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The National Board Meeting of the ASME Auxiliary in Houston, Texas was called to order by President Benetta Cook at 8:30 a.m. There were nineteen (19) members and eight (8) guests in attendance. A motion was made and passed to accept the agenda for the meeting.

The Committee paused for a moment of silence for the following members and friends who have passed away; Josephine Landrey, Eloise Zowski and Peggy Lott.

Treasurer’s report showed a balance of $1,269,005.94 on July 1, 2014 and a balance of $1,330,594.29 on June 30, 2015. The Student Loan fund has a balance of $305,360.81 as of June 30, 2015 less $70,733.91 in outstanding loans. The Auxiliary received final payments for three (3) loans that have been paid in full, granted five new loans and has one in process since the June 2015 meeting.

For the 2015/2016 academic year, the Auxiliary awarded ten (10) Undergraduate Scholarships, three (3) Rothermel Scholarships (Master’s degree), two (2) Parsons Scholarships (Doctoral), three (3) Rice Cullimore Scholarships (Foreign Graduate), and ten (10) Lucy and Charles W. E. Clarke Scholarships to graduating High School Seniors on a FIRST Robotics Team.

Please refer to the ballot information on pages 3&4 for members running for office.

The ASME Presidential Team thanked the Auxiliary for their dedication to our engineering students and reminded the Auxiliary that ASME is a technology driven organization as well as a society serving its members. Therefore, is important to keep current with all the engineering disciplines as ASME moves forward.

The following motions were made;

Motion to approve the number of scholarships and the designated dollar amounts for the 2016 Auxiliary Scholarships with the understanding that the number of scholarships may change based on a review at the end of the third quarter of the Fiscal Year with the Auxiliary Treasurer and ASME Controller was made by Ella Baldwin-Viereck, seconded by Ed Seiders and passed by the assembly. The amount approved was $118,000. It was suggested that we would give 12 undergraduate, 3 Rothermel, 3 Parsons, 3 Rice-Cullimore, and 10 Lucy and Charles W.E. Clarke scholarships with an additional one available in case of a tie.

A motion was made to eliminate the position of Members at Large (MAL) Vice President, as the ballot is being incorporated into the newsletter (Pipeline). This motion was made by Ella Baldwin-Viereck, seconded by Ed Seiders and passed by the assembly.

Motion was made by Ed Seiders, seconded by Sara Sahay to elect officers using a computer survey ballot rather than paper ballot, passed the assembly.

New Business - The Auxiliary Constitution and By-laws continue to be revised and will be voted on at the June 6, 2016 Board Meeting.

Benetta Cook has agreed to be President one more year so the Auxiliary may enlist someone to run for President.

Meeting was adjourned.
**TO VOTE ONLINE.**

Please go to the link below to place your votes. The ballot will be closed on by May 23, 2016 at 12 midnight EDT.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016auxballot

Contact RuthAnn Bigley at bigleyr@asme.org if you have technical difficulties accessing the online ballot.

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<td>Brownie Roe - Brownie has been exposed to the working and events of ASME for the past 40 years as she has attended many ASME events with her husband. She especially enjoyed attending the FIRST competition where her son was a participant. Brownie has an undergraduate degree from Skidmore College in Elementary Education and a graduate degree in education from Boston University. She taught school in Massachusetts and in Greenwich, CT. Brownie is active in two Garden Clubs, in Greenwich CT and Nantucket MA, with an interest in Horticulture. The Garden Clubs support many civic projects in their communities. In Nantucket she was chairman for the Nantucket Garden Club Scholarship Committee and is an active participant in the fundraisers that support the scholarships. In Greenwich she chaired an outreach program for Head Start children at the Greenwich Library. She has also been active in her church on the Administrative Council and as a Sunday school teacher.</td>
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**Adaeze (Ada) Ezekoye** - Ada was born in eastern Nigeria. A proud and grateful citizen of the United States, she came to the US as a teenager to attend Barnard College, Columbia University. She holds a Master of Arts degree from the New School for Social Research. Ada’s extensive employment experience has been mainly in counseling and in human services. She was a college counselor and instructor for Oceanics, a maritime study abroad program based in Bergen, Norway. She was employed at the City University of New York System, eight years of which were at Hunter College in college counseling. She was a Program Specialist and Administrator, at different times, for four of Pittsburgh’s major Social Service Agencies (the YWCA of Greater Pittsburgh, Family Services of Western Pennsylvania, The Parental Stress Center, and The Community Builders Inc.). She has served on several boards including Gilda’s Club of Western Pennsylvania - a cancer support program for patients, family and friends, Parents Advisory Board of the Kiski School, a Western Pennsylvania Prep School attended by two of her sons, and a patron and volunteer of the Washington DC based African Women’s Cancer Awareness Association. She is a past president and current historian of the Aurora Reading Club of Pittsburgh - a unique 122 year old reading and social development association. Ada has travelled extensively in North America, Africa, Europe and China and is comfortable interacting with people of diverse cultures and backgrounds. She enjoys spending time with her grandchildren, participating in community events, theatre, and dancing. Ada is married to an ASME Fellow and Life Fellow, Ike Ezekoye Ph.D. (2015 recipient of the ASME S.Y. Zamrik PVP Medal and other ASME honors and awards). They are the parents of five adult children, and are blessed with seven grandchildren.

