

Message from the Chair

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It was with considerable honor and humility that EDGD's membership supported my ascent as the Division's Vice-Chair a little over a year ago and now my ascent as the Division's Chair. Thank you for your confidence, faith, and trust.

A special thank you needs to be extended to Norma Veurink, our immediate past chair, and her support and the mentoring she provided while I negotiated the Vice-Chair's responsibilities. I'm looking forward to her continued support and the support of the other two past chairs, Nick Bertozzi and Kevin Devine, as we move the Division forward during the 2017-18 fiscal year. I'd like to also extend my thanks to Lulu Sun our outgoing Director of Communications and welcome aboard Jen McInnis as the incoming Director of Communications.

In addition to Jen joining our 2017-18 Executive Committee, Lulu Sun will be returning as the Vice Chair. Heidi Steinhauer and AJ Hamlin will be completing their tours as Secretary/Treasurer and Director of Publications respectively, and Ted Branoff and Diarmaid Lane will continue serving as the Director Programs and Director of Membership respectively.

In the way of a reminder, as it is with each fiscal year, our mid-year conference will take place sometime between Oct 1 and Jan 31. For the 2017-18 fiscal year, it looks like we're doing another international mid-year conference—Montego Bay, Jamaica. Stay in touch for more information.

Nominations for the 2018-19 Vice-Chair, Director of Publications, and Secretary/Treasurer will close Dec 1, 2017. Ballots for these offices will go out no later than Jan 15, 2018 and will be returnable by Feb 15. If you're interested in serving, contact one of the Executive Committee members. Their names and contact information can be found at <https://edgd.asee.org/officers/index.htm>.

In conjunction with the officer elections in early 2018, we will be seeking nominations for the Distinguished Service Award. You're

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encouraged to examine the award details at <https://edgd.asee.org/awards/dsa/index.htm> and nominate a deserving Division member.

Of course, we are soliciting papers for the annual conference, which will take place in Salt Lake City, Jun 24-27—see https://www.asee.org/conferences-and-events/conferences/annual-conference/2018/papers-management/call-for-papers#cfp_1436. Feel free to contact our Program Chair, Heidi Steinhauer, if you have questions or are interested in assisting.

I'm looking forward to serving you as we negotiate ASEE's fiscal year knowing full-well the 2018 annual conference will be here before we all know it and I'll be turning the reins of the Division over to Lulu Sun, our incoming Vice-Chair.