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MECHANICAL ENGINEERING ALUMNI SOCIETY

News *and* Events

A CHARTERED ALUMNI SOCIETY OF THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.

2006 - 2007 Mechanical Engineering Alumni Society News

The past year has been an exciting one for the ME department – with the opening of the brand new Scott Laboratory – and for the Mechanical Engineering Alumni Society (MEAS) – with the election of a new president!

During elections at our annual fall football tailgate, Rich Granger was elected as the new MEAS president, John Monahan was re-elected as treasurer, and Roger Sanzo was re-elected as secretary. The MEAS board extends its sincere thanks to Jeff White for his outstanding service as MEAS president. Jeff generously continues to participate in our board meetings and events. The MEAS board also welcomed a new member – Andrew Gilbert, a 2006 ME graduate. Andrew is helping us with events for recent graduates, so if you have any suggestions or would like to get involved, feel free to send him an e-mail at dandrewgilbert@gmail.com. Welcome aboard, Andrew!

Last year's football tailgate was held at the Ohio Union before the Northern Illinois game. During the event, we recognized outstanding alumni in industry and academia. Mr. Leonard Senkfor (Class of 1951) was honored for his work in industry and Dr. J. Wesley Hines (Class of 1992, 1994) was honored for his work in academia. Congratulations again to these two outstanding alumni! Be sure to join us for this year's event, when we begin a new MEAS tradition – a pre-game tailgate at the brand new Scott Laboratory! See below for more details, and see inside for the football ticket application. If your membership is due for renewal, you can use the enclosed form to renew your membership. For your convenience, we're looking into setting up an online membership renewal website – watch your email inbox for details over the upcoming year!

In December, we hosted an OSU men's basketball event before the game against Cleveland State. Several of our alumni members gathered at Wendell's on Lane Avenue before the game, and everyone enjoyed an exciting game with great seats behind the basket.

We held our annual OSU men's hockey event in February. Alumni and students gathered before the game at the Center for Automotive Research (CAR) on Kinnear Avenue, where Frank Ohlemacher and several student volunteers generously gave a tour of the facility. After checking out the exciting projects (including the world record-setting Buckeye Bullet), the group headed over to the Schottenstein Center to watch an exciting victory over arch-rival Michigan. We're already planning next year's hockey event for one of the Michigan games – watch your e-mail inbox for more information!

In May, MEAS held its annual event at the Transportation Research Center (TRC). Alumni and students once again enjoyed the unique opportunity to drive several different vehicles around the test track. Many thanks to the generous folks at TRC for continuing to host us for this exciting event.

MEAS continued its annual tradition of student awards and recognition at the 2007 ME Spring Awards Banquet. MEAS and the ME department teamed up to hand out cash awards to the students with the top GPAs from each class. The grades for this year's honorees were truly astounding! MEAS also presented the Rob Wolf Outstanding Senior Award, which is generously sponsored each year by the Wolf

family in honor of their son, Rob (BSME '97). This year's winner was Kenton Williams, and the two finalists were Aimee Gall and Hannah Gustafson. MEAS wrapped up the year with another annual tradition – a party for graduating ME seniors. This year's party was generously co-sponsored by the ME department, and was held at Scott Laboratory before spring graduation rehearsal. Faculty and alumni were also invited.

As you can see, it's been another busy and exciting year for our society. We're looking for your help over the upcoming year! We're seeking nominations for several open board positions. Don't be shy – you can nominate yourself if you're interested! See inside for a description of the open positions. The board recently developed a 5-year Strategic Plan for the society – see inside for the highlights. We're always looking for your suggestions for new and improved events. We're also continuing our fundraising campaign for the MEAS Room in Scott Laboratory. We're more than halfway towards our goal – if you'd like to support the room, please use the enclosed donation form.

Feel free to send Rich Granger an e-mail at granger.9@osu.edu if you'd like to get involved, or if you have any input or suggestions. Thanks for your continued support!

Announcing the 2007 MEAS Fall Football Tailgate!

Come join the Mechanical Engineering Alumni Society at its annual fall tailgate during the Alumni Reunion Weekend on Saturday, Sept. 8th when the Buckeyes will take on the University of Akron! The tailgate will start three hours before kickoff with tours of the new building, a visit from Brutus Buckeye, and a picnic on the patio of Scott Lab catered by Hoggy's BBQ!

Members can RSVP for the tailgate and submit a request for football tickets using the enclosed form.

What: MEAS Fall Football Tailgate
When: Saturday, September 8th (3 hours before kickoff!)
Where: Scott Laboratory
Cost: Adult Tailgate + Game = \$77/person
Child Tailgate + Game = \$62/person
Adult Tailgate Only = \$15/person (Children eat for free!)

We hope to see you there!
All applications must be post-marked by Friday, August 3rd.
Please contact Rebecca Berry at berry.312@osu.edu with questions regarding the tailgate or football tickets.



