



# *GSD Newsletter*

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## **I. MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR**

Greetings, Dear GSD Members:

A Belated Happy New Year to all of you! I hope your New Year and new school term are going well so far.

I would like to begin my message by expressing, once again, my heartfelt congratulations to our very special friend and dear colleague, Dr. Duane Dunlap, past chair of GSD, Professor and Senior Associate Dean for Planning and Engagement, College of Technology at Purdue University, for being the inaugural recipient of Don Keating Award, which was presented to him at the GSD Business Meeting on June 12, 2012 in San Antonio. Duane's selection has certainly raised the bar for the selection of future awardees, as we begin the process for nominating and selecting the next recipients this year.



As you read the report of our annual meeting in San Antonio, our Division had a very successful program. A highlight of the GSD events in San Antonio, which is worth a special note, was the Panel on: *Future Trends, Challenges and Opportunities in Graduate Education: A Government, Industry and Academia Perspective*. I want to express my thanks to our colleague Hamid Johari for this successful event and for an outstanding job in organizing an excellent technical program in San Antonio. Also special thanks go to Joy Colwell, the GSD Secretary and the Treasurer for a great job in representing GSD and hosting the GSD table at the first "Mixer" on Sunday June 10 in San Antonio. I also need to thank our colleagues Diane Peters and Roger Olson, the two GSD Directors and members of the GSD Executive Committee, who have done an outstanding job in helping our division in so many ways. Diane deserves a special thanks for initiating and launching a LinkedIn Group for the Division, which you read about that elsewhere in this newsletter. We encourage all of you to join this Group and help us improve your Division by

sharing your ideas and feedback about GSD programs and activities.

I am also pleased to inform you that the revised Bylaws of our Division, which were voted on and approved by the GSD membership in May 2012, and which were approved by the GSD Executive Committee in June 2012, have been approved by the ASEE Board of Directors on February 3, 2013. These new Bylaws will soon be posted on the ASEE Website.

I hope all of you are planning to attend the Annual ASEE Conference, which will be held in Atlanta on June 23-26, 2013. Our colleague Hamid Johari is working hard to finalize the plans for the technical program. This year's Technical Program includes another exciting new event, a *Technical Panel on Industry Perspectives on Graduate Education* with a few highly respected industry leaders as the panelists. You will find the details of the GSD program in the next issue of our GSD Newsletter. We look forward to meeting many of you in Atlanta and we hope that you can join us at the Business meeting and the Dinner of GSD which will be held on the evening of June 24, from 6 to 8 pm. The location will be announced later.

My Best wishes to all of you,



Muhammad Noori, Chair,

Graduate Studies Division

## II. GSD OPEN POSITIONS

There will be **two positions** open next year on the Graduate Studies Division Executive Committee. One position is a two-year Director position. The other position open for nominations is the position of Secretary Treasurer, which is a two-year officer position. The GSD Executive Committee meets annually at the ASEE conference, and there will be several teleconferences during the year. The selected candidates will be formally announced at the business meeting at the 2013 ASEE Conference in Atlanta. **Nominations and volunteers (self-nominations) for the position should send an email to the Nominating Committee Chair, Roger N. Olson, at [Roger.N.Olson@rolls-royce.com](mailto:Roger.N.Olson@rolls-royce.com) as soon as possible (before March 1).** Nominations and ballots will be sent out in March for vote by the membership.

## III. 2013 ASEE CONFERENCE PREVIEW

This year we have planned for 6 technical sessions with contributed papers on topics ranging from Training of Graduate Research Assistants to Research & Graduate Studies. In addition, we have arranged for an invited panel of industry experts to discuss the future of graduate education. In collaboration with the Engineering Libraries Division, we are co-sponsoring a distinguished lecture by Michael Carroll on "Open Access and Open Educational Resources: The Internet's Growing Role in Scientific Communication and Education". Lastly, we will have our business meeting on Monday June 24, 2013 at

7:00 PM. The location for the business meeting will be announced at a later date. A detailed list of the sessions with the papers assigned to each session will be included in the next newsletter.