**Treasurer**

**Stella Seiders** – Stella was born in Tehran, Iran and raised in many places overseas. She has a BA in Liberal Arts from Alhikma University (affiliated with Boston College), and an MBA from the University of Tulsa. She is an Enrolled Agent (EA), registered with IRS, and has worked for H&R Block Premium for over 25 years preparing corporate and individual tax returns. She has a son and a daughter. Her husband, Ed has been a member of ASME since his student days in 1961 at Drexel University (Drexel Institute of Technology) in Philadelphia. He has a BSME from Drexel and an MBA from the University of Tulsa. He served two years in the Peace Corps in Iran (1967-1969) and after his Peace Corps service worked for 4 years for a consulting engineering firm in Tehran. He and his wife, Stella, moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1973 and, except for brief periods, have lived there to the present. They have two adult children and two grandchildren. Ed has worked for Willbros Engineers for over 35 years, and has extensive international travel as part of that position. In ASME Ed has held positions on the local Mid-Continent Section Executive Committee, has chaired the ASME Petroleum Division and the ASME Pipeline Systems Division, has been Vice President of the ASME IPTI, and has been a member of the Board of Governors (2010 to 2013). He is currently active in the organization of the International Pipeline Conference and on the Executive Committee of the Petroleum Division.

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**Auxiliary Constitution and By-Laws**

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The Constitution can be amended by a 2/3 vote at the Annual Meeting. The By-Laws can be amended by a 2/3 vote of the ASME Auxiliary National Board.
Orrin Pope, 2015 Carolyn and James M. Chenoweth Scholarship Recipient

When I started here at USU I felt like I wanted to find ways to get involved beyond just my course work, so I looked into the different engineering clubs and organizations and decided to join ASME. What I didn't know then was that being involved with a student organization would be one of the single greatest things that would help me succeed in engineering. Getting involved early, and staying involved, is the best thing that a student can do for his or her self. Whether it’s with clubs, professional societies, E-Council, Ambassadors, Honors, undergraduate/post graduate research, or other groups, students need to get involved!

Getting involved means having a support network of students will similar interests, who can be there to help you when classes get hard and you’re feeling overwhelmed. It means networking with professors and professionals, who you otherwise would not have, and who could end up possibly hiring you one day. Ask any of the faculty and they will recommend that students get involved early, and stay involved, with groups and activities beyond their coursework.

Many engineering students are following this pathway to success and are seeing the benefits that come from being involved. They don’t find time in their schedules, they make time. As the years have gone by and school work, classes, extra curricular activities, and everything else has gotten more busy, and more difficult, it just works. You become more efficient as a result of having a solid study group and network in the College. Being involved teaches you skills and attributes that you won’t learn strictly in the classroom, that’s the difference.

Orrin Pope, Engineering Senator, Utah State University Student Association
Drew Haxton, a 2015 Carolyn and James M. Chenoweth Scholarship recipient, has been named one of ASME's three New Faces- College Edition finalists.

DiscoverE has selected six ASME members and student members as finalists in the 2016 New Faces of Engineering program, which annually highlights the important contributions early career engineers and engineering students are making to the profession and to society.

Drew is a second-time nominee in the category. Haxton, who was also a nominee last year, is a student at Daniel Webster College in Nashua, N.H., where he is majoring in both mechanical engineering and aeronautical engineering. A former vice president and chair of his school's ASME student chapter, Haxton is now serving as president of the chapter. “Participating in ASME events as a freshman helped me blossom into the aspiring engineer I am today,” he said in his application. “Now as a senior and president of the ASME chapter, I make sure to put on a wide variety of events to help students embrace engineering the same way I did.” Haxton is also active in a number of clubs at his school, including the student humanitarian group Kenya Connection and the school’s music and outdoor activities clubs.

As you have read, your contributions to the ASME Auxiliary are allowing us to help students pursue their engineering dreams and stay involved with ASME. They are the future leaders of ASME.

Please visit https://www.asme.org/about-asme/news/asme-news/asmes-nominees-chosen-2016-new-faces-program, to read about the other talented ASME members and students.