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## Letter from the Chair

This is the first Newsletter of the Order of the Engineer. It has been designed to provide information to the links and the sponsors of links that relate to the activities of the Order on the national level. It is hoped that by providing this brief and informative newsletter a couple of times each year that the individual link organizers and members will have a greater understanding of the Order's activities to enhance the Calling of the Engineer.

On behalf of the Board of Governors and all the Links I thank Stan Wilbur for his excellent leadership of the Board this past two years and for his many years of dedicated service to the Order.

This year's Officers are Derald Morgan as Chair, Mel Anderson as Vice Chair, Ken McGowan as Secretary, and Don Rathbone as Treasurer. We are fortunate to have Paula Ostaff as our Executive Director and the quality that her excellent work for the Order has brought to the Board and the Links.

We had two members of the Board of Governors resign from the board - Gerald Jakubowski and Patricia Galloway. We are grateful to each of them for their many contributions to the enhancement and strengthening of the Order through their participation on the Board. The board also voted to extend its thanks to Richard Seely who has at his own expense attended many of the meetings. He has gathered up a significant collection of historical records and compiled them in a manner useful to our history project. A special thanks to these contributors.

Two new members were invited to replace them and they are Fred Smith of Colorado State University and Roch Larochelle of CMA Engineers.

Dr. Fred Smith was Professor and Head of Mechanical Engineering, Associate Dean and Interim Dean at Colorado State University. He is a life Fellow of the ASME and is currently the Chair of the Centennial Section of the ASME.

Roch D. Larochelle, P.E. is a Vice President at CMA Engineers in Manchester, NH. He is licensed as a Professional Engineer in New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont and Massachusetts and maintains affiliations with the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), the Institute of Traffic Engineers (ITE) and the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE).

The Order of the Engineer has gotten off to a good start this year with 6 new links chartered. They are: Society of Women Engineers Region E Link **251**, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo Link **252**, North Carolina State University Link **253**, FAMU-FSU College of Engineering Link **254**, Louisiana Engineering Society Link **255** and ASCE – Wasatch Front Branch Link **256**. Links that reactivated are: Georgia Tech Link **39**.

We continue to work toward having an active link in every Engineering College in the United States. If you are a member of the Order and know of a University near you that does not have a Link, we ask that you help us approach the Dean and the faculty and encourage their support and participation. A number of

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links have been reactivated this past year and other links are in the process of reactivating.

Our work of promoting ethics and honest enterprise among all who are ABET EAC engineering graduates has come to the attention of the engineering community of Mexico. They desire to pattern an Order after ours and have asked for our assistance in this endeavor. It seems appropriate for us to give whatever assistance we can as they seek to strengthen the engineering community in Mexico.

This past 2 years we have, under the leadership of Don Rathbone, produced and mailed 120 plaques for the links to display in their organizations display cases calling attention to the Order and the existence of a link at that University or Professional Society. Since October we have mailed 36 plaques to Links who have requested them. If you would like a plaque to display in your organization please contact Paula Ostaff and get your Link on the list. We thank Dean Rathbone for his special attention to this project of the Board of Governors.

Ongoing or new projects include:

- The development of a DVD of a typical ceremony to provide guidance in the presentation of quality ceremonies at all our links. Paul Hale is taking the lead in this effort.
- The development of a history of the Order with Susanne Leckband in charge.
- The production of a ceremonial banner for our Link ceremonies.
- The recruitment of new links and the reactivation of inactive links - a project of all members of the Board of Governors.



## Order of the Engineer Plaque

Most of you should have already received an Order of the Engineer Plaque. As you've noted, the plaque is a very attractive, genuine cherry plaque with the name and number of your link inscribed on the plaque. If you have not requested one (there is no cost to the link), we have shown below an example of one.

The actual size of the plaque is 8" x 10". To request one, simply send us: the name of your link, your link number and address where the plaque should be delivered. You can email us at: [orderofeng@hotmail.com](mailto:orderofeng@hotmail.com).



The plaque makes an excellent display on a bulletin board and helps recognize your membership in the Order of the Engineer.

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