As we reach the end of 2018, it might feel like next year’s Annual International Meeting (AIM) in Boston on July 7-10, 2019, is still too far off to think about. However, it will be here before you know it, so start planning now. The call for abstracts is open, but it will close on January 4. The early bird registration is also open, and it will continue until the spring of 2019. Our reserved block of hotel rooms at the Marriott Copley Place, located in the heart of the city, is also open for reserving your accommodations. Our $194 room rate is a fantastic bargain and it will sell out fast, so put AIM travel plans high on your New Year’s resolution list.

We often hear inspiring stories from previous AIMs. Recently, members Litha Sivanandan and Kaushlendra Singh shared that their daughter Ipsita, who is now a high school senior, has attended 12 AIMs and counting—they must have a lot of family memories! At the 2016 AIM, Ipsita participated in a continuing education session on developing apps for handheld devices. That session inspired her to create a mobile-friendly website, called Find that Flora, for the Core Arboretum at West Virginia University. Ipsita developed the website as her Gold Award project toward earning the Girl Scouts’ highest recognition. Congratulations, Ipsita—we look forward to your future membership!
Best wishes to all ASABE members and their families this holiday season, and here’s to another inspiring year in 2019.

Darrin J. Drollinger
Executive Director

**2019 Slate of Candidates Announced: Candi Engler Nominated for President**

As nominee for president, Candi Engler leads the list of candidates in this year’s election of Society officers. The complete list of candidates for 2019 is available for preview on the ASABE website. Members with a valid email address will be sent balloting instructions on January 7 from Intelliscan. For your ease, voting will be conducted electronically beginning January 9 via a personalized, secure link sent to your email, again from Intelliscan. No need to login to the ASABE website. Those without a valid email address will receive by regular mail information about accessing the ballot.

Contact Joann McQuone email or by phone (269/932-7022) with any questions you may have about the process. Balloting will close March 1, 2019.

**Garey Fox Named Journals Editor in Chief**

ASABE is pleased to announce that Garey A. Fox, PE, has been named the Society’s editor in chief for journals, a newly established position aimed at advancing the Society’s longstanding record as a leader in technical publications for engineering and technology in agriculture, food, and biological systems.

Fox is a professor and the head of the Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering at North Carolina State University, where he oversees and directs the research, extension, and teaching programs of the department. He also conducts research, specializing in stream/aquifer interaction, streambank erosion and failure, seepage erosion, subsurface nutrient transport, and vegetative filter strips.

As journals editor in chief, Fox will provide strategic guidance for the Society’s journals, working with the editorial board to establish a vision and goals for strengthening the quality and impact of ASABE peer-reviewed publications.

"Now is the time for the Society to be visionary in how we move forward with our journals," says Fox. "My goal as the editor in chief will be to work closely with the community editors and associate editors to identify ways that we can improve the quality of our journals and encourage existing and future members to publish their most outstanding research in ASABE publications."

"We are thrilled to have someone of Garey’s stature as ASABE’s first editor in chief for peer-reviewed journals," says Darrin Drollinger, ASABE executive director. "I’m confident that under his leadership we will positively address our goal to advance ASABE as the leading source of expertise in agricultural, food and biological systems engineering."

A 22-year member of ASABE, Fox has been extensively involved in the Society’s publications, serving as an associate editor for *Transactions of the ASABE* and *Applied Engineering in Agriculture*. He has also been an active member of technical committees within ASABE’s Natural Resources and Environmental Systems technical community.

[Full press release.](#)
To renew online, please log into your member record from the ASABE home page and click the Renew Now link. Of course, you may always call us at 800/371-2723 or 269/932-7028 and pay over the phone, or fax your payment to 269/429-3852.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

**Giving Back Fund Award - Last Call for Applications**

Do you have a humanitarian project that could benefit from financial support? The Giving Back Fund can help, but time is running short to apply for funds.

The fund exists to showcase the knowledge and skills of the agricultural and biological engineering profession through projects that benefit underserved individuals or groups. Past fund recipients include the Purdue PUP vehicle project, and a Village Harvest Center, in Laos. An ASABE Foundation fund, the Giving Back Fund has money available annually to support one or more projects. Submissions are due to ASABE headquarters by December 31 of each year. Visit the [website](#) for complete details.

Like the concept of the Giving Back Fund? Giving Back projects are underwritten by the ASABE Foundation, and donations are strongly encouraged so that more projects may receive financial support. Donors will be asked to designate what portion of their contribution is to be used in the year given, and which portion is to be placed in the endowed fund, from which the future earnings can be used to support projects.

Contact [Dolores Landeck](#) for additional information.

**Online Access for Dues Payment Receipts**

We'll no longer be automatically sending you a detailed receipt for your 2019 dues payment, but don't despair: It's easily accessible anytime online.

