I am glad to announce that, starting June 1, 1998, Dr. Jonathan Cagan was appointed as a new Associate Technical Editor (ATE) in charge of the area of Design Theory and Methodology, and Dr. Alejandro Diaz was appointed as a new ATE for the area of Design Automation. Both appointments are for a period of three years. Furthermore, Hamid Lankarani was re-appointed for three more years. The following is a short biographical sketch of the new ATEs.

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Jonathan Cagan

Dr. Cagan is presently an Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Carnegie Mellon University. He received his Ph.D. in 1990 from the University of California at Berkeley and has been at CMU since then. He is a Member of ASME, is the current Chair of the Design Theory and Methodology Committee of ASME, and is the former Chair of the ASME 1996 Design Theory and Methodology Conference. Dr. Cagan has published over 30 journal articles. His teaching and research interest is in the area of design theory and methodology. He is a registered Professional Engineer and was an Applied Research Engineer at the Eastman Kodak Company prior to returning to graduate school for his Ph.D. He is the recipient of the National Science Foundation Young Investigator Award in 1992, SAE Ralph R. Teetor Educational Award in 1996, Distinguished Paper Award at the ASME 1996 Design Theory and Methodology Conference, George Tallman and Florence Barrett Ladd Development Professorship in Engineering in 1997, and the CMU 1997 Professor of the Year. His additional editorial experience includes serving as a member of Program Committee for the AAAI 1992 Symposium on Design from Physical Principles, Co-organizer and Chair on “Quality and Tolerancing” at ASME 1994 Design Theory and Methodology Conference, Paper Review Coordinator for the ASME 1995 and 1998 Design Theory and Methodology Conferences, Conference Vice-Chair and Member of Best Presentation Award Committee for the 1996 International Conference on Artificial Intelligence in Design, Review Coordinator for the ASME 1997 Design Theory and Methodology Conference.

Alejandro (Alex) Diaz

Dr. Diaz received his Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Michigan in 1982. He worked as a research scientist in Venezuela from 1982 to 1985, and was a visiting professor in the Mathematical Institute of the Technical University of Denmark in Lyngby in 1993. Dr. Diaz joined the faculty of Michigan State University in 1986 where he is now an Associate Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering. Dr. Diaz’s research interests include optimization theory and applications in mechanical and structural design, methods for shape and topology optimization of mechanical and structural components, and finite element and meshless methods and their use in mechanical and structural design. Dr. Diaz has published over 50 technical journal and proceeding papers. Since 1986, he has actively participated in ASME Design Technical Conferences and in meetings of the Design Automation Committee. He has also been serving as a reviewer for the ASME Design Automation Conference and the JMD.