

# Academy of Fellows Newsletter

## February (July) 2021

**Editor's Note:** This February / July Newsletter is a mixture of old and new with a dash of urgent, sprinkled lightly with an apology for being so darn slow ..... read on!

**From our Chair – sent to the Editor February 10, 2021. (At least one person was / is “on the ball.”)**

Greetings to all ASEE Fellows and Happy New Year! I hope you are all staying safe and well and that you have seen the recent announcement that the ASEE Annual Conference dates have been moved to **July 26-29, 2021** with the hope of holding an in-person conference in Long Beach, California. It would certainly be nice to see everyone in person again! Whether in person or virtual, the Academy of Fellows will host a meeting and welcome a new group of Fellows to the Academy. I hope you will join us for the gathering.

On a personal note, I hope you have been more successful at getting your COVID vaccine than me. Even though I do qualify under the current guidelines in North Carolina, availability of the vaccine is in short supply. A lot of patience continues to be required, along with wearing our masks, keeping our distance, and washing our hands. My husband and I are fortunate to have our younger daughter and her husband close by and in our bubble, so we do get to see them regularly. Although, the recent cool, rainy weather has limited our time on the golf course, I continue to enjoy long walks and a daily exercise regime. I am trying to stay healthy!!

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Chair, ASEE Academy of Fellows  
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P.S. On March 8, Sarah wrote: I hope you all are doing well. I finally got my first Covid vaccine shot and am scheduled for the second one on Friday. Progress!

**Now for some URGENT:** Go online [www.asee.org](http://www.asee.org) and register for our Networking Session – details below:



Information for accessing the Virtual Annual Meeting platform will be sent out to all registered attendees on Monday, July 19, 2021:

W160A · Live Interactive ASEE Fellows Networking Session - for Fellows Only

Panel ASEE Headquarters

**Wed. July 28, 2021 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM – Pacific Daylight Time**

**Online, Virtual Conference**

[Session Description](#)

This session is for new and existing ASEE Fellows!

## CONGRATULATIONS 2021 ASEE FELLOWS!

Members of the ASEE Academy of Fellows are recognized for competent, long-time, positive, and unselfish service to our Society:

- **Ronald J. Bennett**, University of St. Thomas - [RJBENNETT@stthomas.edu](mailto:RJBENNETT@stthomas.edu)
- **Carlotta A. Berry**, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology - [berry123@rose-hulman.edu](mailto:berry123@rose-hulman.edu)
- **Bobby "Grant" Crawford**, Quinnipiac University - [Grant.Crawford@quinnipiac.edu](mailto:Grant.Crawford@quinnipiac.edu)
- **Elliot P. Douglas**, University of Florida - [edouglas@ufl.edu](mailto:edouglas@ufl.edu)
- **Keith V. Johnson**, East Tennessee State University - [JOHNSONK@mail.etsu.edu](mailto:JOHNSONK@mail.etsu.edu)
- **Sharon Jones**, P.E., University of Washington Bothell - [sjones23@uw.edu](mailto:sjones23@uw.edu)
- **Donna C. Llewellyn**, Boise State University - [donnallewellyn@boisestate.edu](mailto:donnallewellyn@boisestate.edu)
- **Gary S. May**, University of California, Davis - [chancellor@ucdavis.edu](mailto:chancellor@ucdavis.edu)
- **Beena Sukumaran**, Miami University - [sukumab@miamioh.edu](mailto:sukumab@miamioh.edu)

## DID YOU KNOW?

Tim Manicom, ASEE Director, Membership writes:

ASEE Fellows can contact other Fellows using the electronic membership directory and filtering for Fellows:

<https://www.asee.org/member-resources/resources/electronic-membership-directory>

**Editor's Note:** You may also want to verify the accuracy of your own information!

## FELLOW NEWS



**Michael Loui:** EECE, Professor Emeritus, Univ. of Illinois – Champaign writes on May 27, 2021. Tom: I saw your request for news items. While I am completely failing at retirement, I have no news to share. Anyway, thanks for assembling the newsletter every year.

Thank you, Michael for the note and the inspiration!! **Question for Fellows – how many of us are using ASEE HUB effectively?** Michael is certainly on the right track!!

