

## **CELLULAR AND TISSUE ENGINEERING COMMITTEE**

American Society of Mechanical Engineers  
Bioengineering Division

### **Statement of Purpose**

The purpose of the Cellular and Tissue Engineering (CTE) Committee of the Bioengineering Division (BED) of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers is to promote the exchange of information and discourse on current research, technology development, and education relevant to cellular and tissue engineering, defined broadly. The primary venue for the CTE's activities is the ASME BED's annual Summer Bioengineering Conference (SBC). The primary function of this committee is to support the program committee in developing technical sessions in cellular and tissue engineering, including the identification of session topics and organizers, special symposia, invitation of authors, support of the review process, and the organization and chairing of sessions. Specifically, the committee submits a list of these proposed topics and proposed sessions and organizers to the program committee for inclusion in the call for papers. Once the abstracts for a particular conference are received, the committee is responsible for reviewing them for appropriateness and quality and then forming final sessions to be presented at the conference. Beyond this, the committee also assists the BED through its attendance at and involvement with the BED's executive committee and other committees. Through this process, a forum is provided that affords academic researchers, educators, and industrial colleagues the opportunity for regular interaction and education in areas of current development and activity.

### **Membership**

The organization of the CTE committee consists of all members of the ASME/BED who are active and express through communication with the Chair willingness to participate in committee activities dealing with cellular and tissue engineering.

### **Leadership**

From the membership of the CTE, a chair and vice-chair each serve a three-year term. The chair is appointed by the executive committee following a recommendation from the BED's nominating committee. The vice-chair is elected through a vote of the CTE committee membership. Willing individuals from the committee are nominated and seconded, followed by a vote, usually by email. In addition, liaisons to each of the other technical committees of the BED are appointed by the Chair to aid in interfacing with that committee on various aspects such as joint programming. Theme leaders responsible for developing specific SBC programming may be appointed by the Chair on an ad-hoc basis.

### **Specific Activities**

It is the responsibility of the Chair, assisted by the Vice-Chair, to see that all activities of the committee are carried out appropriately and in a timely fashion. In addition to the responsibilities of the committee noted above, the Chair should call regular meetings of the committee, provide written agenda and minutes and follow up either directly or through delegation on issues approved and discussed at the meeting. The committee meets yearly at the SBC. Additional meetings may be arranged at the discretion of the Chair.