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## Vision for New Year, AOC New President



Qiang Zhang

It has been two years since the inauguration of Association of Overseas Chinese Agricultural, Biological, and Food Engineers (AOC). Under the leadership of the founding President Dr. Naiqian Zhang, AOC has grown considerably in size and name. But a two-year old association still needs a lot of nurturing. My goal as the President of AOC for the coming year is to work with our members and supporters to grow our association.

How do we grow AOC? Let me share with you my thoughts.

I got involved with AOC because I feel that I am somehow “obligated” to the country that I used to call home. China has been changing at the light speed and the profession of agricultural, biological and food engineering (ABFE) in China, including research and education institutions, has been trying to become internationally compatible (yu guo ji jie gui). I believe that we, AOC members, are in the best position to offer the assistance to our Chinese counterpart. Our knowledge of the latest developments in the profession and how these developments occur is far more than what a delegation from China can learn in two weeks of touring North America or Europe. We can and should contribute. I would like to see AOC grow to an organization that contributes to the strategic planning and development of education and research infrastructures in China; that is a source of information and knowledge to education and research institutions in China; and that assists our Chinese counterpart in developing specific education and research programs in all areas of agricultural, biological and food engineering. To achieve this long-term goal, we need to have a “product” of our own – an AOC infrastructure. For the coming year, I will concentrate my efforts on developing an AOC “base” in China, in the form of training/education center. The center should be hosted by an institution in China and funded by the institution or by the Chinese government. The center would provide a

vehicle for AOC members to exchange information with our Chinese counterpart, such as conducting workshops. Of course, we will also carry on some initiatives that are already in the works, such as publishing a joint English technical journal and participating in preparation of the 2004 CIGR conference.

If not for China, I don't see any need for the existence of AOC. Then, what's in it for our members? Although most overseas AOC members have probably been away from China for quite a few years, we all have some kind of attachment to the old home front. Most of us, if not all, are involved in or interested in getting involved in collaborations with research and education institutions in China. AOC provides a vehicle for developing and facilitating such collaborations. AOC also provides an umbrella for us to organize workshops for “the established” members to share their experiences with those who are just starting their careers (or still attending school), something like what students organized two years ago where Dr. K.C. Ting talked about negotiation skills and Dr. Hongwei Xin shared his secrets of how to write award winning papers. In addition, AOC provides a structure for overseas agricultural, biological and food engineering professionals of Chinese origin to socialize and exchange information. I personally very much enjoyed our annual banquet in the past two years, an occasion you share your stories and laughters with old friends and you make new friends.

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# Annual Report of AOC Past President 2002-2003



Naiqian Zhang

AOC has celebrated its second anniversary. Achievements of AOC during its second year of existence are summarized as follows:

## 1. Membership:

By July 30, 2003, the total number of registered members of AOC reached 121 (up from 98 on July 30, 2002). This includes:

- 73 in North America and Europe (“Regular” members)
- 28 student members (42 last year)
- 46 faculty members (34 last year)
- 47 in China (“Corresponding” members) (22 last year)

Most of the corresponding members joined AOC from October to December of 2002.

During the second year, AOC also invited a new Honorary member – Dr. Norman Scott of Cornell University.

AOC also completed the development of a membership database during the past year.

## 2. Meetings and conferences:

AOC co-sponsored the *International Agricultural Engineering Conference (IAEC)* of Asian Association of Agricultural Engineering (AAAE), which was held in Wuxi, China in November, 2002. AOC sent a seven-member delegation to the conference and was invited to give a keynote speech on the plenary session. AOC also held a special meeting during the conference.

AOC also co-sponsored with the Association of University Presidents of Agricultural Engineering the *2002 International Forum on Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Development Strategies*, which was held in Hangzhou, Zhejiang, on December 2-4, 2002. This meeting was called the “*post-Yangling meeting*”, because its goal was to further digest the achievements of the *Yangling Meeting* held in May, 2002.

