

MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

It is with pleasure that I write this letter to share with you the State of the AEMB Society. These past two years have been full of growth and change. After a long deliberation the Society decided to remain independent rather than join AIMBE (the American Institute of Medical and Biological Engineering). It was decided by the Advisory Board, the National Executive Council and the chapters to remain independent so that we can maintain our identity. This will require us to redouble our effort to sustain the Society with dues and charitable donations. We also appointed a new Executive Director, Marcia Pool. Dr. Pool replaces Charla Triplett who filled in after Patricia Horner was no longer able to serve in the position. Last year's convention was a great success and this year's convention in Atlanta is going to be even better, thanks largely to the efforts of Dominic Nathan, Student President, and the entire National Executive Council. This year's keynote speaker at our luncheon will be the President of Louisiana Tech University and the founder of the AEMB, Dr. Daniel Reneau. That is a great honor. We have petitioned to join the Association of College Honor Societies providing us additional recognition, exposure, and level of legitimacy. We are in the long and difficult process of compiling a list and contact information of all of the AEMB alumni, and the help of individual chapters will be crucial to the success of this important effort. Last year we added 3 new Chapters, had 2 chapters reactivated, and initiated over 500 new members, quite possibly a record year. Finally, last year the Society approved substantial changes to the constitution by adding a National (non-student) Vice President and better defining the role of the Advisory Board. After much discussion, we are proposing even more changes that will be voted on during the Convention in Atlanta, which include adding a National (non-student) Treasurer, renaming the Advisory Board as the Board of Directors, and providing for the election of non-student officers and the board by the voting of active member chapters as well as alumni. With these changes we hope to satisfy the legal requirements of 501c3 charitable corporation while still maintaining the strong and important student participation in the society's government with the national student officers. This is a feature of the AEMB that sets us apart from most other societies. We need for all chapters to review the proposed changes and provided us with comments and concerns. In closing, I want to congratulate everyone on making the AEMB Society a great one and I look forward to seeing you in Atlanta.

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