

## Message from the Chair

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Greetings from New England!

Reflecting on the ASEE Summer Conference back in June, I'd like to first convey my heartfelt thanks to Heidi Steinhauer, the EDGD program chair who did an exceptional job organizing the sessions and putting together the program. Thanks also to her paper review team for their hard work in reviewing the abstracts and papers, and providing feedback to the authors. The presentations were excellent!

As stated by Dennis Lieu in June 2014, the primary challenges for EDGD continue to be to:

1. Expand the scope and mission of the Division to encompass the new tools, techniques, and applications that have been developed over recent years; and update the Bylaws to reflect these changes.
2. Increase membership numbers, and decrease the average age in the Division.
3. Reinforce the importance of Visual Communication and Analysis (VCA) as a necessary part of engineering education.
4. Engage industry partners in our mission.

Thank you to Diarmaid Lane for his efforts to keep us focused on these issues, and to his Division Mixer Committee, which included Judy Birchman, AJ Hamlin, and Nancy Study. This year at the Division Mixer and the technical sessions, we were happy to display an attractive banner, and distribute EDGD pens, EDGD ads and session summary flyers. We also invited attendees to join us for coffee and donuts/muffins at Starbucks on Tuesday morning, had an excellent turn out, and enjoyed good conversation. The EDGD Social and Awards Dinner was held at the Apolline Restaurant where we had a wonderful time and enjoyed a fabulous meal.

I would like to convey congratulations to those who received EDGD awards at this conference:

- The Editor's Award – Jeremy V. Ernst, Diarmaid Lane, and Aaron C. Clark
- The Distinguished Service Award – Robert A. Chin

Special thanks to Kathy Holliday-Darr (and John) for making the trip to present the DSA award at Bob's request.

Dennis Lieu has often said that his favorite conference of the year is the EDGD Midyear Conference, where he always comes away refreshed, inspired, and full of new ideas. Thank you to Holly Ault and Kevin Devine for serving as program co-chairs for the

upcoming 71st Midyear Meeting, and to Jennifer McInnis and Timothy Kostar for serving as site co-chairs. Relevant to challenge #1 above, the Midyear will include a session for animation presentations by game design students from WPI and DWC. We are looking forward to showing everyone our fabulously warm New England hospitality! Thanks also to Sheryl Sorby and Norm Loney for the work they are doing in preparation for the 72nd Midyear Meeting in Jamaica!

Finally, thank you to Kevin Devine and Norma Veurink (and others) for your advice and support during my year as EDGD Chair. You are the best!

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