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President's Newsletter Message Warren J. DiBiase, ASTE President

Bits and Pieces ...



I am pleased to remind our members that the 2009 ASTE conference will be held at the Hartford Marriott Downtown on Wednesday January 7th through Saturday January 10th. This is the newest luxury hotel in Hartford and offers us a unique setting for our annual conference. The 409 room Hartford Marriott Downtown hotel rises 22 stories above the Connecticut River in downtown Hartford and is the only hotel located on the riverfront. The hotel is located close to I-91, I-94 and is near the Bradley International Airport. Local Hartford attractions include the Capitol, Front Street, Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts, Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, Old State House, UConn, Cabela's, great restaurants and shopping.

The Hartford Marriott Downtown offers 11 breakout rooms with 13,500 sq ft of meeting space. This is comparable to the number of breakout rooms we have had available at our recent conferences. The Hartford Marriott Downtown is connected to the Connecticut Convention Center where both plenary sessions as well as the Saturday business luncheon will be held. .

John Settlage and his co-chairs Heather Harkins and Rob Ceglie are working hard to provide a quality and professionally rewarding experience for us. I invite all of you to join us in Hartford.

The ASTE Board of Directors held its summer meeting June 4-7, 2008 at the Hartford Marriott Downtown. The agenda was full and the Board engaged in many discussions over the four day period. In addition, the Board acted on motions relevant to securing the healthy operation of the Association. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of the Board members for their time, dedication and hard work!

In an effort to secure a fundraising professional to work with us we placed a position announcement on the *Association of Fundraising Professionals* (AFP) webpage. The announcement netted us four inquiries. Three of the candidates were interviewed. At the summer Board meeting in June, the

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President's message continued

Board approved the "hiring" of Albert (Al) Schubert. Al is an experienced fundraiser with a proven track record. He is already hard at work to secure donations for the association. Meredith Beilfuss, newly appointed chair of the ad hoc Committee on Development, will work with Al on this endeavor.

In addition to securing the services of Al Schubert, the Board acted on a number of motions at the summer meeting. To begin with, the Board accepted a proposal by George Davis and Gillian Roehrig to host the 2011 annual international conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota January 20-22, 2011. As you know, ASTE members experienced a successful conference in Minneapolis in January 1998.

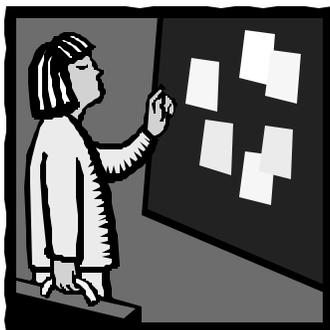
The Board approved a motion selecting David Todd Campbell as the new ASTE Newsletter Editor. He succeeds Mert Glass who is retiring. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mert for all his hard work and service to ASTE.

We have three co-editors for a newly approved ASTE sponsored monograph on the topic of environmental education. Alec Bodzin, Beth Shiner Klein and Starlin Weaver will edit the monograph. The monograph will contain 22 chapters.

On the topic of monographs, the ASTE monograph edited by Katherine Weiseman and Molly Weinburgh entitled *Becoming and Being: Women's Experiences in Leadership in K-16 Science Education Communities* should be published in time for the 2009 conference.

The Board approved a change in *Award III - Honorary Emeritus Membership* a monetary award of \$1,000. Election as an Honorary Emeritus Member is the highest recognition within the power of ASTE to confer. Any science educator who is retired (or in the last year of his/her career) and who has demonstrated a distinguished career in teaching, research, and service to ASTE and in the area of education of teachers in science is eligible for this award. In recognition of this honor, the dues of Honorary Emeritus members shall be waived, all rights and privileges of an active member shall be maintained, a plaque will be presented at the Annual ASTE Meeting, and a tribute will be printed in the awards issue of the *Journal of Science Teacher Education*. The awardee will receive a free lifetime subscription to JSTE, compliments of our publisher, *Springer*.

The Announcements



Eugene P. Wagner is the Executive Secretary of ASTE. He should be contacted with your questions, or comments, for issues associated with membership and when updating contact information.

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Do NOT forget the ASTE 2009 Annual Conference in Hartford, Connecticut

The Announcements Cont.



Our ASTE Board meeting in Hartford.

The people left to right:

Front row: Penny J. Gilmer, Bill McComas, Hedy Moscovici, Debra Tippins, Beth Klein, Randy Bell,

2nd row: Past President Janice Koch, President-Elect Jon Pedersen, Kevin Finson,

Back row: Gil Nazier, Dana Zeidler, Executive Secretary, Eugene Wagner, President Warren DiBiase.

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Make your plans now for the **ASTE 2009 International Conference.**

In Connecticut, USA at the Hartford Marriott Downtown
on Wednesday January 7th through Saturday January 10th

AETS HAS A NEW INTERNATIONAL REGION.

In recognition of the increased number of international participants and a growing interest in issues affecting science teacher education worldwide, we are happy to announce that the Board of Directors of the Association for Science Teacher Education (ASTE) has approved the creation of an International Region. This region will serve members residing outside of the United States and Canada, individuals collaborating with or working in international contexts, or any members with strong interest in issues impacting science teacher education worldwide. At present, Michael Bowen of Mount Saint Vincent University (Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada) is serving as the interim chair/president, and Deborah Tippins of the University of Georgia represents the region on the ASTE Board of Directors.

We encourage international members and scholars interested in global issues affecting science teacher education to participate in the activities of the International Region. Please send us your name, e-mail address and mailing address (at gmbowen.aste@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating in activities planned for the International Region. We are planning to organize two sessions representing issues of international interest for the forthcoming 2009 ASTE convention in Hartford, Connecticut. If you have an interest in participating in a panel about international issues in science teacher education please let us know soon. We are also in the process of developing some simple operating procedures for the International Region to be discussed at the regional meeting during the 2009 conference.

Mike Bowen

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This is my last issue as the editor of your newsletter. My most heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful people who have had any input into the process. It was always a great pleasure and joy to work with you. Our new ASTE newsletter editor is Dr. Todd Campbell. Please be as kind to him as you have been to me. Please send your submissions to:

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Thanks—
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