## 3. Newsletters and Websites

In 2002-03, AOC published four issues of *Impact*, the AOC quarterly newsletter. Each issue of *Impact* included AOC news and feature stories on AOC members. An article written by Dr. Dinglai Tao, a pioneer agricultural engineer, was also published on *Impact*.

Three AOC Websites were further developed and improved during the second year. Servers of these Websites are located in the ASAE headquarter, China Agricultural

University, and South China Agricultural University, respectively.

## 4. Student awards and paper awards

2003 marked the first year of the AOC Student Paper Awards. Eight papers entered the competition. The first, second, and third place awards were presented to Linsong Guo of University of Illinois, Huawei Sun of the Ohio State University, and Linjuan Wang of Texas A&M University. The awards included certificates and cash awards.

AOC presented the Graduate Leadership and Service Award and graduate Scholarly Achievement Award for the second year. Recipients for this year were Huawei Sun of the Ohio State University and Linjuan Wang of Texas A & M University, respectively.

## 5. Bridging CSAE/CSAM with ASAE

AOC continued its effort to bring in a large number of Chinese agricultural engineers into ASAE. AOC played a bridge role during the negotiation between ASAE and CSAE/CSAM at the 2002 ASAE Annual Meeting in Chicago and the 2003 ASAE Annual Meeting in Las Vegas. A final agreement is near completion.

## 6. Co-sponsoring the 2004 CIGR Conference in Beijing

AOC has been actively involving in the preparation of the 2004 CIGR Conference in Beijing and has become the major co-sponsoring organization for the Conference. About 20 AOC members have volunteered to participate in the organization and proceedings editing work.

## 7. CSAE-AOC Joint publication

During the past year, AOC has been working with CSAE on establishing a new, jointly sponsored international journal. This journal will be an English journal, and is intended to be a world-class journal of agricultural engineering with a major impact on the development of agricultural engineering worldwide. AOC has established a Publication Committee. There have been difficulties during the negotiation with CSAE. The discussion is still going on.

## 8. AOC activities in Las Vegas

AOC has been the major sponsoring organization of the Second East Asia Forum for Bioproduction. For this conference, AOC invited three speakers from China, including the President of China Agricultural University, Dr. Zhangliang Chen, and the Vice President of South China Agricultural

University, Dr. Xiwen Luo.

AOC also co-organized a session at the ASAE Annual Meeting with the ASAE International Commission – “China Exchange”. AOC invited several high-profile guest speakers for the session, including Dr. Zhangliang Chen, the President of China Agricultural University, Dr. Robert C. Bates, the Provost of Washington State University, Dr. Xiwen Luo, the Vice President of South China Agricultural University, and Dr. Carol Kramer-LeBlanc, the Director of Research and Scientific Exchanges Division of USDA. The event was highly successful.

AOC activities in Las Vegas also included a welcome dinner, a student gathering, the AOC Annual Business Meeting, and the AOC award banquet. All the activities were well attended.

For the activities in Las Vegas, AOC successfully raised funds, including a \$2,500 donation from the South China Agricultural University and the Batian Company in Shenzhen and a \$700 donation from the Consulate General of China in San Francisco. AOC also received several donations from its members and friends.

## Activities at a Glance in Las Vegas



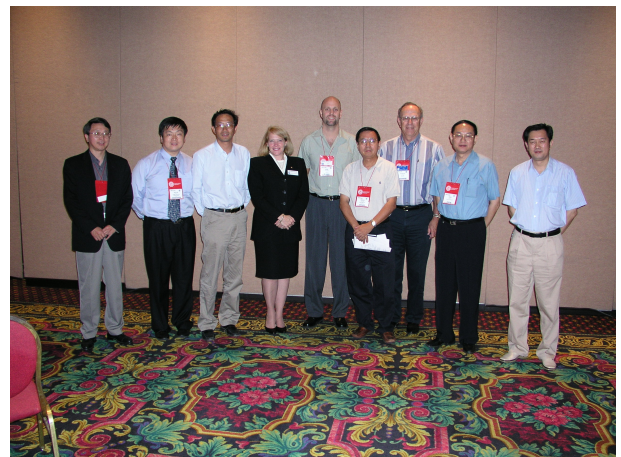
A brainstorming meeting between AOC leaders and Editorial Board of CSAE Transactions on the joint publication. The meeting was held in the “AOC Presidential Suit”, which did not have enough chairs for everyone.



