

AAME Annual Board Meeting Minutes  
April 12, 2008, Embassy Suites, Rogers, AR  
Arkansas Academy of Mechanical Engineering

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 AM by President Chris Weiser. Thirty-four AAME members and Dr. Joe Rencis were in attendance. New member inducted on Friday night were Zane Boatright, Keith Bradshaw, Thomas Newton, and Russell Robertson. The minutes were read and approved.

Mike Hays presented the Treasurer's report and it was approved. Forty thousand dollars has recently been added to the endowment account. Total AAME assets are \$218,229.81

Frank Porbeck presented the Financial report.

Dr. Rencis presented the department report. This is the first year that freshman engineering students all have the same curriculum with the exception of the chemical engineers. Dr. Rencis stated that indications are that the mechanical department will get a large portion of the freshmen. Dr. Rencis is proposed to start small alumni meetings in several cities in the region with the hope that more interest in the department would be generated from alums that are not currently involved. The special project amounts that had been previously approved by the Board were Student Conference \$1000.00, Tile for computer classroom \$1000.00, Tables for computer room \$5500.00, Furniture \$5000.00, and Labor for installation of these items \$2500.00 for a total of \$15,000.00. The ABET reevaluation is close and Dr. Rencis explained about the program and how the AAME membership fits into it.

Bill Green gave the Bylaws report. The Bylaws have not been properly updated to include the maximum membership number of 200.

Larry Young had a report of the continuing progress for ASME and AAME to work closer together as many of the members are the same.

Michael Stewart stressed we need to start now on nominations for new members for next year. Nomination forms are available on line.

Lamar Pettus presented the nominations for the new year as Board of Directors-Jack Murders and Don Caple, President Elec Jim Kimzey, Secretary Don Johnston, Treasurer Mike Hays, and President Wayne Norton. Motion was made and seconded to accept by acclamation. Motion carried.

New President Wayne Norton took over the meeting and announced that by Executive Order Lamar Pettus would be his advisor without retainer. The next Board meeting would be a UofA Ft. Smith on Friday June 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM, details by email later. The Annual membership meeting is to remain at Embassy Suites in Rogers on the weekend picked by the Uof A Engineering Department for its Annual Awards Banquet. A tour of the ME Dept in Fayetteville will be considered for Saturday after the Annual Board Meeting.

Former President Chris Weiser presented the board with plaques made from clear thermoplastic and engraved with AAME, the members name and date of induction into AAME. These are available to any AAME member for \$30.00. Contact Chris.

Meeting adjourned 11:30AM

Don Johnston, Secretary