

# SEM NEWS

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A "motion of thanks" was unanimously passed at the June 1992 Executive Board meeting. The recipient of the action was David Willis, SEM past president, who chaired the Long Range Planning Committee-IV. This two-year project resulted in a working document which was accepted by the Executive Board at the same meeting.

The project required six meetings, including a weekend. Numerous phone calls and letters were exchanged to complete the task. Also serving on the committee were: Robert Sullivan, William Fournery, Frank Adams, Fred Bailey, Albert Kobayashi, Sam Smith, William Sharpe, Jr., James Sirkis and Ken Galione.

After much deliberation, the group adopted the following Mission, Vision and Values statement which they felt described the basic tenets of the Society.

### **Mission**

*To provide a stimulating environment in which individuals with an interest in advancing the science and practice of experimental mechanics can share information, focus on tech-*

*nical needs and disseminate technical knowledge.*

### **Vision**

*To be the international leader in the field of experimental mechanics with an active and growing membership from industry, academia and government.*

### **Values**

*A commitment to the importance of experimental mechanics. High quality of all technical activities. Excellent service to the membership. Continuation of the reputation as "The Friendly Society."*

President Frank Adams and President-elect Gary Cloud have announced that they will use this document to help guide SEM through the 1990's.

## CALL FOR PAPERS

A comprehensive symposium on novel experimental techniques as applied to fracture mechanics problems is being jointly sponsored by the Fracture Mechanics and the Experimental Mechanics Committees of the Applied Mechanics Division of ASME. The Winter Annual Meeting will be held November 28-Dec 3, 1993 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The symposium will focus on novel experimental techniques used for characterizing and evaluating fracture processes which are important in understanding fracture mechanisms and for providing direction to analytical and numerical modeling of fracture mechanics.

Interested persons are invited to send 200-250 word abstracts by February 15, 1993, to Professor Arun Shukla, University of Rhode Island, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics, Kingston, RI 02881. Telephone: (401) 792-2283; FAX (401) 792-2355.

## Call for Papers

### Research-in-Progress Session

### 1993 SEM SPRING CONFERENCE

June 7-9, 1993

Dearborn, MI

The SEM Research Committee is sponsoring a research-in-progress session at the 1993 SEM Conference. The research-in-progress forum provides an opportunity for researchers to present preliminary results of current research in a timely fashion. The format is a 15-minute talk followed by a five-minute question period. The session times will be announced.

Interested persons are invited to send the title and a 50-100 word abstract of their proposed presentation to:

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Bethel, CT 06801

Abstracts must be received by March 22, 1993 to be considered.

The titles of accepted abstracts will be printed in the final conference program.