

# ASEE North Central Section Newsletter

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**ASEE 2009 North Central Section Spring Conference**  
**April 3 - 4, 2009, Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, MI**

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### **Chair's Column: Bob Ward, Ohio Northern University**

Welcome to the spring issue of the North Central Section Newsletter! Hope the New Year is going well for everyone. Winter has been unusual to say the least, but since this is called the Spring Newsletter it must be the beginning of spring!

Speaking of spring, with the **Spring North Central Section Conference to be held in Grand Rapids, MI**, coming up soon you should check the conference website regularly for the opening of "early bird" registration. **It is being hosted by Grand Valley State University. The conference is on April 3 and 4, 2009.** The official website is <http://faculty.gvsu.edu/chaphalp/aseenc09/>. Information is also included with this newsletter. I know they are planning an exciting and informative program. In addition to a full Saturday of technical sessions, posters and exhibits, Friday afternoon has workshops and tours planned. Of course do not miss the Opening Reception on Friday as well. This is a great opportunity to interact with colleagues.

Since I'm on the subject of spring conference, let's look ahead. In 2010 we're off to The University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA and in 2011 we will be hosted by Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, MI. Looks like some exciting sites for the upcoming conferences. If your institution is interested in hosting our spring conference in 2012 please let me know!

Each year at the section conference business meeting (at lunch on Saturday) elections are held to fill vacancies on the executive board. This year there are four vacancies: Chair, Vice Chair, Unit Director-Research and Unit Director-Instructional. If you are interested or wish to nominate a colleague, please contact Paul John at [prjohn@uakron.edu](mailto:prjohn@uakron.edu). This is a very good way to become involved with your section.

Also, during the Saturday business meeting, we will be voting on revisions to our Section Constitution and By-laws. Hopefully each of you received an e-mail from me with the revisions attached. As I stated in that e-mail, there are no major changes. These documents have not been revised in a few years and these changes simply better reflect the current way our Section is organized and run. We must have a quorum (one-half of the members registered for the conference) so please attend Saturday's lunch and business meeting.

The best to all of you as another academic year flies by. I look forward to seeing many of you in Grand Rapids for the spring conference.

**Bob Ward, Chair of the North-Central Section**

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**2009 ASEE  
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**Engineering Education for Betterment of Society**

Welcome to the [2009 ASEE North Central Section Conference](#) at [Grand Valley State University](#). We will continue the ASEE tradition of exchanging and disseminating pedagogical research and networking among engineering educators. There are always last minutes details. If you have questions beyond what is presented here, please contact the Conference Chair, Dr. Pramod Chaphalkar, 616-331-6843, [aseenc09@gmail.com](mailto:aseenc09@gmail.com), [chaphalp@gvsu.edu](mailto:chaphalp@gvsu.edu), or visit the conference website via the hyperlinks above.



*Tentative Program*

**Friday, April 3**

Workshops	2:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tours	2:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Reception	5:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, April 4**

All Sessions	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Banquet	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.



### *Hotel Accommodations*

The conference will be held at the [Courtyard Marriott](#) in downtown Grand Rapids within walking distance of Grand Valley State University. Rooms are available at \$109 per night. Please check the conference website. Information will be updated constantly as we get closer to the conference.

### **Important Dates**

<b>Paper Acceptance Notification</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>23-Feb-09</b>
<b>Conference Registration Early Bird Special</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>27-Feb-09</b>
<b>Final Paper Submission</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>20-Mar-09</b>
<b>Conference Registration, Advance Special</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>20-Mar-09</b>
<b>Conference, Day 1</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>3-Apr-09</b>
<b>Conference, Day 2</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4-Apr-09</b>

**!!!! ATTENTION !!!!**

North Central Members,

**I am now accepting nominations for the following four executive board members, who will be elected at the annual spring conference business meeting on April 4, 2009 at Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, Michigan.**

- **Chair - this is a two-year term.** The nominees shall have served as a previous Vice Chair of the North Central section.
- **Vice Chair - this is a one-year term.**
- **Unit Director Research - this is a two-year term.**
- **Unit Director Instructional - this is a two-year term.**

**For a description** of the executive board member duties see the bylaws of the North Central Section. They can be found at [www.asee-nc.org](http://www.asee-nc.org). Please forward nominations to Paul John at [prjohn@uakron.edu](mailto:prjohn@uakron.edu).

Thank you and see at the spring conference.

*Paul John, Past-Chair*

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