

Minutes of the American Academy of Mechanics Meeting held on November 19, 2004 in Anaheim, CA.

Present: Belytschko, Paidoussis, Kyriakides, Batra, K. Ravi-Chandar, Cuitino, Voyadjis, Taylor, Leissa, Wegner, Epureanu

1. Finances were discussed, and a great deal of concern was expressed regarding continuing deficit. Bob Heller will be requested to provide additional information about the ~\$400 bank charges. Also, Bob Heller was authorized to send a check for \$6000.00 to the new editor, Alberto Cuitino. The check should be made payable to Rutgers University but mailed to Alberto. [Dr. Heller sent the following explanation for the bank charges: The bank charges are for credit card payments by our members. These are 4.5 % of the monthly credit card payments with a minimum of \$10. We also have some charges for collecting out of the country checks, \$5 for each check.]

2. Dr. George Voyiadjis apprised the Board of his plans to organize the 1st AAM sponsored Mechanics conference in 2008. Everyone present agreed that it was best to hold the meeting in New Orleans in late April 2008. It will avoid conflicts with the PACAM and the ICTAM meetings. The Academy will sign a Memorandum of Understanding with George Voyiadjis in June/July 2005.

3. The AAM secretary will email a ballot soliciting members' vote on the following:

Election of President Elect; official nominee - Stelios Kyriakides

Amendments to the BY-Laws:

The term of the President and the President-Elect will be 2 years each. The term of the Secretary will be 4 years, and the Secretary will become President at the end of his/her term. (The President-Elect will be elected every 4 years).

4. Elections for regional directors will be held in January 2005.

5. Dewey H. Hodges and Tayfun E. Tezduyar were elected AAM Fellows. Certificates will be mailed to the newly elected Fellows in the near future.

6. Alberto Cuitino, the Editor of Mechanics, starting January 1, 2005, met with the Board of Directors. He has already transferred the webpage to Rutgers and will be maintaining it. He worked with Horatio Espinosa in compiling the last issue and has become familiar with the operations of Mechanics. He may be transferring the printing to a place closer to him.