

AAME BOARD MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 27, 2007

A meeting of the Arkansas Academy of Mechanical Engineering was held September 27, 2007 at the Stalker Library, U of A ME Building. Those attending were Chairman Chris Weiser, Frank Porbeck, Robert Porbeck, Richard Roberts, Larry Young, Mike Hays, Mike Dacus, Dr. Joe Rencis and Cristine Wolf via conference call.

The meeting was called to order and the minutes were approved.

Treasurers report was presented by Mike Hays. Highlights: Cash and equivalents as of August 31, 2007 were \$52,560.58. The Quasi-Endowment Fund balance was \$155,428.93. AAME assets totaled \$207,989.51. The market has been good to AAME investments. \$16,762.34 was spent on AAME projects and scholarships within the ME department.

Frank Porbeck presented the Financial report. Frank pointed out that 2006 Expenditures were almost \$13,000 over budget. This was the result of a Student Retention project of \$14,000 that as budgeted for 2005 being delayed until 2006. The 2007 budget is set at \$39,000. Dues contributions are slightly ahead of previous years. Both dues paying members and dollars are up.

Larry Young discussed developing a relationship with ASME. Possibly creating an ASME nominating committee to nominate deserving AAME members and to recognize AAME members who are also ASME fellows. There will be further attempts to organize the relationship and to recognize ASME fellows at our banquet.

Dr. Rencis presented the ME Department report. He presented activities and reports in a power point presentation. That presentation may be seen by going to <http://comp.uark.edu/~jjrencis/aame/> at that location go to year 2007-08; then board of directors meeting, September 27; then click on PowerPoint File.

During Dr. Rencis' presentation there was a discussion about the need to continue Career Day. Jack Murders, Committee head for Career Day is to determine if Career Day should be continued or if some other activity, possibly in conjunction with the College of Engineering Career Day, would be more appropriate.

Melissa Longamore discussed putting the AAME books on QuickBooks. Using the accounting software to send invoices, statements and track payments in a more organized manner. Several suggestions were made to make the process more effective, including reminders about giving to AAME and Banquet reminders. Melissa will send out a revised invoice for board approval. Once approved invoices will be sent out in November ONLY to those members who have not paid dues by invoice date.

There will be a retirement celebration for Dr. Schmidt on November 30 at Carnal Hall, 4:30 to 6. Additional details will be provided as they become available.

COE Awards nominations: Tim Ferguson BSME, has been selected as a College of Engineering Young Engineer. Ed Tinsley will be given the Distinguished Engineering Alumni Award. Both will be honored at the COE awards banquet that is Thursday April 11, 2007. The AAME banquet and board meeting will be April 12 and 13.

Dr. Rencis presented a draft of the ME Department newsletter. It was very well received.

Next board meeting was set for February 15, 2007 at Arkansas Nuclear One in Russellville.