Everyone,
Welcome to the 2010 ASEE Southeastern Section (SE) Annual Conference: "The Engineering Educator of 2016". Now is the time to explore and reflect on what we are doing to produce a graduate engineer who is prepared and equipped to be an engineering educator. Our conference theme speaks to the need to look forward at the role we will play in producing the best “engineer of 2020”.

We have prepared an exciting program which highlights new educational practices and techniques. The workshops, technical sessions, group activities provide an excellent forum for information sharing and for building collaborative relationships. To all the participants, I thank you for being actively involved in your chapter and for making this sectional meeting a valuable and worthwhile experience.

We owe a world of thanks to the Site Committee at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University for planning and hosting this conference. Everyone is encouraged to explore and enjoy the campus and Blacksburg. In addition, I thank the section officers and those who worked to coordinate and deliver the technical program, peer-reviewed manuscripts, coordinated workshops, student poster sessions, prepared the Conference Book of Abstracts, reviewed award nominations, volunteered to moderate technical sessions, and performed all the other duties that make a conference successful. As Robert E. Lee once said, “Duty is the sublimest word in our language. You can never do more than your duty. You should never wish to do less.” My special thanks go to those individuals within the section that volunteered their time and talents to make this conference a success.

To the newcomers, I say welcome. You are part of the continuum of engineering educators who leave their mark on students eager to also leave their mark on their world. This should be an obvious theme as you participate in the technical sessions. We also want to welcome the undergraduate and graduate students who are participating in the conference technical sessions and/or poster session. We hope you consider a future that includes the professoriate. It is a worthy calling.

As your President, I do not have to remind you that the Southeastern Section is one of the most engaged and active sections in ASEE. We have a legacy of participation within the section and at our annual conference. In keeping with this legacy, I ask our new members to consider participating in your area of interest. Our continued success depends on people who understand the value of personal and professional growth through service.

To everyone, I look forward to seeing you at The Citadel in 2011. Springtime in Charleston is normally a wonderful time of the year, and I hear that the 2011 Site Committee is planning some special activities. So make your plans now for the 2011 ASEE-SE Annual Conference.

As I prepare to pass the gavel to the next President, I would like to thank everyone involved with ASEE SE and to all of those who came before us and who laid the groundwork for such a successful and inspiring organization. Thank you. See you in Charleston, SC in 2011.

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