President Zhangliang Chen gives an impressive speech on the Second East Asia Forum on Bioproduction.



AOC Student Activity Committee sponsored a student gathering in the Stardust Hotel.



A joint meeting of ASAE, CSAE/CSAM, and AOC leaders on Chinese membership in ASAE



AOC welcomes honorable guests from China – President of China Agricultural University Zhangliang Chen, Vice President of South China Agricultural University Xiwen Luo, and President of Chinese Academy of Agricultural Machinery Shujin Li



South China Agricultural University and Batian Company made a donation to support AOC activities in Las Vegas. Vice President Xiwen Luo talks with AOC leader.



Families of AOC members gathered in Las Vegas for vacations.

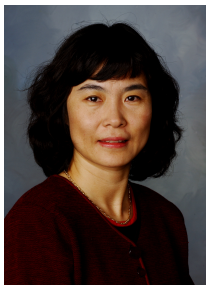


AOC Annual Business Meeting



Self-introduction on the AOC annual gathering

## AOC Member Ruihong Zhang Named Winner of Engineering Research Award of ASAE



Ruihong Zhang

ST JOSEPH, MICHIGAN—The American Society of Agricultural Engineers has named Ruihong Zhang winner of one of its most prestigious honors, the New Holland Young Researcher Award. The award will be presented July 30, 2003, at an ASAE luncheon at the Las Vegas Riviera Hotel.

Zhang was selected for the award in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the advancement of science and engineering of bioconversion systems of organic wastes for the public benefits of renewable energy generation, resource utilization, and environmental protection. An associate professor in the biological and agricultural engineering department at the University of California, Davis, Zhang develops and teaches courses in bioenvironmental engineering. She has developed an internationally recognized research program involved with agricultural waste management and environmental quality control. Successfully transferring her research to industry, Zhang developed and patented a new anaerobic digestion system called the Anaerobic Phased Solids Digester (APS-Digester). This system rapidly converts any digestible organic feedstock into biogas as an energy

source, organic fertilizer or stable soil amendment, and is expected to make significant contributions to the Bioenergy Development Initiative in the U.S. In addition to her research activities, Zhang has played a valuable role in service to the U.S. National Academy of Sciences and other U.S. organizations involved with environmental and energy issues. She has provided leadership and service to a number of international professional societies and committees.

An 11-year member of ASAE, Zhang is very active in several ASAE technical committees and in ASAE standards development. She is a member also of the Chinese Society of Agricultural Engineering, Association of Overseas Chinese Agricultural, Biological and Food Engineers, Institute of Biological Engineering, and the American Society of Women Engineers.

The American Society of Agricultural Engineers is an international educational and scientific organization dedicated to the advancement of engineering applicable to biological, agricultural, and food systems. Founded in 1907 and headquartered in St Joseph, Michigan, ASAE comprises 9,000 members representing more than 100 countries. Details can also be found at <http://www.asae.org>.

## Lingjuan Wang and Huawei Sun Received AOC Graduate Student Awards of 2003

*By K.C. Ting*



K. C. Ting

### Graduate Scholarly Achievement

**Award** is selected based on a candidate's performance of in-class, research, and outreach activities. The following criteria and other scholarly achievements were used to evaluate the candidates: academic performance (current year and trends over the year); scholarly activities including

publications (journal articles, factsheets, software, web pages, etc.), presentations (oral, poster, mass media presence, etc.), grant proposal, and invention disclosure; and participation in professional activities (conferences, professional societies, etc.)

Ms. **Lingjuan Wang** is the 2003 recipient of the Graduate Scholarly Achievement Award. Ms. Wang is currently a Ph.D. student in the Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering at Texas A&M University.

