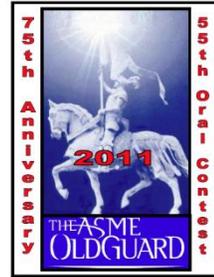


**Old Guard Committee  
Telecom Minutes  
April 23, 2019**



**On the phone:**

Dennis Armstrong – Chair

Bob Luna – Vice Chair

Hank Cook – Treasurer

M. Moman-Saunders – Secretary/Historian

Ed Seiders – Member

Lynden Davis - Member

**1) E-Fest reports: Oral & Poster competitions**

- Dennis Armstrong provided the details as no committee member attended E-Fest East (India). Turn out in India was very good. There were 27 students in the Oral competition and 19 students in the Poster competition. They had one set of winners from the Oral competition. Therefore, only one student will be invited to compete at Congress, unless a decision is made to invite the second-place winner.
- Lynden Davis provided the details for E-Fest West (California). Participation in the Old Guard Competitions were lower than expected. There were four Oral competitors and five Posters competitors, which means that two-thirds the entries won a cash award. Additionally, the first and second place poster winners were not in attendance. *Under the overarching heading “Rules and Procedures” and “Competition Entry” there is the statement, “Poster entrant must be in attendance at the E-Fest where the poster is presented.”*

Dennis will reach out to staff (Brandy and Erin) to determine if the awards were distributed appropriately. It is the consensus of the committee that the third and fourth place winners be elevated to the first and second place winners and awarded appropriately.

- Monica Moman-Saunders provided the report on E-Fest North (Michigan). There were 12 students in the Oral competition and nine students in the Poster competition. Two sessions were held; therefore, there were two sets of winners, first thru fourth place and technical.

The Awards Ceremony was a little awkward because there was only one set of trophies, first thru fourth place winners, only. There was no trophy for the technical winner. A report was provided to Brandy and Erin providing the details of who received awards and who would have to be mailed their award.

## **2) Ongoing donation activity**

- Dennis reported that Old Guard has received some donations. It appears that the problems of the past may have been resolved for now.

## **3) Old Guard Oral Competition**

Staff and others have raised some question about the Old Guard Competitions:

- Is it time revamp the Poster and Oral competitions?
- Are there other competition formats that would be more in-line with the student needs today?

Acting under the direction of Dennis Armstrong, Monica Moman-Saunders had casual conversations with students, facility advisors and ASME Staff about potential new competition. Some of the ideas that were provided are:

- Digital posters
- Video calls – interview of some sort
- Web conferences
- Group Projects – (without funding)
- Coding; Met lab programming
- Video Presentation with timed topics with solutions
- Transition preparation assistance from student to professional engineer
- Innovative concept such as Shark Tank model for presentation, and
- Graduate Student technical presentation.

## **4) Organizational details from GLDC - Staff Support**

- Dennis Armstrong and Monica Moman-Saunders attended the Group Leadership Development Conference (GLDC) in San Antonio this year.
- It appears that the Old Guard Committee will be a part of the new sector called the Member Development and Engagement Sector. This sector was formerly the Group Engagement Committee (GEC).

## **5) Annual Meeting logistics - Dennis**

- The Old Guard Committee meeting will be Sunday, leaving Monday open to attend other sector meetings.

- It is recommended that you travel Saturday through Tuesday. All are encouraged to book hotel and air reservations as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted

Monica Moman-Saunders

Secretary Old Guard Committee

## ***Taken from the Old Guard Webpage***

### Rules and Procedures

Engineers, like all professionals, must possess a well-developed ability to communicate. This poster competition, held at the [ASME E-Fest \(Engineering Festival\)](#), is designed to emphasize the ability to deliver a visual presentation. Subject matter is to be related to some area in the field of mechanical engineering.

### Administration

The Old Guard Committee sponsors the competition and all revisions.

### Contestants

To be eligible to participate, a competitor must be a Student Member of ASME who satisfies the criteria established for the Old Guard Oral Presentation Competition. Students entering the Old Guard Technical Poster Competition may not enter the Old Guard Oral Competition at the same E-Fest.

### Competition Entry

Students who wish to participate must complete the appropriate entry form and submit it to the host school of the conference their student section plans to attend.

- Visit the [E-Fest](#) website.
- Choose the location of the E-Fest your section plans to attend.
- Complete and submit the entry form for that location.
- Poster entrant must be in attendance at the E-Fest where the poster is presented.
- More than one poster submitted at a given event (E-Fest) may deal with a single project. However, each poster must be developed by the effort of the individual submitting it, not by team efforts. See below regarding acknowledgements of assistance by other students or advisors.

### Poster Presentation

Failure to abide by the following rules will disqualify the poster.

- The subject matter of the poster must address a technical, economic or environmental aspect of engineering, or other basic engineering theme, provided it pertains to some sphere in which an engineer is or should be involved
- Each poster may be no larger than 48 inches (122 cm) by 36 inches (91.4 cm) unfolded. Posters may be assembled using A4, A5 or 8½" by 11" paper panels.
- Except for fasteners (such as thumbtacks) all poster material must be flush with the board, not protruding more than 1/8 inch (3.2 mm).
- There may be no mechanical or electrical devices attached to the poster.
- There may be no materials placed in front of, above, below, or to the side of the poster.
- All material must be accessible without having to lift or turn a page.
- Each entry may have only one author printed on the poster. However, ethical policies require credit (acknowledgements) to be given on the poster for any assistance by other students or advisors.
- The name and affiliation of the author must be in a prominent place on the Poster.

### Judging

- The poster should be prepared so that it is easily understood in the absence of the author.
- Neither the author nor any other individuals may be present during the judging.
- Judging criteria are based solely on the content of the front of the poster.
- Each local competition is to be judged by at least three engineers, preferably ASME members.
- The conference Host Section is responsible for selecting the judges.

### Scoring Criteria

[Download Scoring Sheet for Technical Poster Competition](#)

### Prizes

The ASME Old Guard Committee will provide the following prizes:

- First Place: \$350 plus one-time membership upgrade
- Second Place: \$250
- Third Place: \$150
- Fourth Place: \$100

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