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

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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/deicommittee/best-paper-rubric/