She has an almost perfect academic record at Texas A&M. Her research record is equally outstanding. She has published three refereed journal articles and seven international conference papers. Her work in "the development of economical alternative technologies and abatement strategies for particulate matter control used by agricultural and many other industries will provide strategies that will reduce emissions while minimizing costs of emission reductions." She has assisted in teaching two undergraduate courses. She is a member of three honor societies and has received five awards in China and the U.S.

**Graduate Leadership and Service Award** is selected based on a candidate's contribution to advancing the goals of AOCABFE and their profession. The following criteria and other leadership and service credentials were used to evaluate the candidates: graduate student recruitment and promotion of AOCABFE and its

programs; showing hospitality and mentoring new AOCABFE student members; organizing extracurricular (social) activities; providing leadership and/or assistance to AOCABFE and other professional committees; improving communication between graduate students and others in AOCABFE; participating in and providing support for AOCABFE activities; and leading and participating in programs and activities at their home institutions and other professional societies.

Mr. **Huawei Sun** is the 2003 recipient of the Graduate Leadership and Service Award. Mr. Sun is currently a Ph.D. student in the Department of Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering at The Ohio State University. He served as Chair of the AOCABFE Student Activities Committee (SAC) during 2002-2003. He has demonstrated his strong leadership and service ability through many initiatives and activities including: representing student members on the Executive Board, providing effective communication between the faculty and students within the association, initiated and developed a student paper competition program, organized and conducted SAC meetings via internet, prepared a comprehensive student mailing list for use by the association, and continued active discussion on student interests.



AOC president Dr. Naiqian Zhang presents the award to Lingjuan Wang



AOC president Dr. Naiqian Zhang presents the award to Huawei Sun

## AOC Student Social Party in Las Vegas

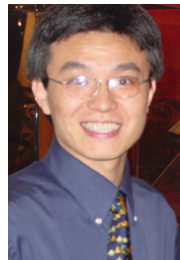
*By Huawei Sun*

Food Agricultural & Biological Engineering  
OARDC/The Ohio State University

Organized by the Student Activity Committee (SAC) of AOC and funded by AOC, a social night party was held at Room 2501, Stardust Hotel, on July 29, 2003. Graduate students, post-docs, and their families enjoyed friendship and fellowship. A few interesting topics, such as personal development, research experiences and career search were shared. Dr. Naiqian Zhang, and Dr. Ning Wang latterly joined the party and shared their successful life and research experiences with student members. Ying Wang, a graduate student from Kansas State University volunteered to serve as the new SAC chair for the 2003-2004 year. She agreed to recruit new committees.

During the year of 2002-2003, the SAC has made excellent progresses for AOC and students' development through co-organizing the first student paper competition, releasing news and progresses of AOC to student

members, representing students on AOC committee board meetings, and organizing a social night party. As Chair of SAC, I would like to appreciate our SAC members for their contributions and dedications, these being Xiuying Wang (Purdue University), Jibin Ni (University of Illinois), Hua Wang (University of Illinois), Zhengzheng Hu (North Carolina State University) and Gong Zhang (University of Manitoba). I also would like to appreciate Dr. Naiqian Zhang, Dr. K C Ting, and Dr. Ning Wang for their encouragement, guidance and assistance on our proposing and organizing the first student paper competition. Finally, we wish all AOC members to have productive work and wonderful future.



## Another Successful “China Exchange” Session

*By Hongwei Xin*

*Chair of China Exchange Session*



*Hongwei Xin*

Co-sponsored by AOCABFE, ASAE and CIGR, the second “China Exchange” session was successfully held on July 30, 2003 during the 2003 ASAE Annual International Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada. The distinguished speakers shared their valuable experiences and thought-provoking visions concerning academic collaboration and exchange with China and the role and future, including opportunities and challenges, of the agricultural engineering education and profession as China continues its strive to join the world’s elite academically, socially and economically. It was exceptionally well attended, with nearly 60 people at the peak time. It was filled with lively and orderly discussion and exchange of intriguing viewpoints between the speakers and the audience. Simply put, both the speakers and the audience showed immense, vested interests in the subject matter.

