

# Message from the Chair

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As I close out my tour as your 2017-18 Division Chair, please permit me to remind the Division we are 90 years old—Happy Birthday! According to the spring 1993, special edition issue of the *Engineering Design Graphics Journal*, the Division, as recounted and recorded by William B. Rogers, is 90 years old. Moreover, a transcript of the actions taken to approve the advancement of the Division from what was Committee #19, the Committee of Drawing and Design, can be found in the September 1928 issue of *The Journal of Engineering Education*.

Welcome to the new executive committee members: Nancy Study as the Director of Publications and Editor, *Engineering Design Graphics Journal* Editor; Heidi Steinhauer as the Vice-Chair; and Lulu Sun as the Chair, who rotates in from serving as the Division's 2017-18 Vice-Chair. Lulu and Heidi are Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University faculty members. So I wonder whether this portends the start of another dynasty such as those at Iowa State, North Carolina State, The Ohio State, and Purdue just to name a few.

A special thank you needs to be extended to Heidi Steinhauer for the work she did pulling our annual program together. Please add your thanks to mine when you get a moment.

Norma Veurink and Lulu Sun: thank you in particular for serving as effective bookends supporting me as I negotiated my responsibilities as Chair. Lulu, I hope I will be as supportive of your efforts when you assume responsibility as the Division Chair in June as you have of mine. While I got the basics done, I did neglect getting a few things done or at least started—specifically finding the 2017 ASEE Annual minutes, the disposition of the Orthogonal Medal, the grants Heidi Steinhauer started, and work on the Division by-laws—and that's on me. So, I guess Lulu will be assigning these to me as we get the new fiscal year started.

Regarding the by-laws, we haven't looked at them in over five years. So please consider this a call for assistance to do so. Members, especially new ones, please consider supporting this effort. The executive committee would like your input to leave the Division with up-to-date guidance and guidance that will help us negotiate the next five years. Yes, the membership gets to see them and vote on them before they're deployed.

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Thank you Ted Branoff for riding herd over the various site and program chairs for our annual and mid-year conferences. And thank you Diarmaid Lane for your service to the Division as our director of membership.

In June, Ted and Diarmaid begin their last year as our director of programs and director of membership respectively. Nominations and elections for the two directorships will take place at the end of 2018 and the beginning of 2019 in accordance with our by-laws.

Jennifer McInnis and Lulu Sun, thank you for your efforts as we proceed with the transition to the Division's new website. We're all looking forward with bated breath to its launching: about two months from what I understand.

And AJ Hamlin, our outgoing Director of Publications and *Engineering Design Graphics Journal* Editor, thank you, the reviewers, and your staff for your persistence in getting the second issue of volume 82 (2018) of the *EDGJ* published. It looks like we have the potential to get caught up in very short order given the number of manuscripts in the pipeline. I also understand that much of the credit for the high-quality product that's been produced is owed Nancy Study for bringing aboard Judy Birchman to assist.

Lastly, thank you all for the opportunity to have served.