

Conference Welcome

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Welcome to the 2012 ASEE Southeastern Section Conference. This year's theme—*The Global Reach of Engineering*—emphasizes the global horizons and impact of engineering education. Our host committee, authors, and officers have devoted much effort to make this a memorable event. The pre-conference workshops, the keynote address, the presentations and discussions in the technical sessions, the peer-reviewed papers in the Proceedings, the student poster session, and the conversations during meals and breaks will provide you with numerous opportunities for professional growth and relationship building.

The Southeastern Section has a history of well-attended conferences and engaged, active members. Our breakfast meetings are excellent forums in which to join a discussion with colleagues having similar interests. The divisions that meet during Monday's breakfast are cross-disciplinary special interest groups such as *Instructional* and *Administrative*, while the divisions that meet during Tuesday's breakfast are discipline-specific groups such as *Civil Engineering*. Participation in these meetings is the first step toward becoming involved in the leadership of the Section.

This conference is the combined effort of many dedicated people. Each of us owes a debt of gratitude to: the host-site committee; the sponsors; the keynote speaker; the Technical Program Chair; the division chairs and manuscript reviewers; the authors and officers who contributed content and prepared the Book of Abstracts and the Proceedings; the presenters and moderators in the technical sessions; the awards committee; the workshop coordinator and leaders; the executive board; and the students, faculty advisors, and officers associated with the poster session.

Our 2013 conference will be hosted by Tennessee Technological University. Please see the included Call for Papers for details.

The Southeastern Section is a very special "place" (i.e., community) because of its members: those who preceded us, those who are active today, and those who will follow. Some of our most active leaders have moved away, passed away, or taken retirements. It is my sincere hope that the legacy we leave will compare favorably to the one they left to us.

If you are actively supporting Section activities, please continue; if you are a newcomer, please help us to make the Section and its conferences even better—we can always use a few more talented authors and officers. Thanks for coming, and I hope you have a great experience—both professionally and socially—at this conference and the ones to come.

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