Speaking of next year’s session of China Exchange at the 2004 ASAE Annual International Meeting in Ottawa, Canada, it’s time to start planning. Good proposals from the general call for paper will be considered for the session, though most of the speakers will be invited. The two-hour session may be expanded to three hours. We have been off to a good start, and fully realize that there is a long way to go toward our ultimate goal. Working together as a cohesive team, we will attain that goal.

Look forward to another productive session next year! Hongwei Xin, Session Moderator and Chair of AOC Meetings and Conference Committee  
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China Exchange Session Speakers and Topics, July 30, 2003

Zhangliang Chen, China Agricultural University: “Perspective of Agriculture and Agricultural Education in China”.

Robert C. Bates, Washington State University: “China/U.S. University Collaborations, Strategies and Models”.

Xiwen Luo, South China Agricultural University: “Livestock and Poultry Production in Southern China”.

Carol Kramer-LeBlanc, Research and Scientific Exchanges Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA: “China Exchange Programs with the Foreign Agricultural Service to Promote International Science Cooperation”

Zhihuai Mao, China Agricultural University: “The Integrated Program for Multi-discipline Agricultural Engineers in China”.

Naiqian Zhang, Kansas State University: “AOC - A Bridge for Sino-US Cooperations in Sustainable Agriculture Research”.

## East Asia Bioproduction Engineering Forum-A Great Success

*Ruihong Zhang*

*Forum Co-Chair*



*Ruihong Zhang*

The 2<sup>nd</sup> East Asia Bioproduction Engineering Forum, held in conjunction with ASAE Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, was a great success thanks to the diligent organizing effort of 12 Forum Organizing Committee members and to the support of AOC members. Seven organizations, including ASAE, AOC, Chinese Society of Agricultural Engineers (CSAE), and South China Agriculture University, sponsored the forum and 11 invited speakers made very informative presentations. The forum was very well attended and received. The forum covered many interesting topics including biotechnology, precision agriculture, biomass energy, food production and environmental quality.

Four invited speakers from China provided overview, insight, and in-depth analysis of various aspects of emerging technologies related to bioproduction. Chen Zhangliang, President of China Agriculture University, provided an overview of biotechnology R&D in China and discussed and provided insight to the forefront and complicated issues involved in biotech regulations in China and other countries. Luo Xiwen, Vice President of South China Agriculture University, provided in-depth analysis of fast growing biotech industry and regulations in China. Jiang En-Chen, Professor of Northeast Agricultural University, China, presented awesome agricultural production in China, especially the Northeast, and current research in agricultural mechanization. Lu Fu-Ming, Professor of National Taiwan University and

President of Chinese Institute of Agricultural Machinery, Taiwan covered very nicely the topic of precision agriculture and its current development in Taiwan. Other speakers addressed the topics of food production and needs of research in Asia (Gajendra Singh from Thailand), research of aerodynamics in agriculture (In-Bok Lee from Korea), emerging problems and solutions for water supply and water quality protection (Ramesh Kanwar from United States), and biomass energy development project in the Philippines (Virginia Fung and Bryan Jenkins from

the United States). Carol Kramer-LeBlanc from United States Department of Agriculture presented an international collaborative project to monitor the water quality along Yellow River in China with an aim of developing solutions for reducing the water pollution. To learn more about these presentations, please check out the ASAE Technical Library ([www.asae.org](http://www.asae.org)) for the forum proceedings.

## News in Brief



Rongsheng Ruan

**Dr. Roger Ruan**, professor of University of Minnesota, and Paul Chen actively participated in the founding of The University of Minnesota's Initiative for Renewable Energy and The Environment (IREE) and Center for Biorefining. The IREE has four clusters. Roger is a co-leader of the Bioenergy and Bioproducts cluster.

The Department of Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering at the U of MN is the home of The Center for Biorefining, for which Roger is the co-director and Paul is the program director.

