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Electrical and Computer Engineering Honor Society

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Eta Kappa Nu Elects 2009-2010 Board of Governors

New Members from Academia and Industry; Re-election of President and Vice President

CHICAGO – July 1, 2009 – Eta Kappa Nu (HKN), the electrical and computer engineering honor society, has re-elected Dr. Bruce Eisenstein and Dr. Stephen Goodnick as the association's President and Vice President respectively, and is pleased to add Dr. Thomas Talavage, associate professor, Purdue University, and Dr. Nathaniel (Eddie) Pettis, Platforms Software Engineer, Google, as Director – West Central Region, and Director-at-Large, respectively. They will replace Dr. David Soldan and Dr. John Orr whose terms have expired.

"The 2009-2010 HKN Board of Governors continues to have a good balance of representation from industry and academia, and we are confident that Eddie and Tom will bring important perspectives and leadership to the work of the society," commented Executive Director Roger Plummer.

Dr. Bruce Eisenstein, HKN President, enthused, "I am pleased to continue my participation on the Board and look forward to continuing the important work with the HKN Board to effect the IEEE-HKN merger, so important to our future. I am also pleased to have Steve Goodnick continue as vice president. I know I speak for my fellow board members in expressing appreciation to John Orr and David Soldan for their contributions for the past few years and we wish them well."

Dr. Tom Talavage (Beta chapter) is Associate Professor for Electrical and Computer Engineering at Purdue University. Dr. Talavage's research is directed at improving the quality of life for users of auditory neuroprostheses through improvement of hardware and speech signal representations.

He has served as Beta chapter faculty advisor since 2000 and was honored with HKN's C. Holmes MacDonald Outstanding Teaching Award in 2005. His dedication to mentorship and undergraduate instruction is evidenced by his advisory roles in HKN, Tau Beta Pi and IEEE student chapters having received numerous recognitions for work.

Dr. Nathaniel (Eddie) Pettis is a Platforms Software Engineer at Google. Dr. Pettis was inducted into Gamma Phi chapter (University of Arkansas) as an undergraduate and moved to Purdue University for his graduate work where he completed his Ph.D. in 2008. He was active in a variety of leadership roles with Beta chapter (Purdue University) including helping organize the 2006 HKN Regional Student Leadership Conference and the 2006 Beta Centennial celebration. In recognition of his efforts, his peers nominated him for the chapter's Outstanding Active Award.

The following Board of Governors becomes effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010:

President: Dr. Bruce A. Eisenstein
Vice President: Dr. Stephen M. Goodnick
Past President: Dr. J. David Irwin
Director – West Central Region: Dr. Thomas Talavage
Director – West Region: Dr. David A. Hodges
Director – East Central Region: Mr. Michael A. DeMaiores



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Director – East Region: Mr. Casimir Skrzypczak

Director-at-Large: Dr. Eddie Pettis

Director-at-Large: Ms. Evelyn H. Hirt

Executive Director: Mr. Roger L. Plummer

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About HKN Governance

Eta Kappa Nu is a nonprofit organization chartered in Delaware. The governing guidelines of the organization are its constitution and operational procedures. The operational procedures provide direction for the day-to-day operations of the association. Eta Kappa Nu's governing body is the board of governors. The board of governors determines policy, provides oversight, and acts in an advisory capacity to college chapters. For biographies on the current members of HKN's board of governors, visit www.hkn.org/about/governance.html.

About Eta Kappa Nu (HKN)

Eta Kappa Nu is a 105-year-old honor society for electrical and computer engineering students and professionals. With more than 250,000 members and approximately 175 active university chapters, HKN recognizes excellence in academic accomplishments, leadership, outstanding character, and service. The International Engineering Consortium manages the headquarters function of Eta Kappa Nu. For more information, please visit www.hkn.org.

About the IEC

The International Engineering Consortium (IEC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to catalyzing technology and business progress worldwide in a range of high-technology industries and their university communities. Since 1944, the IEC has provided high-quality educational opportunities for industry professionals, academics, and students.

In conjunction with industry-leading companies, the IEC has developed an extensive, free on-line educational program. The IEC conducts industry-university programs that have a substantial impact on curricula. It also conducts research and develops publications, conferences, and technological exhibits that address major opportunities and challenges of the information age.

More than 70 leading high-technology universities are IEC affiliates, and the IEC handles the affairs of the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department Heads Association and Eta Kappa Nu, the honor society for electrical and computer engineers. Visit www.iec.org.