Once your dues payment has been fully processed, you'll be able to access a detailed receipt by logging into your member record and selecting the Dues Receipt tab. Print it from here and you're good to go! Problems? Contact [hq@asabe.org](mailto:hq@asabe.org).

**Educational Aids Blue Ribbon Award Entries Due January 25**

The Educational Aids Blue Ribbon Competition deadline is January 25. Awards will be presented at the 2019 Annual International Meeting, in Boston.

To learn about entry categories, review submission instructions, and find more details, please visit the [Educational Aids Blue Ribbon Competition web page](#).

**Does That Email Look Phishy?**

If you receive an email that looks phishy. . . it probably is.

**Phishing** is defined as the fraudulent practice of sending emails purporting to be from reputable companies in order to induce individuals to reveal personal information, such as passwords and credit card numbers. Unfortunately, ASABE is not immune from these schemes and they are increasingly more refined and difficult to identify. Several members have indicated they've received an email message from ASABE staff asking for payment on an invoice. Unless you are expecting an invoice by email, we will never send one unsolicited. When in doubt,
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**AIM 2019 - Call for Papers, Registration Now Open**

**ASABE 2019 Annual International Meeting**
Marriott Copley Place, Boston
July 7-10, 2019

Authors! Don't miss your opportunity to share your work at the 2019 AIM. The submission site will close soon! If you are interested in presenting your research in either a poster or oral session at the 2019 Annual International Meeting, now is your chance. Abstract submission remains open only until January 4. Detailed instructions are available at the abstract-submission portal. The Session Organizers are eager to start their work putting together great sessions for you, submit now!

Registration is also open! Bookmark www.asabemeetings.org for all information on registration and accommodation as well as the call for abstracts, sessions, and instructions. Details on the agenda, optional events, and tours will be coming soon.

**AETC 2019 - Make Plans to Attend!**

**2019 Agricultural Equipment Technology Conference**
February 11-13
Omni Louisville Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky

Registration is open for the 2019 AETC! Join us this coming February in Louisville for this premier conference. AETC will offer CPDs, a tour to the Louisville Slugger Museum, a distinguished lecture, professional development hours and plenty of opportunity for networking—all in a brand new venue!

Visit www.asabe.org/AETC2019 for information on how to register, the conference agenda, accommodations, and more. The Early Bird registration discount expires January 2.

**ASABE Journals: Public Access, Open Access**

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Visit our website for more information about publishing in ASABE journals.

In Memoriam - Harold Arthur (Bud) Hughes

Former ASABE member Harold Arthur (Bud) Hughes passed away at the age of 76 earlier this month.

Hughes was born in Dayton Township, in Newaygo County, Mich., on October 27, 1942, to Carol and Harold Arthur Hughes. He was the first of three children. He grew up on a farm, where his family raised cows, chickens, and various crops. A typical day for him involved getting up before dawn, milking 32 cows, and heading off to school. After school, he played football and then returned to milk the cows again in the evening. 4-H and FFA were a big part of his formative years. After graduating high school, Hughes attended Michigan State University on a scholarship, completing a bachelor's degree in agricultural engineering in 1964. The same year he married Beatrice Carol Knight, and they moved to Tucson, Ariz., where he worked and earned a master's degree in agricultural engineering from the University of Arizona. They then moved to Guelph, Ontario, where Hughes worked at the University of Guelph as a professor and researcher in mechanical fruit and vegetable harvesting.

In 1968, the family moved to Huntsville, Ala., where Hughes worked for NASA in a summer research and development program with engineers from across the nation on the Skylab space station. Afterward, he returned to Guelph, and on completing his work at Guelph, Hughes returned, with the family, to Michigan State University, and with the help of an assistantship and scholarship, earned his PhD in agricultural engineering in 1973. Soon after, he accepted a position at Virginia Tech as an associate professor and extension specialist. At Virginia Tech, he went on to become a full professor. He specialized in design of animal housing including poultry, hog, and horse facilities, helping people throughout the state of Virginia.

Hughes returned to Michigan State University in 1986 as director of the school of packaging. He stepped down as director in 1992 to finish out his career as a professor. He retired January 1, 2014.

During his distinguished career, Harold earned many honors, worked on many notable projects, and taught many classes. He influenced thousands of students. His work as a professor has also positively affected many of the products, foods, and their packages with which we all interact on a daily basis. His consulting work was multifaceted, including testimony as an expert witness in personal injury, system analysis, and patent infringement lawsuits. His speaking engagements about packaging spanned many countries. Machine design, design analysis, and time and motion studies were his passion.
Hughes was preceded in death by his father and mother, and children Hal and Theresa. Surviving are his wife of 54 years, Beatrice; sons Christopher, Trevor, and Douglas; seven grandchildren; two sisters; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Hughes was a 42-year member of ASABE.