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A Letter from the President of ACerS-NICE to ACerS Members

Dear Colleagues:

Greetings from The American Ceramic Society's National Institute of Ceramic Engineers (ACerS/NICE). This past October ACerS/NICE lost one of its most significant contributors. Beth Judson's involvement was not limited to leadership of the NICE.

She also championed the preservation of the ceramic profession through her position as a board member of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). She worked tirelessly to recruit evaluators to maintain continuity in the accreditation process. The NICE has the honor this year of awarding Beth the Greaves-Walker Lifetime Service Award. Beth will be honored for her outstanding service to the ceramic engineering profession and how, by life and career, she has exemplified the aims, ideals and purpose of NICE.

It is the mission of ACerS/NICE to advance the science and practice of ceramic engineering in the public interest. NICE represents the society in professional matters pertaining to ceramic engineering, specifically related to accreditation and professional registration. We are responsible for recommending the criteria for accreditation of ceramic engineering and related programs, and providing accreditation evaluators and representatives as an ABET member society. NICE also administers the Order of the Engineer, a voluntary pledge of engineers to uphold ethical standards of the profession, and recognizes junior and senior members of the engineering profession with a number of awards each year.

ACerS members can join NICE by checking the box on the membership application or renewal form. There is no cost to join NICE. If you are a member of NICE, thank you for your commitment to the ceramic engineering profession. If you have already renewed your membership, and would like to join, contact ACerS Customer Service at customerservice@ceramics.org and let them know you would like to be a NICE member.

NICE is over 1,300 members strong, and with the strength of these numbers, we have a responsibility to continue to promote our discipline. We are in need of evaluators for ABET accreditation of ceramic and materials engineering programs, and NICE officers. If you are interested in assisting with these efforts, please contact us through acers-nice@ceramics.org

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have an interest in getting involved with NICE and any of our activities. Not only will you grow from the collegiality of our organization, but you will also be supporting the discipline and community you have a vested interest in keeping vibrant and strong.

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