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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

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What an exciting year for the Engineering Design Graphics Division! At the last Mid-Year conference in Norfolk, Virginia, the executive committee saw a need for the Division to re-evaluate our current committee structure and charges. The discussions on which charges, or duties, are still relevant to the Division and what changes should be made were interesting and lasted throughout the conference. We are now in phase two, asking the membership for their input via the EDGD listserv. The discussions have been great, but I encourage everyone to share your thoughts. It is YOUR Division!

The first listserv discussion was about moving the Journal 'online.' This topic is currently being examined and will be reported back to the membership. One thing I can tell you is we have found online software that looks very promising.

The 2008-2009 Berkeley, California, Mid-Year Conference Program Committee has also stepped up to the plate and will be implementing some new ideas, such as reaching out to the Freshman Program Division.

Speaking of conferences... the Engineering Design Graphics Division is a great forum for the exchange of ideas. Tried something new? Write a paper and share it with others by submitting it to one of our conferences and the EDG Journal. Never presented at one of our Division conferences? Try it. We would love to hear what you are doing. Stuck and need help? Attend one of our conferences. Remember, you do not have to present to attend. The 2008 Annual ASEE meeting will be in Pittsburgh June 22-25. The

2008-2009 Mid-Year EDG Division Conference will be held in sunny Berkeley, California, January 4-7, 2009, and the Annual ASEE Conference will be held in Austin, Texas, June 2009.

The Call for Papers for the up and coming Mid-Year conference in Berkeley has been issued. The abstracts are due September 5th, 2008. For more information go to <http://www.me.berkeley.edu/edgd-midyear/>

See you in Pittsburgh for a great annual meeting.

### Message from the Editor

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In the article *Spatial Visualization by Realistic 3D Views*, Jianping Yue of Essex County College tested a modified version of the Purdue Spatial Visualization Test-Visualization by Rotation on four groups of students. The findings indicated enhanced performance on the special visualization test with realistic 3D views.

So there you have it. Great research. Great writing. Great ideas. And happy *imagineering!*

I leave you with this thought:

Thomas Edison inspires me, and so does Leonardo daVinci and Albert Einstein.

Pessimists are often right, but optimists are more productive.

-- La Verne Abe Harris