

Message from the Chair

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Greetings EDGD family! Being an active member of this division is one of the things I cherish. The first thing I think of when planning my ASEE Annual or EDGD Midyear conference attendance is the EDGD members I will get to see, converse with, and have fun with. The conferences spark ideas and rejuvenate me professionally, but the EDGD camaraderie is what I most look forward to.

We had a wonderful Midyear meeting at Daniel Webster College this past October thanks to the superb planning of Jennifer McInnis with the help of Tim Kostar. The theme of the conference was “Digital Animation in Engineering” and Dennis Lieu, recipient of the Oppenheimer Award for the Midyear meeting, showed some remarkable examples of student animations. Special thanks go to Holly Ault, Judy Birchman, and Nick Bertozzi for their help in planning the conference. Nick brought Jen as a student to the 63rd Midyear meeting and then encouraged her to chair the 71st Midyear. Holly recruited Jen to complete her PhD at WPI and provided invaluable help in the conference planning. Holly’s husband has also been roped into the EDGD family by leading conference-related golf outings and serving a key role at our Midyear banquets. Judy is officially retired from her university position, but still faithfully contributes to our division by serving as program chair for midyear meetings, designing the EDGD banner displayed outside EDGD meeting rooms at the annual conference, and contributing in other manners. Jen, Nick, Judy, and Holly are great examples of how our EDGD family grows, works together, and supports and encourages each other.

I want to congratulate and thank the 2016 Distinguish Service Award recipient, Bob Chin, for his contributions to the division. Bob was the Director of Publications for six years, is the current Vice Chair of the Division, and has served the division in a variety of roles over the years. His acceptance speech for the award is included in this journal.

Hope you enjoy this Fall issue of the Engineering Design Graphics Journal.