For any questions regarding the sessions, especially if you are interested to serve as a moderator for any of these sessions, you may contact the Program Chair, Dr. Hamid Johari, at [hjohari@csun.edu](mailto:hjohari@csun.edu)

#### IV. DONALD KEATING AWARD NOMINATION

The ASEE Graduate Studies Division has established the [Keating Award for Innovation and Leadership in Lifelong Learning in Graduate Engineering Education](#). This award is established in memory of Donald A. Keating, who, during his association with the ASEE Graduate Studies Division, epitomized the best in innovative graduate engineering education and scholarship. The award recognizes an extraordinary level of support for professional graduate education. Information about this award is found at [http://www.asee.org/member-resources/awards/full-list-of-awards/other-division-awards#Graduate\\_Studies\\_Division](http://www.asee.org/member-resources/awards/full-list-of-awards/other-division-awards#Graduate_Studies_Division) *Nominations are due by May 15.* We encourage you to nominate deserving individuals for consideration.

The 2012 recipient of this award is Dr. Duane Dunlap, of Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, who was mentioned in the President's message. Congratulations Dr. Dunlap and thank you for your contributions to graduate engineering education.

#### V. 2012 ASEE ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT

##### GRADUATE STUDIES DIVISION Program Chair's Report--ASEE June 2012

Abstracts submitted	Abstracts accepted	Drafts Submitted	Papers accepted	Drafts withdrawn	Drafts rejected
54	46	40	32	7	1

Chosen by Executive Committee as the Best Paper from the division, and nominated for the **Best Paper** was AC-2012-3274: Investigation of the Work Environment of Engineering Ph.D.s in the United States by Joy Watson and Jed Lyons, University of South Carolina. The **Best Student Paper** was AC-2012-4962: Facilitating Graduate Students' Professional Development: Implementation and Evaluation of Learning Activities, by Jiabin Zhu, Cyndi Lynch, and Monica Farmer Cox, Purdue University, West Lafayette. The GSD awards for these papers were presented at the Graduate Studies Division Business Meeting on Monday, June 11, 2012.

The papers were organized into 11 technical sessions and the business meeting. One of the sessions was a panel session entitled "Future Trends, Challenges, and Opportunities in Graduate Education: A Government, Industry, and Academia Perspective." Last year, we had three co-sponsored sessions with the Engineering Technology Division, Graduate Student Division, and the Minorities in Engineering Division. The co-sponsorships helped with attracting more people and papers from other divisions. We are grateful to everyone who volunteered to review the papers and also those who agreed to moderate the sessions at the 2012 Annual Conference.

## **VI. COMING SOON: ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWS ITEMS**

### *LINKEDIN GROUP*

Are you a member of LinkedIn? Are you aware that the Graduate Studies Division has established a LinkedIn group?

Those of you who are members of LinkedIn are probably aware of its "groups" feature. Groups allow people who have a common interest to communicate with one another, share ideas, and hold discussions. Several of ASEE's divisions have established groups and GSD is now one of them. We are planning to use the group to communicate with members of the division, hear their ideas, and foster discussions on topics of interest to our members.

The name of the group is "ASEE Graduate Studies Division", and joining it is easy for any LinkedIn member. You can either go to the Groups Directory option in the Groups menu and search for the division by name, or e-mail the group manager, Diane Peters, and request an invitation to the group. She just needs to know what e-mail address you use for LinkedIn to send the invitation, and as soon as you accept it, you'll be a member of the group. We encourage you to participate in discussions in the group, and to start discussions as well, if there's a topic you'd like to talk about. It's a great way to connect with other members of the division, share your expertise, and learn from others. We hope to see you there soon!

Diane Peters, GSD

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Conference & Exposition!**

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Atlanta, Georgia**