

CESASC Chronology by Year

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Year	Chairman/President	Major Tasks and Accomplishments
1961	Coordinators: Henry & Lois Chi	Spearheaded by several ladies, 14 guests with common desires and interest, were invited to Chi's home for a potluck in late 1961.
1962	Founding President: Henry Chi First Secretary: Tien Sou Chan First Treasurer: Charles CS Yen	The above core group founded <i>the Chinese Engineering Association of Southern California</i> , and the membership was limited to engineers ONLY. <i>Henry Chi</i> was elected as the Association's first president. Membership went up to 102.
1963	President: Norman Au	The Newsletter became a regular publication for 261 members.
1964 1966	1964 President: T. H. Lin 1965 President: Chung Ming Wong 1966 President: Frederick F. Liu	In 1966, the Association was registered with the State of California as a non-political and nonprofit organization. Membership grew to 325.
1967	President: Theodore Yao Tzu Wu	Started a Youth Program under the leadership of Kam Wong and Paul Wang. Initiated a Scholarship Fund program with the help of S. T. Chu & T. P. Lin In 1967, the Association was enlarged to <i>include both engineers and Scientists</i> in the United States and abroad.
1968	President: Ju Chin Chu	20 operating committees were created to include Membership Drive, Monthly Dinner Meeting, Youth Program, Scholarship Program, and a Technical Aid Program which extended professional assistance to Singapore, UNESCO, and other areas. Membership went up to 428, and 469 guests attended the 1969 Convention. For the first time, four <i>Achievement Awards</i> were presented. Honorees Included <i>Dr. Chen-Dau Lee</i> (李政道博士/1957 Nobel Laureate). <i>CESASC DEBUT Journal</i> was published.
1969	President: Lewis L. T. Au	Installed <i>Regional Chairmen</i> aside from major events and various activities.
1970 1971	1970 Presidents: Wellington Lou Paul P. Yeh 1971 President: Paul P. Yeh	Due to the crisis of engineering profession, <i>CESASC Welfare and Employment Committee</i> contacted AIAA, IEEE, local companies, the White House, Dept. of Defense, and even Taiwan for Employment information and assistance. CESASC members met Prime Minister C. K. Yen (嚴家淦), Vice-Premier Chin-Kao Chiang (蔣經國), Ministers Y.C. Sun (孫運璿), K.T. Li (李國鼎) and Y. S. Tsiang (蔣彥士) through various functions.

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1972	Chairman of the Board: Paul Leung President: Paul Leung	The board and legal counselor updated Bylaws. All board meetings were open to all members. Through newly formed <i>Industrial Relations Committee</i> , a dinner meeting was attended by over 20 executives from local industries.
1973	Chairman of the Board: KamL. Wong President: Tung Po Lin	Formed two new committees, <i>Community Relations and Special Programs</i> . Alfred Hsieh generated <i>Mailing Labels to save manual work</i> . Tung Po Lin and Steven Tang co-organized a Peking Opera Fundraiser for the Scholarship Program.
1974	Chairman of the Board: Kam L. Wong President: Steven Tang	The Technical Programs Committee published some members' technical papers abstracts in the Newsletter which resulted in increased technical information exchange among members.
1975	Chairman of the Board: Tung Po Lin President: Kuang-Chi Kiang	CESASC activities emphasized the improvement of communication among scientists and engineers, and the presentation of technical discussion information to the public through technical meetings and seminars.
1976	Chairman of the Board: Tung Po Lin President: Peter Dai	Organized a FORUM for fellow members to air their concerns relative to the <i>Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Programs</i> . Established a liaison with the Organization of Chinese-Americans (OCA) through which CESASC was able to sponsor a high school student to participate in a <i>Presidential Classroom Program</i> in Washington D.C.
1977	Chairman of the Board: Peter Dai President: John N. H. Chan	Presented an <i>Affirmative-Action-Dinner-Meeting</i> . Panelists from various government agencies explained our rights in regards to better employment and business. Keynote Speaker of 1978 Convention: <i>Dr. Samuel C. C. Ting</i> (丁肇中博士/1976 Nobel Laureate)
1978	Chairman of the Board:K. C. Kiang President: Shou Soon Kwong	Led by Charles Wang and Henry Chi, CESASC had its first ever sightseeing group tour to mainland China. 26 CESASC members/families joined the team. <i>Technical and Travel Committees</i> co-organized a Symposium in Las Vegas.
1979	Chairman of the Board: Peter Dai President: Charles Wang	Co-sponsored a technical meeting with AIAA in honor of the delegation from the <i>Chinese Aeronautics and Astronautics Society of Beijing, China</i> . This is the 1st time CESASC co-sponsored a program with a nationwide professional society. Called a special meeting in honor of the delegation from CIE, Taiwan. <i>Dr. Chen Ning Yang</i> (楊振寧博士/1957 Nobel Laureate) was invited to be the Keynote Speaker of 1980 Convention.

