

ASEE WIED Teleconference Minutes

FEBRUARY 23, 2026

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Eastern Time

Meeting URL: <https://unab-cl.zoom.us/my/moni.quezada>

Meeting ID: 4514581486

Attendees: Brian Kirkmeyer, Gozde Ustuner, Yuchen Huang, Jena Asgarpoor, Sarah Jayasekaran, Rebecca Essig, Idalis Villanueva, Chiamaka Asinugo, Kavitha Chandra, Monica Quezada-Espinoza

Excused: Kristi Shryock, Laura Gelles, Suzanne Zurn-Birkhimer, Darcie Christense

1) ASEE WIED – Brian

- Previous minutes approved
- P12, MIND, and WIED agreed that CDEI will join the shared social event and fund entertainment.
- The three divisions will split the cost equally (one-third each).
- Recommendation for the name of the social event: CDEI & Joint Division (WIED/MIND/PCEE) Social

2) Treasurer's Report – Jena

- No news about PIC IV social
- Award claim deadline is July 31st, 2026. Future award calls should include a deadline (e.g., one to two months after the conference) for recipients to claim their award.
- The previous award recipient did not claim the award. Situation considered closed after several reminders were sent.
- Contact the ASEE accounting team to confirm whether there is a deadline for claiming awards or requesting reimbursement from the BASS account.

3) ASEE Conference – Idalis / Suzanne

- 29 papers were accepted (none rejected; accepted or accepted with revisions), 6 submissions missed the deadline, 10 authors withdrew after the abstract stage, and approximately 7–8 panels/workshops are planned.

4) Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity – Sarah / Kavitha

- A recent court decision overturned a prior Department of Education guidance discouraging DEI programs in educational institutions, allowing universities to continue supporting and implementing DEI initiatives (<https://www.aclu.org/press-releases/department-of-education-backs-down-on-unlawful-directive-targeting-educational-equity>).
- Last meeting, divisions were asked how they are addressing DEI and whether they plan to engage with CDEI at the conference; WIED may report future collaboration (e.g., the joint social event).

- DEI-related awards, clarifying that the award is an ASEE-level award coordinated through PIC representatives, with Manish Roy (CDEI) overseeing related processes and review rubrics.
 - DEI award is an ASEE-level award coordinated through PIC representatives; Manish Roy (CDEI) oversees the process and provides guidance and evaluation rubrics for the selection. Contact: Manish.roy@uconn.edu
 - Reviewers may flag papers for DEI consideration; the Program Chair applies the CDEI rubric and selects one paper per division to nominate for the DEI paper award.
 - Rubrics: <https://www.asee.org/membership-and-communities/AWARDS-HONORS/Award-List/Constituent-Diversity,-Equity-and-Inclusion-Award>
 - There has been discussion across divisions about possibly renaming the DEI award, but ASEE has not formalized any change; divisions may contact Manish Roy if they wish to propose a different name.
 - CDEI reported that there are currently no nominations for the ASEE Constituent DEI Award (recognizing institutions, organizations, or companies promoting DEI), and divisions were encouraged to submit nominations if applicable.
 - ASEE Southeast Section received the highest number of DEI-related papers (around 70+).
- 5) **Awards – Yuchen**
- One nomination has been received so far for the Wasburn Award; the nomination deadline is April 1st.
 - A reminder will be sent in the newsletter.
- 6) **Elections – Rebecca**
- No nominations have been received yet. The call has been shared via email, newsletter, and website; a reminder will be sent on March 1 before the March 15 deadline. Positions open this year include Program Chair-Elect, Secretary, Director-at-Large, and Assistant Web Manager.
- 7) **Web manager’s Report – Darcie / Chiamaka**
- Election information and call for nominations were posted on the website (Jan 30).
 - Keychains will be ordered, and the invoice will be sent to the treasurer.
- 8) **Interdivisional Town Hall – Gozde**
- The first town hall meeting took place last week. Once the recording is available, a summary will be prepared and shared with the group.
- 9) **Other**
- Link to CDEI best paper rubric: <https://diversity.asee.org/deicommitee/best-paper-rubric/>