

Projects of the Initiative Fund

August 2021

<i>amount</i>	<i>sponsor</i>	<i>project</i>
2021		
\$30,000	AETC Planning Committee	Support the AETC conference for the first-time California location in the event of conference cost overages.
\$11,000	BoT Ad Hoc Committee on Student Engagement	Create a new bioprocess engineering student competition (The ASABE Shark Tank) over a three-year period.
\$10,250	YPC	Develop a web-based AIM orientation tool which allows first time attendees to become familiar with the schedule, social and technical communities, and professional opportunities.
\$2,500	YPC	Build community through a virtual monthly book club. Funds will be used to purchase resources as the project forms an audience and expands participation.
\$5,000	California-Nevada Rally Organizing and Planning Committee	Project has been extended for an additional year.
2020		
	no additional projects	
2019		
\$30,000	California-Nevada Rally Organizing and Planning Committee	Organize, inaugurate, and develop a Student Rally within the California-Nevada Section into a self-sustaining event over a two-year time span.
\$21,794	STC-02	Pursue possible accreditation as a developer of Canadian National Standards as coordinated by the Standards Council of Canada and similar to current American National Standards Institute accreditation to develop American National Standards.
\$12,600	NRES	Hold a targeted workshop to promote historical advances made by ASABE members on the Jet Erosion Test (JET) device and attract a new audience to participate in dialogue and collaboration with ASABE members on the JET and its use across a wide range of soil erosion applications.
\$6,000	Agricultural Safety and Health Council of America	Develop a historical record of the organizations, events, communications, and personnel critical to the development and progression of the profession of agricultural safety and health in the United States. This historical record will be stored, preserved, and made available by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Library (NAL) Special Collections.
\$2,500	AETC Planning committee	Stimulate increased student participation in AETC by creating a student poster competition.
2018		
\$41,250	NRES	Transform the Student Oral/Poster Presentation Competition over a five-year period to serve all technical communities while increasing options for student participation in the AIM.
\$14,000	NRES-21	Organize a 2019 AIM Grand Challenges session and produce a white paper focusing on the effects and mitigations of pesticides in freshwater systems
2017		
\$21,698	EOPD-412	Professional Ethics Committee: Use remaining funds from a 2015 award (\$26,400 for 3 years), and update, restructure, and combine the Ethics Video Challenge and the Ethics Essay Competition as an Ethics Competition; 6-year project.
\$18,125	CSBE/SCGAB	Facilitate engagement of students and establishment of a CSBE Student Association through transportation support to the CSBE Annual General Meeting; 2-year project.

\$3,000	YPC	Partial support of graduate student involvement activities at the 2017 Annual International Meeting (AIM) as events transition into sustainable components of AIM.
2016		
\$20,000	EOPD-414	E-book conversion for PE computer-based testing; 3-year project.
\$20,000	Project team of ASABE members	Redesign, develop, and populate a Biosystems Engineering Digital Library (BEDL) as a resource for training, education, and continuing professional development.
\$10,800	P-120	Expand student competition awards support for Robotics and Fountain Wars at 2016 & 2017 AIM.
\$10,612	ES-100	ASABE assume Technical Advisory Group leadership for ISO/TC 255 Biogas standardization.
2015		
\$26,400	EOPD-412	Continuation of the Ethics Video Challenge for three years.
\$11,000	ESH-01	An ASABE Student Chapter contest to develop a seatbelt and ROPS use video and logo marketing plan.
\$7,500	YPC	Additional expansion of graduate student involvement activities at the 2016 Annual International Meeting (AIM) based upon the success of the 2015 AIM activities.
\$7,000	YPC	Development and creation of a video to engage and promote standards involvement within the Society among young professional members.
\$5,000	YPC	Purchase supplies for a central childcare gathering space for parents and their children at the 2016 Annual International Meeting.
\$3,000	YPC	Continued expansion of graduate student involvement activities at the 2015 Annual International Meeting.
2014		
\$50,000	YPC	Development of a conference specifically aimed at young professionals.
\$25,000	ED-414	Development of an electronic reference manual for the agricultural and biological engineering professional licensure exam.
\$19,200	P-125	A two-year project to refresh the AEM Trophy Competition, which rewards ASABE student branch activity. Extended to 2017 with no additional funds awarded.
\$4,587	YPC	Funding spread over three years to provide a token gift for graduating college seniors to encourage membership renewal in ASABE.
2013		
\$20,000	Soil & Water Division	Development of a Soil & Water Division, Distinguished Scholar Series.
\$17,500	E-05	To provide outreach support for attendance at the National FFA Convention for 2013.
\$9,000	AETC committee	Financial support for students to attend ASABE's Agricultural Equipment Technology Conference in 2014. Up to \$9,000 of matching student support is available for the 2015 and 2016 conferences.
\$6,000	Publications Council	Conversion of an existing textbook to an e-book.
\$6,000	YPC	Young Professional member engagement and expansion at the 2013 Annual International Meeting with the intent of developing a sustainable and longer term program.
2012		
\$12,500	Membership	Support for YPC efforts to develop membership retention materials.
\$12,000	Publications	Inclusion of the ASABE Technical Library in the CrossRef and CrossCheck systems.
\$10,000	Standards	Sponsorship of a seatbelt usage and ROPS logo contest.
\$10,000	Publications	Development of an agricultural and biological engineering reference manual.
2011		
\$10,000	Standards	Development of a standards database that will be marketed to major North American agricultural trade associations and be offered on an annual subscription basis. The database will feature a link between various equipment types and relevant, applicable standards.
\$9,000	Membership	Subsidize attendance costs for students from underserved schools at the annual international meeting. \$3,000 per year, for years 2011 - 2013.

\$6,000	Publications	Completion of the addition of remaining volumes of ASABE journals to the online Technical Library. All volumes of the four ASABE journals are now available on the Library in full-text, the oldest being Transactions of the ASAE, Volume 1, 1958.
2008		
\$78,000	Public Affairs	
\$22,000	Public Affairs	Increase support of Engineers Week from that of a minor sponsor to a major sponsor. The elevation gave ASABE a seat on the Engineers Week steering committee, provided greater visibility to the profession through such programs as New Faces in Engineering, and paved the way to involvement in several high-profile E-Week programs. E-Week sponsorship has subsequently been made a regular budget item.
2001		
\$80,000	Standards	Add position of Technical Services Support Engineer and secure standards development software (our current eForums). The addition increased level of staff support for standards. Contributions by several large equipment manufacturers supplemented the \$80,000 Initiative Fund support.
\$20,000	Membership	Purchase of a 1/4 Scale display booth. The success of the International 1/4-Scale Tractor Student Design competition, then three years old, was acknowledged with funds that were used to acquire professionally designed and fabricated display materials.
2000		
\$50,000	Administration	Develop a website for the Society.
\$40,000	Publications	Continue utilizing electronic technology to better meet member needs by developing and implementing an on-line peer-review process and for first year start-up expenses for web delivery.
\$9,000	Membership	Develop a student competition to directly address the need for interaction between professional, regulatory agencies and students to educate students about real world problems.
1999		
\$90,000	Publications	Implement the plan for the online Technical Library providing the ability to effectively deliver all current ASABE publications via the internet.
\$10,000	Membership	Conduct a Task Analysis for the PE Examination.