Calendar of Upcoming Events:

April
1  2006 Panel Discussion
2  Science Fair Award Ceremony
14 Region I Officers Nominations

May
TBD

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“THE 5-YEAR ITCH: A TIME OF SELF EVALUATION”

A **BIG** THANK YOU goes to the Panel Discussion Planning Committee including Isabel Solano, Maya Scott, and Sharon Jean-Baptist, for organizing a successful panel discussion.

THANK YOU to the panelists and moderator who shared their experiences openly with the audience, gave their honest opinions about the different topics, and asked the audience’s opinions as well, making the discussion very informal and enjoyable.

THANK YOU to the audience, students and professionals. We were very excited to have students from UMKC, KSU and KU in the audience this year, as well as new professionals with a background experience extending from 0 to several years.

The interaction was amazing and everyone enjoyed and appreciated all topics discussed.

Again, Thank you to all… it takes a group effort to make these events entertaining and educational. We hope to see you again next year at our annual panel discussion… Till then, check out our calendar of events in our monthly Newsletter for any event you may be interested in attending.
A.C.E. Career Fair and Career Fest

The Alliance of Community Educators (A.C.E.) is a career development resource that connects career professionals from various fields with Kansas City students to help them explore and experience career opportunities. A.C.E. sends these people to classrooms through their speaker's bureau, and work with schools to provide volunteers for career fairs, and mentors for special programs.

Interested? A.C.E. will need a few mentors for a career exploration program. Female engineer mentors for the students, especially the young girls in our community, would be very beneficial. SWE members would be excellent candidates to speak to students about their careers, education, and life experiences.

Information for A.C.E. Career Fair and A.C.E. Career Fest are included below. For further volunteering information, please contact Karen Loumaster, Development Manager at the Alliance of Community Educators by phone at 913-901-2422 or via email at karenl@aceducators.org.

Check A.C.E. mission and activities at www.aceducators.org.

Business and Technology Career Fair – April 26th, 2006

Where: The Reardon Center, Hilton Garden Inn, 520 Minnesota, Kansas City, Kansas

When: Wednesday, April 26th, from 9 – 11 a.m.
with a complimentary breakfast at 8:15 a.m.

Who: Kansas City business and technology professionals speaking to students about their careers to help these students explore career and further educational choices

How: Speakers will be setup in booths, and make 20 minute presentations to groups of approx. 25 students. There will be four groups of students going to each booth, so each presenter will speak to approx. 100 students.

If you are interested in spending a few hours of your day speaking about your career, answering questions from students, and ultimately helping young people make educated choices about their futures, please contact
Karen Loumaster: 913-901-2422 or karenl@aceducators.org
Career Fest Volunteer Opportunity

Career Fest 2006 is designed to reinforce the skills that students learn in the Youth Leadership Academy and to provide an opportunity for them to explore a career – what kind of education is needed, what personality traits are desirable, the demands of that career, and what prospects there are for employment.

Through research, presentations by professionals in various careers, and connections to mentors, Career Fest students will gain improved skills in computer literacy, reading, writing, verbal communication and leadership.

Career Fest runs from December 2005 through May 2006

We are in need of mentors to speak to the students about their career experiences in April. There are two dates for the April Career Fest exploration session:

1) Thursday April 13, at Coronado Middle School
   (1735 N. 64th Terr. Kansas City, KS 66102)

2) Friday April 14, at West Middle School
   (2600 44th St. Kansas City, KS 66104)

Both of these sessions will only last one hour, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Volunteers will speak to students about their careers and experiences and answer questions to help these young people make educated choices about their future careers.

If you are interested in participating in Career Fest, please contact Karen Loumaster, at the Alliance of Community Educators at 913-901-2422 or at karenl@aceducators.org
ENGINEERING CAMP FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS

The College of Engineering and Computer Science at the University of Evansville offers engineering and computer science career exploration camps for girls. One is for middle school girls and one is for high school girls. The purpose of these experiences is to enlighten girls on the career opportunities in the fields of engineering and computer science.

This program offered by the University of Evansville, Indiana, is open to any girl in the United States, and the College of Engineering does offer some travel support to those young women who will need to travel to Indiana from elsewhere. They are currently accepting applications for both camps. The participation is limited.

They are requesting SWE assistance in getting this information to our membership who may know someone who would benefit from the experience.

You can find information about both camps as well as print an application at the following web sites. If there are questions, they can be directed to me at 812-488-2651 or tn2@evansville.edu with the word OPTIONS in the subject line.

The high school site is: http://options.evansville.edu (no "www")
The middle school site is: http://options.evansville.edu/middleschool (no "www")

Contact Info For Coordinator:
Tina Newman, Coordinator
OPTIONS Programs
University of Evansville
812-488-2651
STUDENTS: DO YOU WANT TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE FOR FREE??