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1980	Chairman of the Board: Charles Wang President: Tennyson Wang	Dr. Charles Kuen Kao (高錕博士), Achievement Award honoree of 1981 Convention, who was later elected to be the 2009 Nobel Laureate.
1981	Chairman of the Board: Charles Wang President: Han C. Leung 20 th Convention Chair: Lois Chi	Co-sponsored a fundraising event with the <i>Organization of Chinese Americans</i> for <i>The Asian Pacific American Advocates of California</i> . <i>Accommodated an educational tour to LA Chinatown sponsored by the Historical Society of Southern California.</i>
1982	Board Chair: Tennyson Wang President: Sui-An Fung	Presented two technical meetings on timely subjects: space shuttle and home computers.
1983	Board Chair: Tennyson Wang President: Shih Yuan (Mike) Chen	Reached the largest number of scholarship recipients, 72 applicants and 15 awards. Mike Chen initiated the idea to found a <i>CESASC Scholarship Foundation</i> .
1984	Chairman of the Board: Sui-An Fung President: Frank Wang	The Association's name was changed from "Chinese" to "Chinese-American" <i>Engineers and Scientists Association of Southern California</i> . <i>The Chinese name was changed to 南加州中華科工學會.</i> CESASC began the process to establish the <i>CESASC Scholarship Foundation</i> as a <i>California Not-for-Profit organization</i> for flexible long term planning, financial independence and tax deduction allowance for donors.
1985	Chairman of the Board: Mike Chen President: Chieh Sun	Over \$20,000 were raised for endowment fund of the Scholarship Foundation. Organized its first <i>Youth Engineering and Science Project Contest</i> led by Wei Kao.
1986	Chairman of the Board: Chieh Sun President: Shui-Lin Chao	Chaired by Wei Kao, CESASC presented its first large-scaled Technical Conference and Industry Exhibitions with fifty speakers, 20 companies and eight sessions. For the first time, over 1,000 guests including engineers and scientists from USA, China and Taiwan attended the 1987/25 th Convention. 兩岸三地科技領袖首度共同與會。
1987	Chairman of the Board: Frank Wang President: Sherman Yu	<i>CESASC Scholarship Foundation</i> was granted non-political and nonprofit status (503 (c)) from the State of California. (07/25/1987) Technical program and Special program committees formed a lecture tour to Taiwan on the subject of communication satellites.
1988	Chairman of the Board: Chieh Sun President: Chih-Ming Ho	Formed a new <i>Youth Committee</i> which was mainly operated by young members. Wen-Jung Li served as the Committee Chair. \$35,000 was raised for <i>CESASC Scholarship Foundation</i> .

