



maes

press release & news advisories

William Davis
ASSOCIATE VP FOR CONFERENCES AND EVENTS
wcdavis@maes-natl.org

6-June-2008

date

2008-06A

release number

MAES APPROVES RESTRUCTURED BYLAWS AND ELECTS NATIONAL OFFICERS FOR 2008-2010

Las Vegas, Nevada (June 6, 2008) The Society of Mexican American Engineers and Scientists, Inc., (MAES) hosted a face-to-face transition board meeting of the MAES National Board of Directors (NBOD) in Las Vegas, Nevada, on June 6 and 7, 2008. The meeting was held in conjunction with the Pre-Symposium Summit and the National Student Committee Annual Retreat. During this meeting two key events occurred including the approval of a restructured set of bylaws and the election of national officers for 2008-2010.

In April the general membership of MAES approved an amendment changing the size of the NBOD from a fixed number of 12 directors to a variable number of 12-20 directors. This change allowed several other proposed changes to go forward. The highlighted changes include:

- NBOD
 - Changed from fixed size of 12 to variable size of 12-20
 - Professional Regional Vice Presidents added to NBOD as voting members
 - Third student added to NBOD as voting member
- Officers
 - Created Associate Vice-President positions
- Regions
 - Geography officially included in bylaws
 - Region 5 dissolved and combined with Region 4
 - Region 6 dissolved and will now be known as MAES Mexico
- Membership
 - Instituted annual dues for all students and professionals
 - Instituted standard membership term of June 1 – May 31

This meeting also served as the elections meeting for the MAES national officers for the term of June 1, 2008, through May 31, 2010. The results and new national officers are:

- National Officers
 - Michael Acosta, National President
 - Gil Saenz, National Vice President of Operations
 - Connie Medina, National Vice President of Development
 - Esther Gonzales, National Treasurer
 - Irene Rico, National Secretary
- Regional Vice Presidents
 - Raul Munoz, Jr., Region 1 Vice President
 - Maria Elena Prieto, Region 2 Vice President
 - John Florez, Region 3 Vice President
- Associate Vice Presidents
 - William Davis, Associate Vice President for Conferences and Events
 - Hugo Lira, Associate Vice President for Information Technology
 - Mike Lopez, Associate Vice President for Awards and Recognitions
 - Maria Elena Prieto, Associate Vice President for MAES Mexico
 - Rocio Rangel, Associate Vice President for Marketing and Communications
 - Arturo Torres, Associate Vice President for Educational Outreach
- Student Officers
 - Adrian Hermosillo, National Student Representative

- Peter Reyes, Vice National Student Representative of Operations
- Alma Zarate, Vice National Student Representative of Communication

The student officers will also be joined by the Student Regional Vice Presidents.

- Student Regional Vice Presidents
 - Rebecca Medina, Student Region 1 Vice President
 - Megan Planas, Student Region 2 Vice President
 - Noemi Perez, Student Region 3 Vice President
 - Steven Plane, Student Region 4 Vice President

MAES was founded in Los Angeles in 1974 by a group of professional engineers to advance and increase the number of Latinos, especially those of Mexican American descent, in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics by creating opportunities and fostering recognition through its professional, technical, and outreach activities. Today, the mission of MAES is to promote, cultivate, and honor excellence in education and leadership among Latino engineers and scientists. MAES is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation.

###