

## Message from the 2014-2015 HTD Executive Committee to the HTD members

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for your continued support and volunteer work that keeps the 75-year legacy of Heat Transfer Division strong and makes ASME proud to be one of the most prestigious engineering professional names in the world.

Since 2013, ASME started a significant reorganization of the Society and these changes were officially rolled out in summer 2014 and reflected in 2014 IMECE through various committee meetings. To most of us the impact of this organization has not been clearly communicated, and majority of the membership were not clear about the changes. This communication is an attempt to summarize those changes in the context of their impact to HTD.

### **Some Background Information about ASME Reorganization**

- All the technical divisions submitted a petition to the ASME Board of Governors (BOG) in April 2014 via a grass-roots committee called the Special Division Steering Committee (SDSC), and expressed concern over several issues regarding the re-organization. The SDSC on behalf of Divisions made a formal and detailed presentation to BOG, but the ASME restructuring was approved nevertheless as is without incorporating concerns expressed by SDSC (see the summary report from SDSC chair in the appendix. The presentation slides are available per request).
- Several members of the BOG have expressed concerns that the volunteers' input has not been adequately considered and accounted. Two members of the BOG showed up at the HTD EC meeting on November 14, 2014 during IMECE 2014 to listen to the concerns and arguments. The impression given from them was that the board was trying to do some fine tuning to the process to incorporate more volunteer inputs. HTD looks forward to further communications and definite actions.

### **New ASME Structure, HTD Structure, K-Committee Memberships & Functioning**

- ASME has reorganized with significant changes in structure, especially in relation to the role of Divisions. The previous committees/ councils above Technical Divisions have been dissolved. Technical Events and Conferences (TEC) which, in turn, will have four segments (Energy Conversion & Storage, Energy Sciences, Energy Sources & Processing, and Design, Materials & Manufacturing.) Divisions (now called groups) can map across the segments regarding conference organizations. Other functions from divisions such as journal, awards, etc., have not clearly defined yet.
- To maintain the 75-year legacy of HTD and continue to function under the current ASME structure, HTD EC requests that K-committees to follow the HTD Operational Guidelines (formerly known as By-Laws) for the

memberships and committee activities. For example, member recruitment and participation in the K-Committee meetings should continue to follow the practice on decisions to admit new members, proper vetting and evaluation of the candidate prior to selection, and termination of membership if not an active participant (missed 2 consecutive meetings without prior information).

- To improve the communication among EC and K-committees, K-committee chairs are requested to send the current memberships and their contact information to Terry Simon at [simon002@umn.edu](mailto:simon002@umn.edu) and to [Yong.Tao@unt.edu](mailto:Yong.Tao@unt.edu) as soon as possible.
- EC will post the Operational Guidelines and pertinent announcements on the ASME.org's HTD Group web site. K-Chairs and committee members are requested to add their information in the asme.org website under the HTD Group-K committee subgroup page as soon as possible.
- K-Committees must meet twice a year to ensure proper functioning and event programming. In addition to the ASME IMECE, the second meeting should be the ASME summer heat transfer conference (SHTC). If the ASME SHTC is not held, an alternative heat transfer conference that draws in the community can be used as a venue or a teleconferencing/web-conferencing should be arranged to conduct committee business.
- Following the same Guidelines, HTD EC will continue to approve the appointments for conference chairs, K-committee chairs, editors/associate editors of the relevant journals, and other appropriate personnel changes.

### **Upcoming Conference Organization**

- Due to the process and system changes, the originally planned AJKTEC 2015 did not get approved on time through the EPAT system (which is now to be replaced by the new structures). HTD EC would like point out the following 2015 heat transfer related conferences which are available for planning by the heat transfer community.
  1. 2015 ASME Interpack/ICNMM, San Francisco, July 6-9, see [www.asmeconferences.org/interpackicnmm2015/](http://www.asmeconferences.org/interpackicnmm2015/) -abstract deadline is Dec. 8, 2014.
  2. 2015 TFESC, August 9-12, New York City -, see [astfe.org/tfesc](http://astfe.org/tfesc) (abstract deadline is Dec 15, 2014. Conference Chair- Yong Tao)
  3. 2015 IMECE, Houston, Nov. 13-19 2015 (HTD Track leader: Yaroslav Chudnovsky)
  4. 2015 ASME/ATI/UIT Conference on Thermal Energy Systems, Naples, Italy, May 17-20, 2015 (Conference chair: Richard Goldstein.)
- In 2016, the following conferences are available for the community:
  1. The First Pacific Rim Thermal Engineering Conference (joint JSME, KSME and ASTFE), March 13-17, 2016, Hawaii (Conference Co-Chair: Yong Tao)