### Speaking of the ASEE HUB:



Thank you, Tim Manicom, ASEE Director, Membership and HQ staff for getting us started. The HUB is one of the long-promised upgrades to the ASEE computer system and member support. The Academy of Fellows has its own private communication tool thanks to ASEE HQ staff. **Please go to the HUB home page and update your profile:** <https://aseehub.asee.org/home>

ASEE Fellow meeting minutes back to 2012 have been posted in Academy of Fellows HUB files. Take a look and send any missing (archived) files to the editor for posting: [tcr@ksu.edu](mailto:tcr@ksu.edu)



**ASEE Academy of Fellows  
Minutes of the Annual Meeting  
Wednesday, June 24, 2020**

The virtual meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Sarah Rajala, Chair, ASEE Academy of Fellows. Rajala welcomed everyone and introduced the officers: Vice-Chair, Frank Croft; Newsletter Editor and Past Chair, Tom Roberts and photographer, Craig Gunn.

The purpose of the meeting was to 1) Welcome the new ASEE Fellows; 2) Recognize and celebrate the not-so-new Fellows; and, 2) Encourage those present to help recognize volunteers deserving of ASEE Fellow recognition.

Not-so-new Fellows introduced themselves along with updates about those absent.

Nine new fellows introduced themselves: Maura Borrego (University of Texas at Austin), Ken Burbank (Purdue University – Polytechnic), Janet Callahan (Michigan Technological University), Monica Cardella (Purdue University), Monica Farmer Cox (The Ohio State University), P.K. Imbrie (University of Cincinnati), Agnieszka Miquel (Seattle University), Joe Tranquillo (Bucknell University) and Margot Vigeant (Bucknell University).

There was a moment of silence for departed fellows, including Ralph Buonopane.

The 2019 Meeting minutes were distributed prior to the virtual meetings. There were no additions / corrections. Approved.

Norman Fortenberry, ASEE Executive Director was welcomed. He recognized key staff members and shared the good news that the ASEE Financials were stable, the ASEE Hub was deployed and this year's virtual conference was going well. Fortenberry also noted that ASEE would be replacing Monolith over the next year.

ASEE 2019-2020 President Stephanie Adams, University of Texas at Dallas, was introduced and thanked for her service to ASEE. She highlighted the Board of Directors efforts to adapt to the constraints imposed by COVID and the focus on diversity and inclusion. ASEE 2020-2021 President Elect Sheryl Sorby, University of Cincinnati was introduced and she congratulated the new fellows and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Old Business: Sarah Rajala introduced Lyle Feisel who is leading the Fellows History project. She thanked him for his leadership. Feisel provided an overview of the project and shared Instructions for creating member histories and posting them on-line.

New business: All present were asked to seek new Fellow candidates and support the nomination process. Quality letter writing is preferred to brief one paragraph nomination statements. No other new business.

Respectfully Submitted  
Sarah A. Rajala  
2019-2021 Chair



## MORE FELLOW NEWS

### Don Rathbone Honored



A combined live / virtual celebration was held March 19, 2021 celebrating ASEE Fellow Don Rathbone and his (now deceased) wife Lynne and their significant impact on engineering & STEM nationally and in the State of Kansas. The celebration featured impassioned messages from former students, the Dean, the Provost, K-State's President, engineering alumni, esteemed colleagues, politicians, and state and national leaders from the Board of Regents, the Board of Technical Professions, the Order of the Engineer, and MATHCOUNTS. You can see the entire ceremony at the following YouTube Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7V8me-nJMBY>

Engineers' Foundation of Kansas (EFK) President Wayne Nelson announced that **the Kansas state-wide MATHCOUNTS competition is being named in honor of Don & Lynne Rathbone**. The Rathbone celebration is the first EFK Fellow program sponsored to raise \$10+ million dollars in the next 10 years to support Kansas STEM, engineering licensure, and economic/workforce development. EFK is partnering with the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation (GMCF).



**Norman Dennis**, P.E., F.ASEE, F. ASCE, Sr. Associate Dean & Prof. of Civil Engineering retired July 19, 2021 after 25 years at the Univ. of Arkansas. Norm was named an ASEE Fellow in 2015. His ASEE service includes:

- 2015 Best overall Zone Paper, ASEE Annual Conference
- George K. Wadlin Distinguished Service Award, ASEE CE Division
- University of Arkansas Campus Representative – 13 years
- Midwest Section and CE Division Chairs

**Noel Schultz** recently tweeted on July 8, 2021:



[@WSU Noel Schulz](#)

Exciting news - drove across campus & had to stop for someone to use crosswalk. People are coming back to campus. #GoCougs

GIF <https://twitter.com/i/status/1413222218704752640>

2:43 PM · Jul 8, 2021·Twitter for Android

**So - does anyone use Twitter?** (You can follow the Editor @tcrksusig)

**Watch the ASEE Awards Ceremony / Fellows Recognition on line – Add to Your Schedule:**

[R360A·ASEE Annual Awards Ceremony Sponsored by the NSF America's Seed Fund](#)

Panel ASEE Headquarters

**Thu. July 29, 2021 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM - Pacific Daylight Time**

**Virtual, Online**

**PLEASE - DON'T BE MODEST** – send news about yourself or others to [tcr@ksu.edu](mailto:tcr@ksu.edu). We need to celebrate each other! Professional info, retirement fun – all is newsworthy!!

