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Letter from the Chair

Hello to All, and a special “Welcome” to the new links that have joined the Order of the Engineer this past year; Quad City Engineering and Science Council **271**, Florida Gulf Coast University **272**, Arkansas Tech University **273**, California State University Fullerton Society of Women Engineers **274**, United States Public Health Service **275**, and American Society of Agricultural & Biological Engineers **276**. Also a “Welcome Back” is extended to three links that have become active after a period of inactivity, the University of Minnesota Duluth **136**, the University of San Diego **112** and ASCE-Alaska **204**. The Order has the goal of offering the opportunity for every engineering senior to commit verbally and in writing to the ethical principles of the engineering profession by having a link in every university that has an EAC ABET approved program in engineering. Unfortunately each year a few links become Inactive. When this happens to a link located on a university campus, it is generally the case where the Contact Person is a student. They graduate, move on, change addresses and contact is lost. **I urge all links on university campuses to have a faculty member or staff person listed as the Contact Person.**

Last year was a very special occasion for The University of Akron **2** and the Ohio Northern University **5**; they each were established in 1971, making last year their 40th year anniversary. Congratulations!

A most sincere thank you is extended to the three Board of Governors members who have decided to leave the Board after many years of dedicated service; they are Donald Hiatte, P.E., Stanley Wilbur, P.E., and Dr. Fred Smith, P.E. Each one has provided sig-

nificant assistance and guidance to the Order. New Board members coming on this year are Brad Aldrich, P.E., Scott Granger, P.E., and Dr. Larry Feeser, P.E.

Thanks to the History Committee, under the leadership of the Committee Chairman J. Derald Morgan, P.E., a detailed history of the Order of the Engineer, written by historian Kip A. Wedel, will be published this Spring. Details pertaining to how and when it can be purchased will be provided on the OOE webpage.

If you have not looked at the OOE webpage recently, I encourage you to do so. Improvements and changes are continuously being made. We welcome any suggestions from you as to how the webpage could be altered to better serve all links.

In closing, I thank all of you Link Contacts, your assistants and other helpers for your continuing support in promoting and conducting Order of the Engineering initiation ceremonies and in so doing “Upholding Devotion to the Standards and Dignity of the Engineering Profession”

Mel Anderson, Ph.D., P.E. Retired
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Harvard University—Newest Link 277 in the Order

We are pleased to note that Harvard university has become a new link in the Order. According to Sujata Bhatia, Harvard University's School of Engineering and Applied Sciences held its first Order of the Engineer induction ceremony on Thursday, February 23, 2012, during National Engineers Week. Likewise, the Order is very much interested in getting other Deans of Engineering and Schools of Engineering to participate in the Order. If you are aware of schools that would be excellent candidates, please contact Executive Director Paula Ostaff.

Louisiana Tech University Ceremony



Love, love, love the banner! I displayed it in our office so our students could see it when they came in to get sized for their rings and fill out their forms. It was a big hit!

Thank you again for sending it!

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Pledge of the Computing Professional

Some colleges of engineering that also administer degrees in computer science have not joined the Order of the Engineer because their computer specialists are not eligible for OOE membership. There is now a solution to that problem. A new national organization, “The Pledge of the Computing Professional”, has been formed, (see www.Computing-Professional.org). Now a joint ceremony can be conducted during which seniors in a college can be inducted into the appropriate one of these two organizations. A link to the new computing professional ceremony will be placed on the Order’s web page.

Ceremonial Rings

In the unanimous opinion of the Board of Governors, the Induction Ceremony is significantly enhanced when each initiate receives his or her ring while placing his or her working hand through a large silver ceremonial ring. In that regard the Board had 30 large (15-inch) wooden rings (see photo below) produced at an approximate cost of \$300 and is making these rings available to links for \$100. Thus far, 24 rings have been shipped to various links. If your link is interested in purchasing a ceremonial ring, please contact Executive Director Paula Ostaff.



Plaques & Banners

You still have the opportunity to receive a free wooden plaque, suitable for displaying on a wall, which identifies your link name and number, and an OOE banner which can be displayed during initiation ceremonies, if you have not done so.

Outstanding Link Coordinator Award

The Order is initiating a new outstanding Link Coordinator Award to give special recognition to those links that have unique, progressive programs or have grown their link year after year. Links can nominate their own coordinator and/or regional governors can make nominations. A maximum of one award will be given to a region per year. Selection of the first recipient will be made at the Fall Board of Governors meeting.

Ceremony Material—Order Website

Please note that ceremony material has recently been uploaded to the Order’s website. The intent is to make it easier for each link to prepare for their ceremonies and have relevant information available to them. If you have recommendations for how we can improve this information, please let us know.

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