

Willamette Valley Section News

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President's Letter

By Zhuqing Zhang and Roberta Stinson

Dear fellow women engineers, we (ZZ and Roberta) are taking over the president's letter this month to give you a preview of FY10 SWE programs. We have had two fantastic years of programs, thanks to our dedicated program committee members and your participation.

We would also like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to those who responded to our WVS-SWE FY10 Programs Survey last month. In the survey, we listed a number of choices for future SWE programs including technical tours, speech/workshops, fun activities, and potential joint programs with Columbia River Section. Your responses to the survey have helped us put together a rough program schedule for the year that we hope will meet your needs and interests.

Over the past two years, we have had great turnout at professional development workshops, which we hope will continue in the coming year. We have made the initial contact to schedule a Masterminding session later this month. Masterminding is a process that enables people to achieve goals through collaboration. Please look out for an invitation to attend the workshop. We also look forward to setting up another personal/professional workshop early next year.

Technical tours have also been among our highlighted programs in past years. The survey responses indicated a very strong interest in touring Stahlbush Island Farms, featuring their operation of the first-of-its-kind Biogas Plant. Due to shorter days and the ending of daylight saving time, we will be organizing this tour next spring. We have a couple of tour runner-ups that we will be exploring to determine which we can fit in this fall.

For fun activities, hiking and a cooking class were the most popular survey responses. We have a great idea of combining this year's holiday party with a cooking activity. While we learn how to cook a delicious, healthy holiday meal, we can enjoy what we have made for the celebration of the season. And we will look forward to hiking with you next summer.

For those who joined us for the joint program with Columbia River Section this June, you know how much fun we had! We will try to schedule another one with them in FY10, and hopefully, it will be a tour to First Solar.

We would like to thank those who have volunteered this year to help us plan programs: Cindy Dahl, Julie Wrazel, Linda Sebring, Betty Coulman, Melissa Martinez, and Jenny Shih. We hope to see everyone, whether a SWE member or not, at these programs. Let's enjoy the dinner, socialize and network, learn something new, and have fun!

See list of programs on page 3 under Local News

Who's Who

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Certificate of Merit: Andrea Knight, drea228a@gmail.com

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Welcome New and Renewing Members!

Your membership dues support the local section as well as national programs. If you have not yet renewed, please go to www.swe.org to join or renew your SWE membership.

Barbara Hazlett

Andrea Knight

Jill Wallin

Announcing another new addition to the SWE Family:



Congratulations to Ruth, Garrard, and Oliver on the birth of

Kayleigh Amanda Hume Rivera
8 Oct, 2009 @ 11:43 pm
5 lb 13 oz
18 in long



WHERE: TOGO'S, CORVALLIS
WHEN: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22ND
TIME: NOON

Please email Melissa if you plan to attend so she can let them know a big party is coming (melissa.martinez@wahchang.com).

The address for Togo's is:
2317 NW 9th St
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Visit our website at <http://wvs-swe.engineeredu.com/>

Calendar of Events

OCTOBER

- 6 EC Meeting
 15-17 SWE Nat'l. Conf., Long Beach, CA
 22 Meet'n Greet Lunch, Togo's
 TBD Masterminding Workshop

NOVEMBER

- 3 EC Meeting, McGrath's in Corvallis, 6 pm
 TBD Meet'n Greet Lunch
 TBD Technical Tour

DECEMBER

- TBD EC Meeting
 TBD Meet'n Greet Lunch
 TBD Holiday Cooking Class & Party

Local News

Committee Chairs Needed

The Willamette Valley Section is still looking for a few good women to lead some of our vital chair positions. This includes the Pre-College Outreach chairperson.

The Pre-College Outreach committee chair plans events throughout the year, usually including one Saturday Academy workshop for middle school students and the Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day, held in conjunction with Engineers Week. This chair can plan as many activities as she and her committee are willing to do.

Please contact Lorraine Wang (lorraine.c.wang@hp.com) to volunteer for this chair position or any of the open positions as listed in the Who's Who section.

FY10 Programs

Here's the tentative plan for WVS-SWE Programs:

- Sep – kickoff meeting
- Oct – Professional Development Workshop: Masterminding
- Nov – technical tour (TBD)
- Dec – holiday cooking class/party
- Jan – Workshop (TBD)
- Feb – National Engineers Week Banquet (organized by the banquet committee)
- Mar – open
- Apr – Joint program with CR section
- May – Stahlbush Island Farm tour
- Jun/July – hike

Professional Development Workshop: Masterminding

SWE-WVS is hosting a Masterminding workshop on Oct 26 6:00-8:00 PM at HP McFadden A conference room. Shawna Corden and Kristina Ender of Mastermind Headquarters, a brand of EndWell Coaching, will be covering the invaluable tool of a Mastermind Group. Please RSVP to ZZ (zhuqing.zhang@hp.com) by Oct 21st. Dinner will be provided at the workshop, which is free for all SWE members. A small cost will be charged (\$7~8) to cover dinner for non-members.

To know more about Masterminding and our coach:

A Mastermind group can be likened to your own personal board of directors or focus group. Think of this as a powerful group of 6 people who are doing everything they can to promote each others' mutual success. Kristina and Shawna are both trained and certified coaches who offer Mastermind Groups to accelerate and promote personal growth and success in business. Learn more about their client's success stories and their programs at www.Endwellcoaching.com.

National News



The SWE Conference is this week! Check the SWE National website for updates on the conference.

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National SWE is on Facebook! Search for "Society of Women Engineers" and click to become a fan!