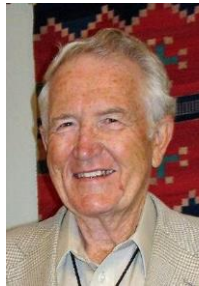
# FELLOWS REMEMBERED



**W. David Baker:** ASEE Fellow Member Mr. W. David Baker recently passed away. David had retired from Rochester Institute of Technology, College of Engineering Technology. He became a Fellow Member in 2002 and became a Life Member in 2005. Below are a few of David's other ASEE-related accomplishments:

#### LEADERSHIP / AWARDS

- ASEE Accreditation Activities Committee TAC Coordinator Jun 2011 to Jun 2012
- ASEE Accreditation Activities Committee Member Jun 2013 to Jun 2014
- ASEE Accreditation Activities Committee TAC Coordinator Jun 2015 to Jun 2016
- Fellow Member, 2002
- CIEC Best Moderator Award, 2001
- James H. McGraw Award, 1996



**Kenneth King Gowdy:** Dr. Gowdy passed away February 28, 2021. Ken served nearly 50 years at Kansas State University except for five years at Texas A&M. He served as ME professor, Assistant Dean, Head of Engineering Technology, and Associate Dean of the Carl R. Ice College of Engineering. He retired from K-State in 1997. Ken was named an ASEE Fellow in 1996.

Ken was a long-time supporter of the ASEE College Industry Education Conference (CIEC) now known as the Conference for Industry and Education Collaboration. His ASEE accomplishments included:

- CIEC General Program Chair, 1986
- National Chair Engineering Technology Division (ETD), 1984
- ETD Historical Committee, 1983-1985
- Numerous Midwest Section & Conference roles, 1970's to 1997.



**John Weese:** Passed away July 31, 2020. John earned his ME degree from Kansas State University, served in the Air Force, worked at Boeing, taught at the University of Denver and Old Dominion University, and eventually retired as an Emeritus Regents Professor from Texas A&M University. As a licensed professional engineer, John served on the Special Commission on the 1999 Texas A&M Bonfire.

John served as President of ASEE (1999-2000), named a Fellow in 1986, and was designated a Life Member. He was the recipient of multiple ASEE Awards including:

- W. Leighton Collins Award
- Frederick J. Berger Award
- ASEE Centennial Medallion Award

**Please be prepared to let us know of other Fellows to be remembered during our Annual Meeting, Wednesday, July 28, 2021, 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. PDT**



**ASEE ACADEMY OF FELLOWS ANNUAL MEETING**

**Wednesday, July 28, 2021, 8:00-9:30 a.m. PDT**

**Online Virtual Session**

**DRAFT AGENDA**

**Meeting Call to Order and Introduction of ASEE Academy of Fellows Officers**

Sarah Rajala, Chair; Frank Croft, Vice-Chair; Tom Roberts, Newsletter Editor and Past Chair; and Craig Gunn, Photographer

**Welcome to new Fellows**

**Ronald J. Bennett**, University of St. Thomas  
**Carlotta A. Berry**, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  
**Grant G. Crawford**, Quinnipiac University  
**Elliot P. Douglas**, University of Florida  
**Keith V. Johnson**, East Tennessee State University  
**Sharon A. Jones**, University of Washington Bothwell  
**Donna C. Llewellyn**, Boise State University  
**Gary S. May**, University of California, Davis  
**Beena Sukumaran**, Miami University

**Not-so-new Fellows Introductions and Greetings from Absent Fellows**

**Moment of Silence for Departed Fellows**

**Remarks: Executive Director, Norman Fortenberry**

**Remarks: ASEE Officers**

Sheryl Sorby, 2020-2021 ASEE President  
Adrienne Minerick, 2020-2021 ASEE President-Elect

**Old Business**

Newsletter Update  
ASEE Fellow History Project Update

**New Business**

Election of new Vice-Chair

**Announcements**

Next Meeting: Minneapolis, MN, June 26-29, 2022

**Adjourn**



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