Chair’s Column: Andrew Kline, Western Michigan University

Engineers and Friends,

As the new Chair of the North Central Section (NCS) of ASEE, I would like to welcome everyone to another academic year, and hope that everyone is off to a good start. As I look out my office window, it is easy to see that this summer has been much more pleasant in the Midwest than the droughts of 2012. The Western Michigan University campus here in Kalamazoo has filled with new and returning students, eager to soak up some knowledge as we support and engage them in their academic pursuits.

For those who were able to attend the national ASEE meeting this past June in Atlanta, you know that the ASEE is continuing outreach efforts, not only to encourage K-12 students to choose STEM fields as careers and to increase diversity and inclusion, but also to engage newer faculty and engineering professionals in the organization. This membership recruiting effort will help promote continuing input to educators from the industries where many of our students find employment, and provide professional development and networking opportunities for faculty and practicing engineers alike.

One way to become involved with ASEE on a more local level would be to participate in our section’s regional conference, to be held this April 4 and 5, 2014, at Oakland University, in the metro Detroit area. Plans are already underway for the Spring 2015 conference to be hosted by the University of Cincinnati. The ASEE NCS regional conference has been averaging more than 120 attendees each year, with 60 to 70 peer-reviewed paper presentations from undergraduate and graduate students and faculty. This conference is a great opportunity for you to present your scholarship and teaching as well as a chance for your students to present their work in a professional setting. As always, we strive to keep registration and other costs affordable. Please consider joining us this April at Oakland University for a great regional conference!

I would also like to encourage those who regularly attend the NCS regional conference to bring someone with them in April 2014 who has not previously attended. Several degree programs in engineering education
have been added at campuses within our section in the last few years, and our conference provides an opportunity for students and faculty to showcase engineering education pedagogy efforts as well as other project or research work. The ASEE NCS regional conference best paper has been selected as the best Zone II paper at the national level three consecutive years (2010-2012). The zone judging from the Spring 2013 conference best papers will be completed this fall, and we are hoping to continue our winning streak. Your hard work and contributions are being noticed beyond the boundaries of our own ASEE region.

Andrew Kline
Chair North Central Section ASEE
2014 American Society for Engineering Education
North Central Sections Conference

April 4 - 5, 2013
Oakland University
Rochester, MI
Convention Registration

Please use the link below for Convention Registration. Registration assumes payment by credit card at this link. If you want to pay Convention Registration by cash or check, please contact S. Ganesan directly at 248-370-2206 or at ganesan@oakland.edu.

Conference links (the first can be used to get to the second):

http://www.asee-ncs.org or http://www.oakland.edu/SECS/asee2014

Convention Registration rates are as follows:

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Registration will include the Friday Reception, the Saturday Lunch and Banquet.

Campus Access

Take Exit 79 off of I-75, go east 1.5 miles on University Drive. This leads directly to the main entrance of Oakland University. Parking is free and on a first come, first served basis.

Oakland University address:

2200 Squirrel Road
Rochester Hills, MI 48309
Accommodations

Hotel Information

Recommended hotels are listed below. They are within convenient driving distance of the hotel. Room reservations can be made using the information below. Please ask about special Oakland University rates. These rates are lower for participating area hotels.

Local Hotels

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[1] Extended Stay is nearest to the University and cheapest and has one room with a small kitchen

Plan ahead - Several things to seriously consider.

Register early! It will save you money and assure your attendance at the conference.

Make hotel reservations early. There are always a limited number of rooms on site.

See you at the 2014 conference.
2014 American Society for Engineering Education - North Central Section Conference
April 4-5, 2014, Oakland University, Rochester, MI 48309

Call for Papers, Posters and Workshops
Abstract deadline: January 11, 2014

Overview

Founded in 1893, the American Society for Engineering Education is a nonprofit organization of individuals and institutions committed to furthering education in engineering and engineering technology. North Central Sectional Conference is one of the sectional conferences sponsored by ASEE. Oakland University, Rochester, MI will be the host institution. Over 100 academic and industry representatives are expected at this conference. Participants will include college deans, department chairpersons, faculty in engineering and engineering technology, and industry leaders from throughout the country. The majority of the attendees, however, are engineering and engineering technology faculty.

Paper Submission

Papers are submitted in a two-stage process. First, initial versions of the paper (abstracts) must be submitted by January 11, 2014, and then they will be reviewed. You will be notified of acceptance by January 21, 2014. If you are invited to submit for the second stage of the process, you must submit a preliminary version of the complete document by February 7, 2014. These documents will then be peer-reviewed. This review and further notification will be complete by February 21, 2014. If accepted in the peer review process, final versions of the documents as they will appear in the conference proceedings must be submitted by March 8, 2014.

What May You Submit?

Education related Papers/Posters/Workshops for presentation in the 2014 Conference can be submitted in the following ways:
1. Full Papers: For completed work
2. Extended abstracts: For projects either just started or projects that are planned to begin soon
3. Workshop on Engineering Education
4. Student Submissions: For papers and poster produced by students with the supervision of faculty.

Information on each of these is provided at the North Central Section Conference website, http://www.oakland.edu/SECS/asee2014.

Abstract/Papers should be submitted at easychair.org/conferences/?conf=aseencs2014

To submit your abstract/paper, you will need to create an account as author and then submit the abstract/paper in .PDF format with at least three key words, one per line in the "keywords" boxes. Click on the appropriate box to identify the paper as "abstract," "first draft paper," or "final paper." If you experience problems submitting the paper, please contact Professor Subra Ganesan. Oakland University, phone: (248) 370-2206 or 248 635 5890 cell, email: ganesan@oakland.edu
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A note from Betsy Aller, NCS Campus Representative Coordinator:

At this year’s ASEE meeting in Atlanta, I participated in the campus representatives meeting with the ASEE national campus rep folks. We shared concerns and suggestions about a number of items. Most importantly, the poor response rate from campus reps in filing their annual reports (ours was a dismal 27%; the national range was 3% to 33%) was addressed, as was the (possibly connected) need to redesign the campus rep activity report. Breakout groups offered some excellent suggestions for the report redesign (e.g., add opportunities to list innovative activities, suggestion boxes on the report); for updating the campus rep checklist of required vs. recommended activities; and to revise the procedure for determining Outstanding Section Campus Rep awardees. I am very hopeful that the results from this June’s meeting will be made available to us before too long, and I will share it when it becomes so.

In the meantime, I ask each of you to find out two things: 1) who is your campus rep?, and 2) does that person still wish to be and will that person submit the annual report? If you are wondering who is listed for your campus rep, shoot me an email and I’ll let you know who I’ve got on my list (betsy.aller@wmich.edu). If your current campus rep is too busy / no longer interested / retired / otherwise inactive, please (tactfully, of course!) talk with your dean or associate dean and see if another, active ASEE member can be appointed. The ASEE campus rep should be the conduit and cheerleader for all things ASEE; let’s work together to strengthen this network.

Thanks!

Faculty Positions available at Oakland University

Following Faculty positions are available preferably at Assistant Professor level at Oakland University to start working from August 2014.

- Two positions in Computer Science and Engineering
- One position in Electrical and Computer Engineering
- One position in Mechanical Engineering
- One position in Industrial and Systems Engineering

Send your resume to Dr. Louay Chamra, Dean School of Engineering at chamra@oakland.edu and /or to the respective department chairs. Details about the University are available at: www.oakland.edu/secs.
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