IREE is established to promote statewide economic development, sustainable, healthy, and diverse ecosystems, and national energy security through development of bio-based and other renewable resources and processes. IREE received \$10 millions for first year and \$12 millions for another 4 years from the state government. IREE provides cluster operation fund, seed grants, and matching funds to faculty members.

The Center for Biorefining is to coordinate the University and external efforts and resources to conduct exploratory fundamental and applied research, develop technologies to support the biobased industry, and provide pilot testing facility. More information about the center can be found at <http://biorefining.coafes.umn.edu>.



**Dr. Xiusheng Yang**, professor of University of Connecticut, received a first grade National Award for Significant Contributions to Science and Technology by the Ministry of Education in China for his collaborative research projects, entitled "Multiscale Ecological Dynamics" with Dr. Qiong Gao at Beijing Normal University. He was also appointed as an Overseas Expert of Assessment for Natural Science Foundation of China and has been invited to serve as a senior advisor for the China Council for the Promotion of Applied Technology Exchanges with Foreign Countries (CCPAT). He will attend the first meeting on "helping Our Motherland through Elite Intellectual Resources from Overseas", or the "HOME Program Meeting", in Beijing in early December.

**Dr. Yoav Sarig**, professor of Institute of Agricultural Engineering, Israel, has recently been appointed as the Vice-President for Academic Development at the Academic College of Engineering in Tel Aviv. This is in addition to his ongoing activities at the Institute of Agricultural Engineering, coordinating a large project on pomegranates.

## Progress of AOC-CSAE Joint International Journal

*By Roger Rung*



Rongsheng Ruan

AOC and Chinese Society of Agricultural Engineers (CSAE) are still planning the proposed journal. AOC reiterates its position on quality control and financial interest of such publication, i.e., AOC shall provide academic leadership and quality control mechanism

to the publication, but will not seek financial gains. Both AOC and CSAE want to publish a journal that will be indexed by SCI, EI, etc, in order to garner manuscript contributions from their members especially the overseas members. CSAE is currently seeking financial support from government and universities. The new journal will start once the necessary investment is secured.



# Report of Executive Board Meeting in October 2003

*By Chenghai Yang*



Chenghai Yang

The AOC Executive Board had its first bimonthly teleconference for the 2003-2004 year on October 31. The following is a summary of the meeting minutes.

*China Exchange:* The China Exchange session at the 2003 ASAE Annual Meeting in Las Vegas was a success. Another China Exchange session will be organized at the 2004 ASAE Meeting in Ottawa, Canada. Good proposals from the general call for paper will be considered for the session, though most of the speakers will be invited. The two-hour session may be expanded to three hours.

*East Asia Forum:* Ruihong Zhang reported that the 2003 East Asia Forum held at Las Vegas was successful. She was suggested by the ASAE to consider a similar session as part of the 2004 ASAE meeting. The Board suggested that the China Exchange session be arranged with the East Asia session back to back within the same day. Speakers can attend both sessions more conveniently.

*Standing committees:* Qiang Zhang and the other board members attending the meeting reviewed the eleven committees established when AOC was founded. A new chair is needed for the fundraising committee. Qiang Zhang and several board members will be in Beijing in November and they will meet the Chinese counterparts to discuss the issues related to the China region committee. Qiang will contact Guoqiang Zhang about the European region committee. The board decided that all existing committees should remain, but reorganizations may be needed for some committees.

*Election of board members:* The election process for board members needs to be improved. The election

process should start early and newly nominated members should prepare a brief biography and a short statement for AOC members to review before election.

*Election of regional directors:* Discussions took place on the article regarding the election of regional board directors in the constitution. K.C. Ting moved, seconded by Naiqian Zhang, that the regional directors shall be appointed by the Executive Board instead of being elected by the regional members. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

*Joint journal:* Roger Ruan reported on the progress about the joint journal. AOC will not participate in the financial part of the journal, but will be in charge of the quality control. AOC will outline concrete procedures to assure the quality, including detailed requirements for manuscript submission and strict review processes ensured by associate editors and reviewers. The details about the journal are still under discussion.

