



## Report of the 2007-2008 President

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### The Year in Review

In 2007, the AIME Board continued its strategic planning sessions to further its mission and goals. Through increased promotional efforts and participation in AIME Member Society and other engineering Founder Society events, the Staff and Board have communicated that the organization is alive and well and capitalizing on opportunities to partner for the greater good of all the organizations and Society at large. Specifically, AIME:

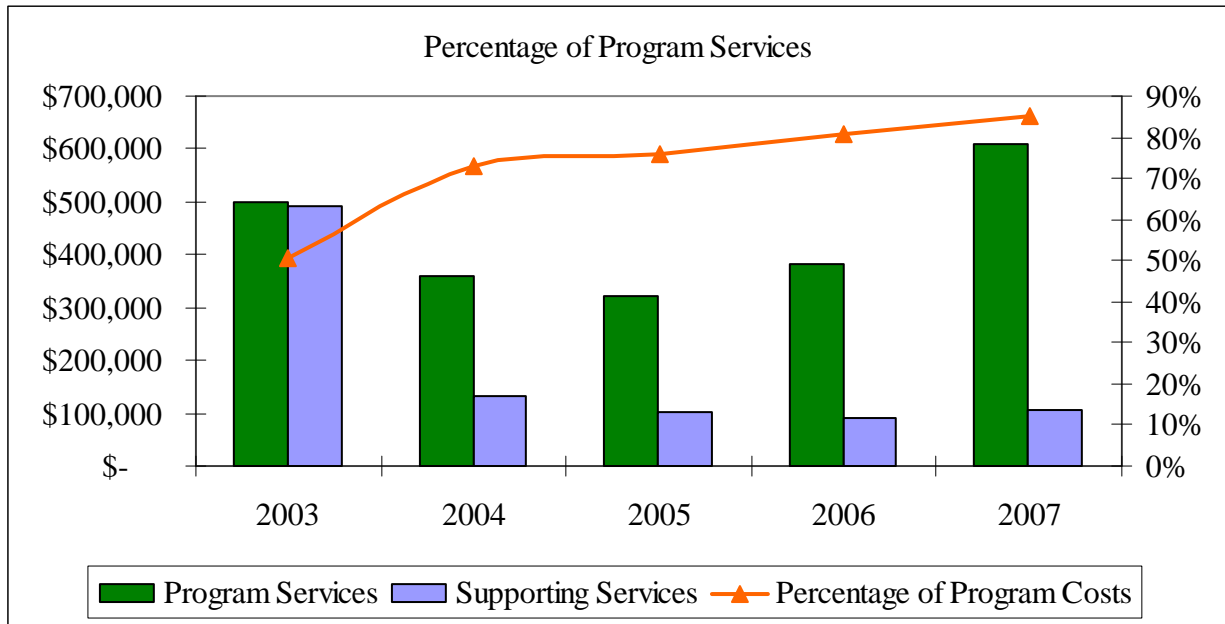
- is leading development of the Emerging Leaders Alliance training and on-line resource to support young leaders within TMS, SME, AIST, and SPE, as well as ASCE, ASME, and AIChE.
- obtained \$98,000 in UEF grants for the above-mentioned effort
- is hosting a multi-disciplinary workshop entitled Engineering 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.
- distributed Member Society grants of over \$160,000 for the first time in nearly a decade

Going forward, the AIME Board is excited to be:

- developing an advocacy platform
- actively participating in more joint-engineering Society activities (e.g. Carbon Management initiatives, R&D Symposium, Engineers' Week).

We are also proud to be introducing automated AIME awards and scholarships nomination/application processes to aid us in continuing 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.aimhq.org](http://www.aimhq.org). In addition to making searchable PDF copies of the AIME Transactions from 1871-1970 available free to members all over the world at the beginning of 2008, Staff will be doing the same with 170 additional historical works by the beginning of 2009. This electronic library of AIME material will also be available via SME's new digital library, OneMine.org. Petroleum-related publications will also be available on OnePetro.org.

With its continued emphasis on doing more for less, the AIME Board and Staff have been able to substantially increase program spending, while keeping a lid on overhead, as exhibited in the following graphic and chart:



	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Program Services	\$ 501,205	\$ 360,088	\$ 322,811	\$ 381,564	\$ 609,465
Supporting Services	493,476	132,746	103,545	90,847	104,889
Total Expenses	\$ 994,681	\$ 492,834	\$ 426,356	\$ 472,411	\$ 714,354
Percentage of Program Costs	50%	73%	76%	81%	85%

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