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Engineering Division

Laurie C. Allen, Chair



The objectives of the Engineering Division are to provide an association for those having an interest in library and information science as they apply to engineering and the physical sciences and to promote the use of materials and knowledge for the benefit of libraries and other educational organizations.

Welcome to 2010!

I am delighted to be serving as Chair of the Engineering Division. We have a great team working hard to serve the needs of the Division members for news, and networking opportunities this next year.

I have just returned from the Leadership Summit in St. Louis. This meeting is always great for the opportunities it provides for networking with leaders of the other divisions and of the chapters and with our association leadership. For our Division, I am happy to report that Dee Magnoni, our Past Chair, was elected a Fellow of the Association. Also elected was James Manasco, who sits on our board as the Editor of this publication.

Board members who were able to attend this meeting were: Dee Magnoni, Past Chair, and now Chair-Elect of LMD; Mary Frances Panetterie, Secretary, also attending in her role as President-Elect of the Georgia Chapter; Andy Shimp, Past Treasurer; Mary Whittaker, Treasurer; Cynthia Eastman, Conference Planner for 2011; Cheryl Hanson, ending her term as Membership Chair, (and now Treasurer for Sci-Tech); Hema Ramachandran, Chair of the Aero Section; and Adrienne Jones Washburn, Chair-Elect, Aero Section. At the Board meeting we discussed membership and recruitment, and the problem announced by headquarters of a glitch in the member profile records. We also went over expenses for the conference and for supporting officers to attend meetings. Hema and I briefed everyone on our programs for next June and then Cynthia Eastman described the early view of the sessions we will be sponsoring in 2011. Our Board meeting ended strangely, when we found ourselves locked in the ballroom area of the hotel. Luckily, Adrienne spotted a cleaner's walkie-talkie and radioed for help.

I would like to thank the 2009 Board for all their hard work in coordinating the election of officers, and the awards we offer to our members and to students. In addition, I would like to thank Sara Davis, Professional Development Chair, and Daureen Nesdill, Past President, who both spent countless hours revising our Governing

Documents. The documents were sent to HQ in December 2009 for approval. Mary Frances has offered to make the final pass when they are returned to us. At that point they will be posted on the division's website. I would also like to thank Dee Magnoni and Sara Davis for all the work they did to plan and raise money for the 2009 conference.

We currently have a vacancy on the Board for an Awards Chair. Bing will step down as soon as the awardees have been decided. I encourage any of you, especially those who are new to the association, to apply for this position. There are few better ways to get to know lots of people in the Division.

A list of the new Board members is elsewhere in this publication.

I'd like to quickly highlight the two sessions Engineering is leading in New Orleans. The annual Standards Roundtable already has over ten vendors who will describe changes in the world of specifications and standards. In addition, there will be a focus on international standards. On Wednesday morning, DENG is working with DERM and DBIO to sponsor two speakers from the area. Dr. Steve Nelson from Tulane will describe the geology of the area, and how it contributes to storm damage. Dr. Ivor van Heerden, author of "The Storm: What Went Wrong and Why During Hurricane Katrina -- The Inside Story from One Louisiana Scientist" will focus on Katrina's destructive power. For descriptions of the Aerospace Section programs, please read Hema's column.

We are not sponsoring any CE classes this year as we would like members to have the time to participate in one of the service projects scheduled by the association on either Saturday or Thursday. For those of you unable to participate in these projects, I am planning a fundraiser to be held at our DENG luncheon on Tuesday which will benefit Second Harvest of New Orleans. Details will follow in the next column. Think chocolate. Think lagniappe. ❖

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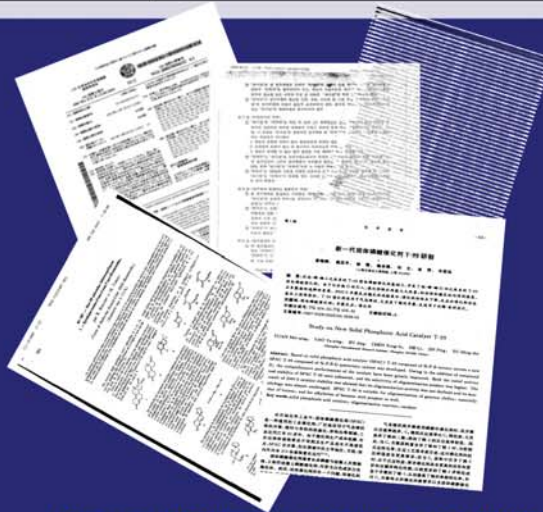
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