*CIGR Beijing Conference:* Naiqian Zhang reported that some AOC members have been assigned to the organizing and academic committees in the power and machinery and information sessions for the 2004 CIGR conference to be held in Beijing. Naiqian will be in Beijing to meet the organization committee in November to further discuss the AOC involvement in the conference.

*Impact:* Although the first issue of volume 3 is a little behind schedule, the Board agreed that four issues of the newsletter should be published each year.

*Membership:* Ruihong Zhang will continue to serve the chair for the membership committee for the 2003-2004 year. A membership drive needs to be launched for the new year. AOC membership dues will appear on the ASAE membership renewal.

## Renewing Your Membership with AOC

*By Ruihong Zhang*



Dear AOC members and friends,

As the new year of 2004 is coming around the corner, it's time to renew your AOC membership or become a new member. The membership due is \$20 for regular members and \$5 for student members residing in the United States

and ¥ 100 (RMB) for members residing in China.

If you are an ASAE member, you should have received a notice from ASAE for paying the dues. If you are already an AOC member, your AOC membership fee is already marked on the notice and you just need to make the payment (ASAE fee plus the AOC fee). If you are not an AOC member yet, I would like to ask you to join the

AOC at this time by sending your AOC application to ASAE. The application form is attached to this newsletter or can be downloaded from AOC website (<http://www.asae.org/aoc>). The AOC appreciate your continued support. If you are not ASAE member and have no interest in joining ASAE in the near future, please send in your membership due directly to the AOC treasurer. To become a new member, you can fill the application form and send it to Shaojin Wang at Washington State University (for members residing in countries other than China) or Baoji Wang at China Agriculture University (for members residing in China). Their mailing addresses are printed on the application form. We want to continue to bring more members into our community. Please pass words out to your friends, colleagues, and students and help us recruit more new members. The membership

application procedures and form are posted on our AOC website. On behalf of Membership Development Committee, I want to thank you again for your continued support. If you have any questions related to the membership of AOC, please do not hesitate to contact me at [rhzhang@ucdavis.edu](mailto:rhzhang@ucdavis.edu). Your membership will be a highly appreciated gift to the AOC community. Happy Thanksgiving!

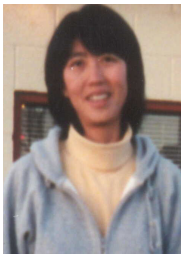
Sincerely,



Ruihong Zhang  
Vice President and Chair of Membership Development Committee

## Treasurer's Report for 2002-2003

*By Lin Wang*



*Lin Wang*

The funding for the association was very limited. Membership dues and donations have been the major funding sources. Donations received for the student dinner gathering and the AOC banquet have saved AOC from financial deficit (see related report).

**Income:**

Transferred from 2001-2002	\$368.79
Member due	\$1,045.00
Donations*	\$3,667.00
T-shirt sale	\$66.00
Dinner tickets	\$1,803.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,949.79</b>

\*\$700 from the Chinese Consulate in San Francisco in pending

**Expenses**

Student Awards and Activities	\$503.00
ASAE Events and Activities	\$1,500.00
Dinner and Banquet	\$3,055.12
"Thank you" Plaques	\$113.74
Miscellaneous expenses	\$161.27
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,333.13</b>

## Editor's Note



IMPACT has stepped into its third year of publication. On behalf of the new editing team (Zhongli Pan, Jude Liu and Huawei Sun), I want to give our greetings to you and hope you will continue to support the IMPACT. We will strive to continue the excellence of the IMPACT and provide timely information to the AOC members. A new addition to the newsletter will be a new column called News in Brief, which will be devoted to reporting the members' latest news and achievements. The success of the newsletter will depend on

your contribution. Let me know any news and achievements that you think other AOC members would be interested in knowing. IMPACT will also continue to publish feature stories of AOC members. If you have any suggestions about the candidates for the feature stories, I want to hear from you and then pass them to the Executive Board. Always, your suggestions and comments to make the IMPACT a better source of information for AOC members are appreciated.

Zhongli Pan, Editor of IMPACT

## Happy Holidays!

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