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CSAB Names Two New Fellows

Baltimore, MD — CSAB, Inc., the lead society within ABET, Inc., for accreditation of programs in computer science, information systems, software engineering, and information technology, has named Murali R. Varanasi, Ph.D., and Lawrence G. Jones, Ph.D., Fellows of the organization. CSAB Fellows are honored for their outstanding contributions to the computing profession and to computing education. The award was presented to Varanasi and Jones on October 3 in New Orleans, LA, following the annual meeting of CSAB's board of directors.

Varanasi has been active within CSAB since 1992. He has served as a member of the Board of Directors, representing the IEEE-Computer Society, and as the Secretary-Treasurer, President, and Past President. Varanasi was instrumental to the success of many activities during his tenure, including the expansion of computing accreditation to the disciplines information systems and information technology. In addition, he is one of CSAB's three representative directors on the ABET Board. Varanasi is currently Professor and Chair of the Electrical Engineering Department at the University of North Texas, Denton. His prior academic service includes faculty positions at Old Dominion University and the University of South Florida, where he is Professor Emeritus.

Jones began his accreditation activities as a CSAB program evaluator in 1989. Since then, he has served as a member of the CSAB Board of Directors, representing the Association of Computing Machinery, and as the Secretary-Treasurer of the organization. Within ABET, Jones served as a member-at-large, Vice Chair of Operations, Chair-Elect, and Chair of the Computing Accreditation Commission. Most recently, he served as Chair of ABET's Accreditation Council, where he led the efforts to improve inter-

commission cooperation leading to harmonization of accreditation criteria and improved training of evaluators. Jones was also named a Fellow of ABET this month. He is currently a Senior Member of the Technical Staff at the Software Engineering Institute of Carnegie Mellon University.

CSAB, Inc., a federation of the Association for Computing Machinery and the IEEE Computer Society, serves as a participating body of ABET, Inc., with three members on the ABET Board of Directors. CSAB is the lead society within ABET for accreditation of programs in computer science, information systems, software engineering, and information technology, and is a cooperating society for accreditation of computer engineering, biological engineering, and information engineering technology. In this capacity, CSAB has responsibility for the development of accreditation criteria and for the selection and training program evaluators.

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