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1989	Chairman of the Board: Sherman Yu President: Wei H. Kao	Reinstated Regional Committee to extend services to members reside in rim of L.A. Co-organized a special forum with the Peking University Alumni Association of Southern California and Prof. Shisun Ding, President of Peking University (北京大學丁石孫校長) served as the Keynote Speaker. Unprecedented sessions in social science, art, culture, entertainment and literature were included in the Technical Symposium. 1989 incident occurred, CESASC was the 1st US Chinese-American professional organization voiced concerns
1990	Chairman of the Board: Chih-Ming Ho President: Edward Liu	Eddie Liu organized the first Far East Technical Tour to Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore and Thailand. CESASC initiated in advancement of international cooperation in science, education, economic and technical exchange programs.
1991	Chairman of the Board: Wei H. Kao President: Catherine Kwan 30 th Convention Chair: Shirley Yang	Catherine Kwan, the first female president, was elected. CESASC 30 th Convention was chaired by <i>Shirley Yang</i> . Many committees were also chaired by female engineers and scientists. Held a Career Planning Conference to help members during the economic recession.
1992	Chairman of the Board: Edward Liu President: George Chao	Collaborated with the <i>Organization of Chinese-American Entrepreneurs' Advisory Network (OCEAN)</i> to conduct a career opportunity workshop. 800 engineers and scientists attended the Technical Conference. The keynote speech was given by Dr. K. Y. Chu (朱光亞博士), <i>President of the China Association for Science and Technology</i> (中國科協),
1993	Chairman: Edward Liu President: T. J. Wang	Co-sponsored a joint seminar with the <i>Asian American Economics Development Enterprise</i> , and hosted the "Pacific Rim Business Adventure Workshop".
1994	Chairman: George Chao President: Eastwood Im	Created <i>CESASC Job Opportunity Database</i> to help members obtain updated listing of job openings in various companies. Organized a workshop to study the pros and cons of working overseas.
1995	Chairman: Sherman Yu President: Kung Yao	CESASC went on Internet! Established a <i>HOME PAGE</i> on the World-Wide-Web, with a host ID of <i>CESASC.ORG</i> . It provided information on upcoming CESASC activities, as well as Employment Database for use by our members.
1996	Chairman: Kung Yao President: Elizabeth Kay-Im	Organized a seminar on Modern Portfolio Theory. Collaborated with <i>Dynatech Development Corp.</i> , and the <i>Society of Chinese-American Aerospace Engineers</i> on China AE-100 project. Presented a program with Taiwan Police Univ. Alumni Assn.

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1997	Chairman: Eastwood Im President: Tientsai Yang	Organized a program on stock and mutual fund investments, an Industrial Technology Conference with the Industrial Technology Research Institute (台灣工技術研究院), and a seminar on key technology developments in China. Led by Shirley Ho, co-sponsored a large-scale medical seminar, the first of its kind in CESASC History, with the Torrance Memorial Medical Center.
1998	Chairwoman: Elizabeth Kay-Im President: Munson Kwok	CESASC's heritage and legacy enabled our Association to play as a role model for many new Chinese-American associations in Southern California.
1999	Chairman: Wei Kao President: William Chang	Organized several seminars on Y2K, Inventions and Enterprises, Venture Capital and Intellectual Property, Consumer Affairs and LA Airport Planning Strategy. Wen-Ho Lee Case occurred in 1999. Then <i>Charlie Sie</i> , CESASC Advisor, met with President Bill Clinton and provided a letter to White House on the Achievements of Chinese-Americans. Bill Chang was interviewed by <i>New York Times</i> .
2000	Chairman: Munson Kwok President: Sheng-Rong Lin	Co-organized a Breaking Through the Glass Ceiling Seminar with the <i>Society of Women Engineers</i> and several local organizations. Invited <i>Dr. Yuan Tseh Lee</i> (李遠哲博士/1986 Nobel Laureate) to be the Keynote Speaker of 2001 Convention. Dr. Y. T. Lee was also a recipient of CESASC 1986 Achievement Award.
2001	Chairman: Munson Kwok President: Edward Liu 40 th Convention Co-Chairs: Winnie Wu , John C. H. Chen	The 40 th Convention was held on March 30 and March 31, 2002 at the LAX Hilton. Theme: To Empower Asia + America Adventure 12 Keynote Speakers from China, Taiwan and USA attended the 40th Convention. Presented the Life Time Service Award to Henry Chi, CESASC Founder.
2002	Chairman: Edward Liu President: Charles Wang	Organized a joint convention with <i>Chinese Association for Science and Technology California Chapter at Los Angeles (CAST-LA)</i>
2003	Chairman: William Chang President: Charles Wang	The participation of the <i>Vietnamese Association for Computing, Engineering Technology and Science (VACETS)</i> in our 2004 Convention enabled CESASC to expand our services to other Asian professional associations.
2004	Chairman: Charles Wang President: Shirley Ho	Presented CESASC first Student/postdoctoral Poster Session. Strengthened CESASC financial status during this transitional period through various Fundraising strategies. <i>Silent Auction</i> was introduced to CESASC by Shirley Ho.
2005	Chairman: Shirley Ho President: Shan Lee	CESASC financial status strengthened. Reached out the most prominent industry sectors in greater Los Angeles area. Dr. Linda M.H. Liaw, CESASC 1986 Scholarship recipient, received 2006 Achievement Award. Began to designate a DAY sessions to focus on scholarship recipient presentations.

