. Will have to shuffle another session time.

## **2008**

RH to JU – ND still on for section conference? JU – not sure, don't have a Dean yet. One possibility – like combined conference idea, thought it was effective. Not sure what distribution of participation was. GS numbers didn't divide it. MCJ – seem to recall that IL/IN was slightly better represented.

RH – Valpo interested in 2009, is some kind of anniversary year for Valpo.



PF – like idea of more joint conferences.; What about NC one time SE another. JU – SE more difficult because a much larger section.

JU – would love to see it at UIUC. Bradley had a nice meeting in 1990s.

JU – seems like when at fringes of section, attendance goes down.