Visit our website at <http://wvs-swe.engineeringedu.com/>

WVS-SWE Executive Council Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2009

Scribe: Debora Thomas

Attendees: Lorraine Wang, Melissa Martinez, Becky Clark, Abbie Kimerling, Debora Thomas, Laura Kramer, Nancy Beaudry

Highlights from Region J Training with Linda Thomas

- 6 of 10 Region J nominations won national awards
- Add pictures in section reports. Note that we need a release form for minors. For upcoming events, try to get pictures to incorporate into section reports.
- [Invite Linda Thomas to banquet](#) – she was very enthusiastic when hearing about the banquet and speaker
- [Melissa to see if banquet qualifies for SWE funds](#)
- [Becky to e-mail Linda about Region J teleconference](#)
- [Melissa to check with Kathy about updated EC e-mail list. Lorraine to send Kathy update about committee chairs](#)
- Should we do something on May 27, 2010 for SWE 60th anniversary? It is a Thursday. We could do something with OSU or an outreach project.

Budget

- Abbie – cert of merit (postage), essay contest (postage), girl scouts (Jan and April, \$100 for each event), OSU counselor, pre-college outreach (funnel into some other outreach since we don't have anyone organizing anything). Lorraine says that we'll save significantly by going electronic for cert of merit and essay contest
- Melissa – banquet, programs. Last year we spent less than anticipated. Two moderator fees got miscategorized.
- Regarding funding event flyer, Hypatia days, there is a request for \$200. We need to review our budget before committing any funds. We recommend giving \$100, pending budget review. We will also try to send some college volunteers. [Lorraine to put budget together, then send out e-mail for us to vote on.](#)

OSU Section and Misc

- OSU by-laws were turned in on time. Janelle made sure everything was squared away before she left for summer vacation

- Janelle is meeting with Nancy later. SWE OSU had a meeting at the same time as the EC meeting.
- Our by-laws did not show up on spreadsheet. This should be cleared up at the end of October.
- OSU request for funding from SWE for funding to go to nationals. Nancy wants us to get an idea of what kind of money we can give them, and for what, so that we have a clear answer for Janelle. We want to commit \$500 to OSU activities for the year, pending our budget review. [Nancy to e-mail the EC when she finds out details.](#)
- Essay contest – Holly Pick has volunteered to co-chair with Jenny. Toni is on board with helping. Holly is very eager to help with SWE activities. She may be able to help with publicity and company interfacing – publicizing our events, branching out to different companies, press releases, etc.
- Lorraine looked into updated membership list from SWE website but she thinks it is inaccurate because the list is much too long.

Banquet

- Georgia Pacific considering giving SWE a donation for the banquet. This usually went toward the scholarship. They will review their financials and let us know.
- For 150 paid attendees, the ticket price is around \$35.
- Proposal: use sponsored tickets for students and guests. Extra money should go back to section instead of going to sponsor more students (as Toni used to do).
- Entrees increased \$5 this year with this caterer. There is some benefit in not having to train a new caterer. That can be on the table for next year, but this year we're sticking with this caterer because we had to reserve in the summer.
- The only way to get alcohol permitted is to have a separate event beforehand. You have to pay extra fees for servers and bar setup. Some attendees might be more inclined to attend if alcohol available. It would be a separate ticket. We could call it networking hour. The banquet usually starts at 6, so this would start at 5. This

is a little tight for people coming from work – we could start the banquet at 6:30. We want to plan on ending early enough so that scholarship winners can go to bed on time for school the next day. There would be an additional ticket for this event. How many attendees can we expect to come to this networking hour? We had ~100 adults (non-students) come to the banquet last year. We would need half of them to come to this to make it cost effective; the estimate for the bar was for 50 people.

- The caterer wants exact numbers three days beforehand, but we only pay for meals served. Early registration would make our logistics easier. We could arrange it so that a week before the final registration date, the price goes up. We want to avoid registration on site. The final, absolute registration deadline is a week before the banquet. Banquet is Feb 23, 2010 (Tues).
- Jenny is not working on funding for the banquet. We could ask Toni to ask companies to sponsor

tables since they know her name already. [Jenny to follow up with Toni.](#)

- Banquet letters/invitations go out in Jan, but get prepared in Dec. We finalize ticket prices in Nov.
- At the banquet, we should recognize Toni for her fellowship award from National SWE. Should we present her with something? We should at least have her come to the front while someone (OSU boss? Lorraine?) reads her list of accolades.
- [We need to make sure that Paypal is set up on Celeste's webpage.](#)
- [Jenny to consolidate the ideas \(final ticket price, details for networking hour, etc.\) and send out an e-mail.](#)

Next Meeting:

November EC meeting will be held Tues Nov 3. 6pm at McGrath's in Corvallis.

Job Posting

For more information, please contact Julie Wrazel at julie@homedialysisplus.com.

TENURE-TRACK POSITION IN THE ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY

The Engineering and Technology Management (ETM) department at Portland State University has a new tenure-track position. Rank is open. Compensation is competitive and commensurate with experience, and includes an excellent benefits package including fully paid health care, reduced tuition rates, and a generous retirement and vacation package.

Requirements include:

- Educational background in engineering, science or related disciplines
- Ph.D. in technology management, engineering management or related fields
- Strong research record in technology management

Specific emphasis on technology management research in the energy sector is desirable.

The candidate will be expected to teach Masters and Ph.D. level courses on project management and other areas of technology management, conduct research, direct Ph.D. students attract research funding, interact with industry, and participate in organizing PICMET (Portland International Conference in Management of Engineering and Technology), the annual conference headquartered in the department.

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