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2006 2007	Chairman: Shan Lee President: SikunLan	CESASC significantly increased the regular and life membership size through various Functions. Created CESASC Yahoo Group that linked all members by e-mail.
2008	Chairman: SikunLan President: David K. Lee	Through an art working donation by a scholarship recipient, LIVE Auction was first-time introduced to CESASC fundraising Program.
2009	Chairman: Wei Kao President: Wensheng Zhou	Through the support of <i>Taiwan National Science Council</i> (國科會), and <i>the Science and Technology Division of TECO</i> , CESASC co-sponsored the 2nd International Symposium on Materials for Enabling Nanodevices (ISMEN) in September of 2010 with UCLA, ITRI, National Cheng-Kung University.
2010	Chairman: Shirley Ho President: Yiu Man So	Presented a <i>Leadership Development Series</i> for young generation. Collaborated with local schools to present a Robot Show during the 2011 KSCI/TV 18 LNY Festival. This is the first time, CESASC worked with a medium to benefit the community at large. The first English version of CESASC Bio was compiled during April of 2011.
2011	Chairman: Shirley Ho President: Jason Wen 50th Convention Chair: Shirley Ho	CESASC was honored by the <i>Chinese American Museum (CAM)</i> as the recipient of the <i>Excellence in Science and Engineering Leadership Award</i> during <i>CAM's 15th Annual Historymaker's Awards Banquet</i> . Planned by Shirley Ho, Chaired by Liping Yan and input by 40 writers, CESASC published our 50th Year Special Edition Journal to summarize the CESASC History between 1962 and 2012. 385 guests attended the 50th Anniversary Gala on 04/22/2012, at the Biltmore Hotel. Continued to co-sponsor the 3rd ISMEN International Symposium at UCLA.
2012	Chairman: Jason Wen President: Yutao He	Continued to co-sponsor the 3rd ISMEN International Symposium at UCLA. CESASC Foundation began to plan and work on the History Project. Charlie Sie, our long time CESASC Advisor, passed away on February 27, 2013. Started LEAP (Leadership, Excellence, Aspiration, Platform) Career Development Program. Started STEM Essay Contest Established CESASC Trailblazer Award. Congresswoman Judy Chu was the inaugural awardee.
2013	Chairman: Yutao He President: Liping Yan	Held a seminar on Transportation in collaboration with CAPS & ICTPA-SCC. Supported the History 30/Southern California and participated in SWCSSA Expo. Had LEAP 2.0 (with a theme of lead your career forward) at Caltech, introducing for the first time on-site job recruiting. In conjunction with SWCSSA, LEAP@campus (themed lead your career into the real world) made a successful debut with two events in UCI and UCSD. Expanded the STEM essay contest to include 6th grade students and had the 2nd contest in 2014.

2014	Chairman: Liping Yan President: Dankai Liu	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All day event starting at 9:00 am including Morning Keynote Speech, LEAP, Noon-time Keynote speech, Technical Symposium, and even keynote speech. 2. First time use on line commercial registration - Eventbrite. Processed most payments online. 3. Had 120+ students participated the Convention - broke the record. 4. Had Distinguished Achievement recipients participate LEAP in the morning 5. LEAP 3.0 was held in USC with about 250 participants 6. Started a radio show - "Science and technology impacting life" 7. Robotic team participated STEM - led by Yiuman So
2015	Chairman: Dankai Liu President: Yue Rong	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hosted a series of seminars for "breaking bamboo ceilings." 2. Continue to support LEAP program. 3. Hosted annual convention first time at UCLA, including contribution to UCLA foundation, and collaboration with UCLA Grand Challenge for better environment. 4. Continue to collaborate with sister southern California professional Associations, including participating in local activities, and co-hosting seminars. 5. Initiated corporation nomination in achievement award 6. Created a new session of Business innovation debuting in 2016 annual convention. 7. Continue STEM to mentor younger generation.