

# *The ASME Old Guard Committee*

**July 2019 – June 2020  
Annual Report of Activities**



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The Old Guard Committee is an ASME Group consisting of as many as seven dues-exempt ASME members dedicated to helping engineering students and early career engineers' transition between college and professional life. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 the Old Guard Committee continued to fund awards, competitions, and events related to its mission which is:

**Mission: The Old Guard Committee will develop and support innovative programs to help improve the skills of students and early career engineers in bridging the gap between college and professional life and becoming active and productive members of ASME.**

**Student competitions** sponsored and funded by the Old Guard include International Oral Presentation Competitions, Technical Poster Competitions, Technical Webpage Competitions and Oral Video Competitions for International Districts.

This was the 63<sup>rd</sup> year of International Oral Competitions for ASME student members. Awards to the winners of the International Oral Competition were presented at the annual Old Guard reception held jointly with the ASME History and Heritage Committee at the IMECE in Salt Lake City, UT.

**Awards supported by Old Guard Committee** included the Early Career Engineer Award, the Student Section Advisor Award, the Charles T. Main Award, and the Arthur Williston Award.

The Old Guard Committee works with other ASME units to improve the relevance and delivery of our existing programs as well as developing new programs through which our support and assistance might be provided to students and early career engineers consistent with our mission statement.

Web pages with committee member biographies, the committee's Operating Guide, Committee Meeting minutes, and the rules of sponsored contests, awards and grants are available on the ASME website ( [https://community.asme.org/old\\_guard/default.aspx](https://community.asme.org/old_guard/default.aspx) ) and related pages.

Members and officers of the Old Guard Committee for the July 2019 – 2020 fiscal year are:

Dennis Armstrong - Chair  
Robert Luna – Vice-Chair  
Joseph (Hank) Cook - Treasurer  
Monica Moman Sanders - Secretary  
Edmund Seiders – Member  
Rudy Landwaard - Member  
Lyndon Davis - Member

Members Emeritus of the Old Guard Committee on whom the OGC rely for advice and support are:

John Singleton  
James R. Welty  
J. Brian Dietz  
David R. Cook

Duane P. Jordan  
Pandeli Durbetaki  
William H. Coleman

## **FY 2018-2019 Old Guard Oral Competition Winners**

### **Old Guard Prize International Oral Presentation Competition**

(Conducted at IMECE Salt Lake City, Utah, November 9, 2019)

First Place	<b>Shmuel (Sam) Shollar</b>	University at Buffalo
Second Place	<b>Rodolfo Bailón</b>	Inst Tecnológico de C Juárez, Mexico
Third Place	<b>Sebastian Pinto</b>	San Francisco de Quito (USFQ) Ecuador
Fourth Place	<b>Daniel Chung</b>	United States Military Academy
Innovation Award	<b>Daniel Saromo Mori</b>	<b>Pontifical Catholic University of Peru</b>

## **2020-2021 Old Guard Early Career Award (established 1994)**

First Place: **Mr. Simon C. Pun**

Runner Up: **Mr. Harsheel Panchasara**

## **2020 Charles T. Main Student Section Award (established 1919)**

Gold Medal Winner:

Silver Medal Winner:

## **2020 Student Section Advisor Award (established 1990)**

**Dr. Mohammad Mahinfalah, Milwaukee School of Engineering**

**2020 Arthur L. Williston Award** The award was established in 1954 and funded with a bequest to ASME by Mr. Williston, an ASME Member who established this medal, which was presented for the best paper submitted in the annual competition on a subject chosen to challenge the engineering abilities of engineering students in conformance with the annual contest subject matter.

In 2018 the fund had decreased in value to a point where no further awards could

be made without extinguishing the fund. Through a joint 2 year effort by the Committee on Honors and the Old Guard committee and with approval of the Williston Family, the award has been revised as follows:

“The Arthur L. Williston Medal recognizes an engineering student or recent graduate for “fostering civic service.” The recipient(s) shall demonstrate considerable leadership in activities that “stimulate, foster or develop increased interest in, sense of responsibility for, or urge [others to] participate in social-service, civic, or public-spirited activities for the benefit of society.” Examples of such leadership may include but are not limited to serving in elected office or on active operating/advisory boards, leading initiatives on campus and/or in local community-based organizations, and participating in advocacy on important issues, particularly those relevant to engineering. Efforts that demonstrably increase civic engagement shall receive special consideration.”

The first year of the revised Williston Award will be 2021.

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## Appendix A: Winners at Competition Sites - Spring and Summer of 2020

### 2020 Old Guard Regional Oral Competitions

As a result of the Covid19 pandemic, two planned US based E -fests were cancelled. The Efest in India was held in the normal fashion and its winners are indicated below.

For the US based E-Fests, interested students were encouraged to submit electronic versions of their oral presentations which were then evaluated by subcommittees of the Old Guard Committee.

Top winners in the India Efest and those with top winning electronic submissions will compete in the Finals Competition at Portland, OR in November 2020.

### 2020 US E-Fest Winners

(Top Placed Oral Competition participants will compete at Oral Presentation Competition at IMECE in Portland OR in November 2020)

#### Group A:

First Place	Ankish Priet	San Jose State University
Second	Samarpan Deb Majumder	Institute of Engineering & Management, Salt Lake,

		Kolkata, India
Third	Noyonika Mukherjee Afaq Mazher	Institute of Engineering & Management, Kolkata
Technical	Ankish Priet	San Jose State University

### Group B:

First Place	Evan Fick	South Dakota State University
Second	Juliana Resong	Cal State University, Long Beach
Third	Manas Vyas	LNMIIT
Technical	Evan Fick	South Dakota State University

## 2020 E-Fest India Winners (held at MARWADI UNIVERSITY, Rajkot, Gujarat, India)

### Old Guard Oral Competitions

First Place \$750	Swapnil Umredkar	G H Rasoni College of Engineering
Second \$400	Kaivalya Khadilkar	Walchand College of Engineering
Third \$250	Vipanchika Surapaneni	National Institute of Technology Patna
Technical \$150	Jaswanth Kumar Tangudu	Lovely Professional University

## 2020 Old Guard Regional Poster Competitions

No Poster Competitions were held in the US because of E-Fest cancellations.

At the India E-Fest an “Elevator Pitch” contest was substituted for the Poster Contest as a trial run for potential future use. Contestants were given a relevant subject area a few minutes before the contest begins and were asked to speak extemporaneously for 3 minutes and were judged on delivery and organization of content.

First Place \$250	Radhika Dharmadhikari	Cummins College of Engineering for Women, Pune
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<b>Second</b> \$150	Archchi Ajita	College of Engineering and Technology, Bhubaneswar
<b>Third</b> \$75	Manas Vyas	The LNM Institute of Information Technology