2. 2016 ASME HT/FE Summer Heat Transfer Conference (date and location yet to be finalized and communicated. Conference Chair - Sumanta Acharya.)
3. 2016 IMECE, Phoenix, November 2016 (HTD Track Leader-Arun Muley)

- **Future Conference Plan:**

The following conference matrix (subject to change) is developed for the long-term planning by HTD committees:

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
IHTC*	X				X				X
PRIM*			w/JSME/ KSME/ ASTFE				w/JSME/ KSME/ ASTFE		
ASME SHTC			w/FED/ ICNMM	W/INTER PACK/ ICNMM	W/ ENERGY SYSTEMS / AICHE	W/ ENERGY SYSTEMS / AICHE	w/FED/ ICNMM	W/ ENERGY SYSTEMS / AICHE	W/ ENERGY SYSTEMS / AICHE
TFESC*		W/ ICHMT		W/ ICHMT		W/ ICHMT		W/ ICHMT	
IMECE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NUMBER OF CONF.	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

\*Non-ASME conferences.

Overall, HTD EC emphasizes that in developing the above matrix, it is important to understand that ASME and other organizations' conferences are complementing rather than competing with each other.

**Future Communications:**

- EC plans to hold a number of special open-teleconferences per year in addition to the on-site meetings to solicit feedbacks from K-committees and community at large

Again, thank you all for working together as a community to continue the legacy of HTD for which so many pioneers and colleagues have been working very hard for 75+ years.

**Appendix:**

**Email from the chair of SDSC. Dated: May 6, 2014**

Dear Division Leaders,

Please allow this email to provide a summary of our meeting with the ASME Board of Governors (BOG) including their response and questions. Three representatives from the Special Division

Steering Committee (SDSC) — Chair Hamid Hamidzadeh, Mike Nitzel (Pressure Vessels and Piping Division Chair), and Brad Kinsey (Manufacturing Engineering Division Chair) — were allowed to present to the BOG meeting on Thursday, April 24. During her introduction of the presentation, ASME President Madiha Kotb, mentioned her appreciation of the fact that the divisions came together to provide feedback on the reorganization plan and the collaborative effort that was made in the preparation of the petition and the Board presentation.

With all three SDSC representatives taking turns at the podium, the presentation lasted approximately 35 minutes as we covered the points in the petition along with recommendations (please see the attached presentation slides). This was followed by a lively question and answer (Q&A) session — in total, the session lasted about 58 minutes, demonstrating that the BOG was very interested in our message. Almost every BOG member who questioned us began with a “thank you again” to the SDSC for this important effort. The BOG members were instructed by President Kotb that the Q&A session was restricted to clarifying questions related to the presentation points. Many of the BOG member questions focused on the communication issues; and, the questioners agreed that communications need to be improved. Several BOG members also stated that communications was a particular point that they had emphasized to the reorganization task force and appeared disconcerted that this was an issue. They had instructed the task force not to disseminate information prior to BOG approval; but, felt that more communication was needed.

Subsequently, we received a letter on May 1, 2014 from President Kotb, who acknowledged our effort. She also stated in her letter (see the 2nd attachment) that “ I, as President, along with the Board, have acknowledged that there is a definite need for improved communications with key stakeholders, and we have taken steps to ensure that our communications as this effort moves forward will be both more consistent and more comprehensive”.

On the same date (May 1, 2014), we received an email entitled “An Important Message from the ASME President” (see the 3rd attachment). The email was sent to ASME Knowledge & Community, Institutes and other Sector and Board-Appointed Committee Leaders and Volunteers. As stated in her email, “On April 25th, the Board gave thoughtful consideration and voted to endorse the proposal of the Task Force, including the new structure.” We are disappointed with this outcome, although it is not unanticipated. We anticipate that the new structure will have a significant impact on the future operation and growth of divisions and its technical committees, influencing conference organization, awards, journals, new initiatives, budgeting, the use of custodian funds, etc.

Our committee plans to continue to serve the divisions as long as necessary as a unifying source to create a cohesive voice and a strong coalition of divisions on the critical issues. We are now discussing potential next steps for divisions and our committee — we would welcome any and all input. We are gathering both “critical” and “detailed” questions related to the new One ASME structure. We are planning to initiate further communications with the reorganization task force and President Kotb by submitting a group of key, over-arching, critical questions. You will hear from us soon to ask your inputs to the list of questions. As we go forward in this effort, the SDSC strongly urges that all divisions continue to work together as a cohesive voice for the betterment and future of ASME.

With kind regards,

Hamid R. Hamidzadeh  
Chair of Special Division Steering Committee