

Conference Welcome

Welcome to the 2013 ASEE Southeastern Section Annual Conference: *Efficient and Effective Engineering Education*. Amid an increasingly hostile political environment and seemingly constant fiscal belt tightening, engineering schools are still called upon to provide proof of continuous improvement and effectiveness within engineering education. While this dichotomy between reduced resources and increased demands may seem untenable for many of our colleagues, engineers are quite familiar with the tension between performance and cost. We have long been experts at finding efficiencies that yield systems which meet both performance and cost targets.

Thank you for joining your colleagues from around the Southeastern United States to discuss the efficiency and effectiveness needed in engineering education today. I trust that you will find workshops, presentations, discussions, and networking opportunities that stimulate new ideas for your classroom and that provide encouragement for your continued dedication to students and the learning process.

This conference is the result of long hours of planning and preparation on the part of many dedicated people. I especially thank the Conference Site Chair, Steven Click, and his TTU team for organizing the site logistics; the Technical Program Chair, Hodge Jenkins, and his team of division chairs, reviewers, paper authors, and moderators for providing an engaging technical program; the Workshop Coordinator, Stephen Canfield, and the workshop presenters for providing a wide variety of presentation topics; the Awards and Recognition Unit Chair, Richard Mines, and his team of award reviewers for recognizing outstanding contributions to engineering education in our section; the Research Division Chair, Tom Fallon, and his team of division officers, students, and faculty advisors for organizing and participating in the student poster session; the Campus Representatives Coordinator, John Brocato, and his team of camps reps. for promoting section activities within our universities; and the section officers and executive board for providing clear and informed leadership to our section.

The activities of the Southeastern Section are dependent on many volunteers joining together to tirelessly donate their time and expertise in support of engineering education. If you are a veteran member of our section, thank you for your involvement in division, unit, and section activities. If you are a newcomer, then I encourage you to join your colleagues by volunteering to work as a division officer in the area of your choice. During Monday morning's breakfast, cross-disciplinary divisions such as *Instructional*, *Administrative*, and *K-12* will meet to discuss areas of common interest, while at Tuesday's breakfast, discipline-specific divisions (*Civil*, *Mechanical*, *Electrical*, etc.) will meet.

Next year, the 2014 ASEE-SE Conference will be hosted by Mercer University in Macon, Georgia. Mercer's site host committee is already working hard to prepare for our visit. I look forward to seeing you again next year.

It has been a privilege and honor to serve as your 2012-2013 President. I thank each officer who has volunteered his or her time to support the Southeastern Section. The dedicated members in this section make service a pleasure, and I look forward to supporting the new President and officers during the upcoming year.

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