

The Old Guard is a group of experienced ASME members dedicated to helping engineering students and early career engineers bridge the gap between college and professional life, and involving them in ASME activities.

The Old Guard programs are funded by the generous donations of dues-exempt ASME members as well as other supporters who share a commitment to enriching the student and early career engineer experience at ASME and their transition to professional life.

THE OLD GUARD PROGRAMS

The Old Guard Programs for students and early career engineers include:

Oral Presentation Competition

Like all effective professionals, engineers must possess a well-developed ability to synthesize issues and communicate both verbally and in writing. This competition emphasizes the value of an ability to deliver clear, concise and effective presentations. Presentation topics must address a technical, economic or environmental aspect of engineering or other basic engineering theme.



Joy Davis receiving the Old Guard Prize from ASME President Thomas Barlow

Students participate in district semifinals at ASME Student Professional Development Conferences (SPDCs) worldwide, where district finalists receive awards ranging from \$500 (1st place) to \$50 (4th place). First place winners are granted an automatic ASME membership upgrade and are invited to the final competition at the

ASME International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition (IMECE), where awards range from \$2,000 (1st place) to \$500 (4th place). Travel and lodging expenses are subsidized by the Old Guard for each participating finalist to attend IMECE.

Video Presentation Competition

The Video Presentation Competition was recently launched as an exclusive new program for students in districts outside North America. As in the traditional Old Guard Oral Presentation Competition, this program rewards professionalism and exceptional communication skills among engineering students, allowing them to showcase their communication skills on a virtual platform without having to travel to conferences or events. In response to the tremendous growth of interest in Old Guard programs around the world, the Old Guard introduced this competition to engage the global ASME student community. The Old Guard provides a \$500 award to the best presenter in each district.

Early Career Forum Grants

The Early Career Forum (ECF) is designed to support graduating students and recent graduate mechanical engineers in the transition and ramp-up from university to professional life. The Old Guard and the ASME Committee on Early Career Development joined forces to provide both planning expertise and financial start-up grants to assist selected segments of other ASME communities.



Professional consultants lead a training seminar at an ASME Early Career Forum in Seattle, Washington.

Early Career Technical Conference Grants

The Early Career Technical Conferences (ECTC) is a forum for early career practicing engineers, graduate students and early career academics to present their technical work and, in the process, develop their skills in written and verbal presentations. Grants are made annually by The Old Guard to help sponsor technical conferences in ASME districts across the globe.

Early Career Engineers Award

The Old Guard contributed \$120,000 to endow this annual award, presented in recognition of outstanding early career engineers who are actively involved and invested in their profession, their communities and the work of the Society. The winner receives a \$5,000 award in addition to a prepaid membership. Finalists are also presented with a commemorative plaque.



Early Career Award winner Jennifer Jewers with former Committee on Honors Chair William Durgin, ASME Past President Thomas Barlow, and Executive Director Thomas Loughlin

Technical Poster Competition

This competition recognizes and showcases the communication skills of mechanical engineering students, as demonstrated in visual presentations. The subject matter of each poster must relate to some aspect of mechanical engineering. Winners are named at SPDCs and are awarded cash prizes as well as membership upgrades.

Web Page Competition

A competition designed to encourage the delivery of visual presentations using Web page technology. Topics must be related to a technical sphere in which an engineer is involved. Winners are named at each participating SPDC and are awarded cash prizes as well as membership upgrades.

PARTIALLY FUNDED PROGRAMS

- Charles T. Main Award
- Arthur Williston Award
- Student Section Advisors Award

THE COMMITTEE AND ITS OFFICERS

The Old Guard Committee consists of seven members who are committed to the development of the next generation of mechanical engineers and to the mission of the Society. Current members are: Duane P. Jordan (Chair), Brian Dietz (Vice Chair), Pandeli Durbetaki (Treasurer), Dennis Armstrong (Secretary), Bill Coleman, David Cook and Robert Lott. The Old Guard Committee works closely with other ASME units and staff to implement The Old Guard programs and to address the professional development needs of students and early career members.

CONTRIBUTIONS

The scope of The Old Guard programs is limited by the available funding, which comes from contributions and investment income. All dues-exempt members and other supporters who are interested are encouraged to contribute to The Old Guard to help expand the present programs and explore new and innovative ways to assist early career engineers of the future.

THE OLD GUARD CELEBRATES ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

The Old Guard will celebrate another milestone anniversary in 2011 along with the 55th Anniversary of the Old Guard Oral Presentation Competition. A reception will be hosted at the 2011 International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition (IMECE) to recognize the generous support of our donors who have sustained the Old Guard Fund and its programs for 75 years.

To learn more about the 75th Anniversary celebration or to make a donation online, visit the Old Guard Web site at <http://go.asme.org/OGDonate>. If you would like to submit a donation by mail, please make a check payable to "The ASME Old Guard" and mail to the address on the back of this brochure.

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