

**ETD Section Activities Report
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To: Mark Pagano, ETD Chair
From: Jerome Tapper
Subject: ETD Section Activities Report

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Mark,

In preparation for the ETD section activities report to be given at the CIEC2003 Conference in Tucson, I submitted a global request on the ETD list serve on November 20, 2002 to find out the names and pertinent activities information of each of the ETD geographical sections and most importantly the names of the “ETD Section Representatives” therein for these sections. To my surprise, I received many responses of which most were from people who had no idea what I was talking about. I realize that this may in part be due to my naïveté being new to this position, but that is certainly no excuse for folks in the general ETD population not knowing what or who an ETD section representative is.

Based on information received from the list serve in response to my e-mail, I propose that a call for “New” ETD section representatives be made. As this is a volunteer position, I would like to make the search for these people as easy as possible. I propose that I begin the search-request AFTER the CIEC 2003 conference. I will then send out a global list serve request with all of the pertinent information including the URL of the ASEE web site where people can go to see exactly what geographical section they belong to. Additional details will be worked out as needed.

It is my thought that what is needed here is a clear stream of continuous communication between the ETD Section Activities Coordinator (ME) and the “New” ETD Section Representatives whoever they will be. When this stream is broken, interest is lost. This spark is required to keep the fires of interest burning within each geographical sections of ETD.

Unfortunately, there is not a lot to report on but here is what I received from my list serve request:

PACIFIC NORTHWEST SECTION

Here's my depressing little report: there is not much activity in the Pacific Northwest section. For the past two years, we have not met as a governing board (we had one telephone meeting, which I missed due to classes, and one feeble e-mail attempt). Also, our section conferences for the past two years have had very low attendance. I have cut back the section's newsletter from two issues to one, due to lack of input. Very few of our group has been attending the ASEE national and FIE conferences (just two at the latter this year). I don't know if this is due to weak leadership, monumental budget cuts, or just plain inertia. We are planning a conference this spring, in late April, in conjunction with the deans' meeting in Boise. I do not have high hopes for substantial attendance. Our section seems to be fading away. Is this true of other sections, or are we unique?

Marilyn Dyrud, Oregon Institute of Technology

ST. LAWRENCE SECTION

The 2002 Meeting was held as part of the ASEE Zone 1 Meeting on April 5 and 6. The only specific section part of the program was the Student Paper Contest. 3 of the 4 entries came from ET schools, SUNYIT, RIT and SUNY Morrisville. Also, 3 of the 4 officers elected are ETD members:

Chair: John Stratton, RIT
Vice-Chair: William Leonard, RIT
Treasurer: Atlas Hsie, SUNYIT

We held an executive committee meeting on October 26 in Syracuse. Plans have been made for the Fall 2003 meeting at Queens University in Kingston, Ontario and the Fall 2004 meeting at SUNYIT in Utica, NY.

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Fall 2002 Announcements

Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee will be meeting on Saturday, October 26, 2002 at the Best Western Inn, Syracuse Airport, from 9:30 AM until 12:30 PM, with lunch following the meeting. This will be the only meeting of the section during the 2002-2003 year, as we are changing from Spring meetings to Fall meetings. The meeting is open to all St. Lawrence Section members and friends.

Agenda:

Approval of Agenda

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Fall 2003 Meeting at Queens College in Kingston

Fall 2004 Meeting at SUNYIT at Utica

Future Meetings

Best Paper Awards

Regional Report

Topics from the floor.

Fall 2003 Meeting at Queens College in Kingston, ONT

The meeting is scheduled for Oct. 24 and 25, 2003.

John Stratton, Rochester Institute of Technology

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SECTION

The spring meeting for the Rocky Mountain section will be in Park City at the Park City Marriot. The dates will be as follows. Thursday, April 10, 2003. Arrive, check in. Tour (?). Friday, April 11, 2003. Registration, presentations, awards dinner. Entertainment (?). Saturday, April 12, 2003. Presentations, officers' meeting. The tour and the entertainment will depend on the number of people that come and the interest. The Park City Marriot (on Sidewinder Drive) is offering rooms at \$69 for suites that normally go for \$269 during prime time. I already sent you my phone number and address, but here it is again in case you need it.

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Best regards,

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REMAINING SECTIONS

The following sections have not responded to my request for activity information.

1. **NEW ENGLAND SECTION**
2. **GULF SOUTHWEST SECTION**
3. **ILLINOIS-INDIANA SECTION**
4. **MIDDLE ATLANTIC SECTION**
5. **MIDWEST SECTION**
6. **NORTH CENTRAL SECTION**
7. **SOUTHEAST SECTION**
8. **NORTH-MIDWEST SECTION**
9. **PACIFIC SOUTHWEST SECTION**

Summary:

As you can see from the information provided, there seems to be a serious lack of interest among the ETD national geographical sections. It is my opinion that it will indeed take some time to rejuvenate this situation but it is not impossible. In the coming months following CIEC 2003, I plan on making every effort to gain full support of ALL of the ETD sections so that our next report will have a larger member participation.

Respectfully submitted,

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