**FOOTBALL TICKET APPLICATIONS
INSIDE!**

MEAS Seeking Nominations for Open Board Positions

Are you interested in staying involved with your fellow alumni and supporting the continued excellence of the ME department? Whether you're a recent graduate who'd like to stay connected, or you're an alumnus looking to reconnect with friends, here's your chance to get involved, to give back to your department, and to support the students – the future of our department!

Nominate yourself (or a fellow alumnus) for any of the open positions described below, using the form provided on the next page. Feel free to e-mail Rich Granger at granger.9@osu.edu if you have any questions about any of these positions. We'd also be glad to accept nominations for at-large board members.

POSITION

RESPONSIBILITIES

Events Committee (Hockey Event)	Coordinate annual hockey event (OSU vs. Michigan), with pre-game event at CAR. Support (including contact information & budget guidance) provided by MEAS board.
Events Committee (TRC Event)	Coordinate annual trip to TRC. Support (including contact information & event details) provided by MEAS board.
Events Committee (Graduating Senior Party)	Coordinate annual party for graduating seniors. Support provided by MEAS board and ME department.
Awards Committee (2 board positions)	Two committee members review student applications and interview 3 finalists for Rob Wolf Outstanding Senior Award, with support from ME department.
Communications Committee (Print)	Prepare and submit input for annual MEAS newsletter, with support from MEAS board.
Communications Committee (Web)	Update and maintain MEAS website and Facebook group. Support available from OSU Alumni Association.

MEAS Prepares 5-Year Strategic Plan

To plan for our society's future, the MEAS board has prepared a 5-year strategic plan, which is closely aligned with the OSU Alumni Association's Strategic Plan. See below for the strategic goals outlined in each plan.

OSU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION STRATEGIC GOALS

- We will be the gateway through which alumni connect with Ohio State and with each other and serve the university
- We will cultivate student loyalty to the alumni world by visibly contributing to their campus experiences
- We will become the biggest dues-supported alumni association by demonstrating exceptional service and indispensable value
- We will develop a virtual alumni organization accessible to alumni all the time
- We will give alumni the tools to influence public opinion about Ohio State around the world

MEAS STRATEGIC GOALS

- Develop sustainable society leadership by:
 - Clarifying roles for each board member
 - Recruiting additional board members
 - Developing succession plan
- Attract and retain members by:
 - Increasing outreach to students, recent graduates, and established alumni
 - Enhancing our website and online presence, and reviewing/updating our other marketing materials
 - Developing additional "signature events" to increase benefits of membership
- Complete fundraising effort for MEAS Room in Scott Laboratory

MEAS 2007 – 2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 8, 2007

Football Tailgate

Time: Three hours before kick-off!

WINTER 2007

Hockey Night

SPRING 2007

TRC Event

MAY 2007

ME Honors and Awards Banquet

JUNE 2007

Graduating Senior Party

MEAS Tailgate RSVP & Football Ticket Application

Name _____ Class of _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____

E-mail _____

Spouse's Name _____

Is your spouse also an OSU Alumni? Yes No

May we contact you by email regarding MEAS news and events? Yes No

	<u>QTY.</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>SUBTOTAL</u>
MEAS Membership Dues (Remember, in order to be eligible for football tickets it is necessary to be a dues-paying member of both the OSU Alumni Association and MEAS!)	_____	\$25 ea	_____
Adult Tailgate Tickets (Children eat for free!)	_____	\$15 ea	_____
Adult Tailgate & Game Ticket Packages	_____	\$77 ea	_____
Child Tailgate & Game Ticket Packages	_____	\$62 ea	_____
Optional donation to support Student Awards and Programs (Suggested donation is \$10)	_____		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Please check here if you need handicap accessible seating at the stadium.		TOTAL	_____

* Football tickets for alumni continue to be limited. Priority for ticket distribution will go to alumni who are members of the OSU Alumni Association and members of MEAS. **Each person will be limited to purchasing two game tickets, or two total tickets per household.** A lottery will be held if the demand for tickets exceeds the supply (all applications received by the deadline will be considered in the lottery). Confirmation notices will be sent by August 10th. If you already have tickets to this game via other sources, we ask that you do not order MEAS tickets, but ask you to join your fellow alumni at the tailgate!

Please make checks payable to: *MEAS*

Mail checks and order forms to:

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MEAS Board Nomination Form

<u>Board Position</u>	<u>Nominee Name/E-mail Address</u>	<u>Nominator Name/E-mail Address</u>
Events Committee (Hockey Event)	_____	_____
Events Committee (TRC Event)	_____	_____
Events Committee (Graduating Senior Party)	_____	_____
Awards Committee (2 board positions)	_____	_____
Communications Committee (Print)	_____	_____
Communications Committee (Web)	_____	_____