



## Report of the 2008-2009 President

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### **The Year in Review**

In 2008, the AIME Board continued implementation of the Society's strategic plan and initiatives, placing particular focus on visibility and involvement with the larger engineering and scientific community. Specifically, AIME:

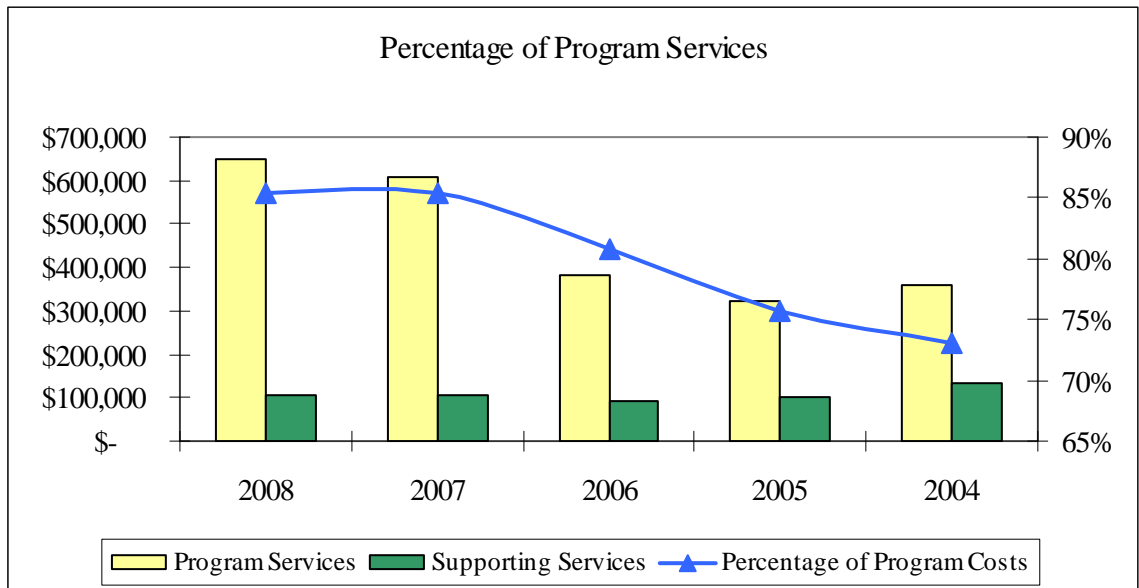
- Made an additional 170 historical works available free to members of the AIME Societies and for purchase externally via OneMine.org, OnePetro.org, and TMS' publications electronic storefront.
- Hosted the Emerging Leaders Alliance training and on-line resource to support young leaders within TMS, SME, AIST, and SPE, as well as ASCE, ASME, and AIChE.
- Led development, in partnership from ASCE and AIChE, of a multi-disciplinary workshop entitled Engineering Solutions for Sustainability: Materials and Resources, designed at bringing technical expertise together with governmental and NGO partners to determine how best to address 21<sup>st</sup> century societal challenges in the areas of energy, recycling, transportation, housing, food and water, and health. The workshop will be held July 22-24, 2009 in Lausanne, Switzerland.
- Established a group of experts to work with the lead Founder Society, AIChE on Carbon Management initiatives.
- Obtained \$325,000 in UEF grants to support the above-mentioned efforts.
- Participated in Engineers' Week, the AAES K-12 Forum, Engineers' Forum for Sustainability, and International Activities Committee meetings.

Going forward into 2009, the AIME Board is excited to also be hosting at its annual meeting representatives from our sister Founder Societies, government, and industry to discuss current national initiatives, and address issues and opportunities in forming partnerships to advance the professions.

We are also diligently working to complete the electronic processing of AIME awards and scholarships nomination/application and committee processes to better advertize and facilitate the great tradition of recognizing the top contributors in the profession and supporting promising young students. Additionally, staff continues to

archive important corporate records and historical data and improve content and navigation on the website, [www.aimehq.org](http://www.aimehq.org).

With a continued emphasis on offering these services while controlling budget and costs, the AIME Board and Staff have been able to substantially increase program spending, without increasing overhead cost, as exhibited in the following graphic and chart:



	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Program Services	\$ 651,502	\$ 609,465	\$ 381,564	\$ 322,811	\$ 360,088
Supporting Services	103,825	104,889	90,847	103,545	132,746
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 755,327</u>	<u>\$ 714,354</u>	<u>\$ 472,411</u>	<u>\$ 426,356</u>	<u>\$ 492,834</u>
Percentage of Program Costs	85%	85%	81%	76%	73%

#### Some Personal Comments

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve as the AIME President this year. A personal note of thanks is due to the AIME Trustees and Staff for their support and hard work. The Institute is moving ahead and has much to look forward in the coming years.