

ASEE Academy of Fellows
Minutes of Annual Meeting – Wednesday, June 28, 2017, Columbus OH

The breakfast meeting was called to order at 8:25 a.m. by Tom Roberts, Chair, ASEE Academy of Fellows. Past Chair Wally Fowler and Newsletter Editor Lucy Morse were introduced as current officers. The Vice-Chair/Secretary position is vacant.

New 2017 Fellows attending the breakfast were welcomed / introduced (Kristan Constant, Ted Eschenbach, Craig J. Gunn, Beth M. Holloway, Nelson A. Macken, James R. Rowland, Cheryl B. Schrader, and Susan E. Walden). Eleven new Fellows were recognized at the conference (Michael T. Harris, Lance C. Perez, and Stephen J. Ressler did not attend the breakfast.) Not-so-new Fellows were introduced along with updates about those absent.

Tom asked attendees to sign the attendance roster. Sixty-one Fellows/guests signed the attendance rosters circulated by Lucy. Tom also asked attendees to fill out the Fellow news information forms placed at each table. The news is for a Fall newsletter. In addition to member updates and general information, Jim Melsa was recently recognized by the American Association of Engineering Societies (AAES) for his service.

The next order of business was a moment of silence for departed fellows.

2015-2016 ASEE President Joe Rencis was introduced (representing current President Louis Martin-Vega and incoming President Beville Watford). Joe updated progress on the Strategic Doing Process. He outlined Board direction to move from a managerial to strategic body, commented on ASEE debt elimination (ASEE is in the black for the first time since 2008), and, efforts to establish ASEE long-term financial planning. Joe also reported that the Board was being reorganized to strengthen communication with grass root members.

Nathan Kahl (ASEE HQ staff representing Ex. Dir. Norman Fortenberry) outlined efforts to upgrade Monolith software, improvements to the ASEE website, and HQ facility/office space upgrades. He reported a 2017 conference attendance of 4000+.

Old Business: Nathan, along with Lyle Feisel, Wally Fowler, and Walt Buchanan provided an update on the ASEE 125th Anniversary Celebration. Fellow bios are being requested with plans to enter them into a searchable database. Lyle asked for a few volunteers to beta test the data collection during the next 6 months. Wally & Walt reported on a series of telephone conferences/email strings brainstorming anniversary ideas/actions (i.e., artwork, histories, events). Nathan reported that the Anniversary Committee had a \$75,000.00 budget.

There was no new business.

Tom Roberts asked those present to seek out new Fellow candidates and support the nomination process. Quality letter writing is preferred to brief one paragraph nomination statements. New Fellows were asked to stay for photos by photographer Ed Jones. Lucy Morse reminded attendees to provide newsletter input.

The next meeting of Academy of Fellows is planned for: Tuesday, June 26, 2018, Salt Lake City UT. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Tom C. Roberts, P.E. F.ASEE, F.NSPE
2016-2018 Chair