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Dallas, Texas, hosted this year's ASABE Annual International Meeting (AIM) and what a meeting it was! With over 1,000 poster and technical presentations, there was plenty to see, from the student poster contest to keynote speaker Ramana Sundara of the Nestle Research Center. Mathew Moore and I, Ryan McKellar, were in attendance representing west coast ASABE students and Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. With a slight nudging from Dr. Joe Glass, Cal Poly Emeritus Faculty, I was convinced to run for a position in the International Pre-professionals Council (IPC) and was elected to 2nd Vice President. Not knowing what to expect when arriving at the AIM, I was surprised to find out what ASABE is really all about and how fun the conference can be. This year I hope to convey this to my peers and hopefully convince more west coast students to attend next year's AIM scheduled for July 21-24 in Kansas City, MO.

* **Nominations open for E-Week's "New Faces of Engineering"**

National Engineers Week's "New Faces of Engineering" program highlights the interesting and unique work of young engineers and the resulting impact on society. The 2013 campaign is now underway.

ASABE, as a sponsor of E-Week, participates in both the College Edition and Professionals nominations. It's an excellent way to demonstrate the valuable contributions that agricultural and biological engineers are making to the world around us.

New Faces - College Edition - One outstanding ASABE pre-professional will earn a \$1,000 scholarship, and some nice E-Week recognition for their academic department, as ASABE's 2013 representative. Aimed at 3rd, 4th, and 5th-year undergrads, New Faces - College Edition is conducted entirely online, through Facebook. Visit www.facebook.com/CollegeEdition to learn more. The application process takes less than 30 minutes. Nominations will open September 18.

New Faces - Professionals - ASABE is now accepting nominations for the 2013 New Faces of Engineering - Professionals. Nominees must be ASABE members and no more than 30 years of age as of December 31, 2012. All nominees will be recognized as "New Faces of ASABE," with an announcement in early January at the Agricultural Equipment Technology Conference (AETC). Honorees will also be recognized at the 2013 Annual International Meeting.

In addition, five nominees will be selected for E-Week's New Faces of Engineering, one of whom will be featured in an E-Week print promotion that will run in USA Today. New this year, ASABE will send the top honoree to Washington, DC, next February to participate in select Engineers Week 2013 activities. He or she will also be invited to take part in ASABE's exhibit at the National FFA Convention, in October 2013.

Nominations are due October 22. Find a form, more information, and profiles of last year's honorees, online at www.asabe.org:

*** High School Career Fairs Open**

High Schools are back in session and Career Fairs are being planned. Have you contacted your local Principals to find out when their school is holding a Career Fair? Tell us about it if you do attend!

*** WoodStraw available for use on fire- affected areas of California – Jim Dooley**

We have truckloads of our regular (50 lb) bales of WoodStraw® available for immediate shipment to fireline and burned property erosion control rehab on fires in California. CalFire has numerous bulldozers working the Robbers and Highway 16 fires, so there is inevitably a lot of sediment risk from private properties to the American River and Cache Creek.

Our large bale line was running flat out in late July building bales for helimulching in Colorado, but our small bale line has capacity for regional orders. However, if there will be helimulching on the Robbers, Mill, or other fires in California, we can reserve a production slot for your fires.

There is an application rate and coverage calculator on our www.woodstraw.com website as well as other useful information.

*** Twilight Conservation Agriculture Field Day**

On September 13, 2012, 4-8 pm Conservation Agriculture Systems Innovation (CASI) will be holding a Twilight Conservation Agriculture Field Day and Barbeque at the West Side Research and Extension Center.

Agriculture's most vital concern today is irrigation. Developing production systems that get more out of our valuable water resources while also preserving soil, air and groundwater quality over time are challenges faced by all producers.

On September 13th, California's Conservation Agriculture Systems Innovation Workgroup (CASI) presents its Third Annual Overhead Irrigation and Conservation Tillage research and demonstration field tour to highlight recent advances in coupling emerging water, crop and soil management technologies that may help SJV farmers with more efficient, compatible and sustainable practices. The meeting is free and open to all farmers and others interested

in irrigation and conservation. RSVP so we can better plan for dinner:
<http://ucanr.edu/TwilightRegistration>. For more information, visit
<http://casi.ucanr.edu/?calitem=165444&g=15447>

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