PROFESSIONALS: HOW DOES 33% OFF REGISTRATION SOUND??

If interested, contact Jaci Gruber at JGRUBER@kc.rr.com
Or Karen Gilbertson at KarenG@ksdot.org

Ellen Jordan did a great job of presenting the BHAG, or SWE vision, to the professionals at the Region i Conference in Manhattan.

Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey questions. Your response will help set the direction of SWE. Responses should go to Ellen Jordan at: pljordan@ponyexpress.net.
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

It is time to put out a call for nominations for positions at the region level in SWE.

The positions of Lieutenant Governor, Treasurer, and Nominating Committee Representative are each two-year commitments. Service will be for FY07-FY08, which will run from July 1, 2006 through June 30th, 2008.

Region i Officer Information

1- Lieutenant Governor

Duties - The lieutenant governor shall assume the duties of the governor if the governor is temporarily unable to serve, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the governor or the region council. Generally in region i, the Lieutenant governor is asked to assist in the planning of the region conference with the student team to ensure all members are considered for the various programs. The Lieutenant governor is also a nonvoting member of the region council with the right to participate in the discussions of the council.

Eligibility - The lieutenant governor must meet the same eligibility requirements as the governor from the national bylaws:
1. Be a voting member of the Society in good standing;
2. Be assigned to that region as a member of one of the professional sections or as a professional member at large; and
3. Have served at least two years in the aggregate as a professional member of the council or as a professional section or members at large president, except that one year as a region collegiate representative may be counted toward this requirement.

2- Treasurer

Duties - The treasurer shall:
1. Be responsible for the collection, distribution, and safekeeping of region funds;
2. Prepare, maintain, and report as directed on the financial position of the region in relation to the approved budget;
3. Submit a financial report to the Society in accordance with established procedures; and
4. Perform other duties incident to the office of treasurer or as may be assigned by the governor or the region council.
The treasurer is also a nonvoting member of the region council with the right to participate in the discussions of the council.

Eligibility - The secretary and treasurer must be voting members of the region.

3- Nominating Committee Representative

Duties - The nominating committee shall, subject to the approval of the board of directors, develop and maintain appropriate documents to govern the Society in any cases of procedures for nomination, election, or removal not covered by the law or these bylaws. The nominating committee shall select one or more qualified candidates for each of the available positions and present such slate to the board of directors and the council by February 1. The nominating committee may also recommend candidates for other positions, if so requested by the board or the council.

Eligibility - In order to be eligible to serve on the nominating committee, a member must have had recent experience with the Society on a national level, such as service on the board of directors, as a professional member of the council, as a region governor, or as a Society committee chair. Members of the nominating committee may not become candidates during their tenure of service on the nominating committee.

You may nominate yourself or someone else.

Please respond by email to Faith Kay at: faith.kay@swe.org by Friday, April 14th to be considered for the ballot.

Include one paragraph describing your history in SWE (positions held, etc.), and one paragraph describing your vision or direction for the position.
NATIONAL CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

If you haven’t heard yet, the 2006 SWE National Conference will be held in KANSAS CITY!!

OCTOBER 12-14, 2006

In preparation for the BIG event, the National Conference Planning Committee meets every first Tuesday of the month at Paulo & Bill’s Restaurant at 16501 Midland Dr in Shawnee, KS. The group is deciding what merchandise to sell at the convention, coordinating the volunteers for the convention as well as developing ways to inform as many companies and organizations with female engineers to join SWE. If you are interested in working with this committee, please contact Michelle Mahoney at mmahoney@hntb.com.

TASK FORCE COMMITTEES

SWE is encouraging all members to join and be active in one of the Task Force Committees, in particular the National Engineers Week Committee. The National Engineers Week Committee represents SWE on the Steering Committee for National Engineers Week. It is the mission of National Engineers Week to increase public awareness and appreciation of the engineering profession and appreciation of technology.

You can find the entire list of Committees along with their chair person and a detailed description of their goals by visiting www.swe.org, under About SWE/ Committees.

Don’t just be a member, be PROACTIVE and contribute in making SWE a continuing leading organization.

YOU HAVE COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS? CONTACT US BY VISITING OUR WEBSITE:

Http://o.web.umkc.edu/obannond/SWE/SWE-KC.html
FEEDBACK FORM
THE BHAG – OUR VISION!

Current BHAG: To be the recognized authority on and advocate for, women in engineering.

2005 BHAG Motion: Transcend the need for the “W” in SWE.

Idea: To achieve and sustain parity for women in engineering.

Idea: To increase the number of women in engineering.

• What do you like about the above BHAG’s (Our vision)?

• What don’t you like about the BHAG’s (Our vision) above?

• Do you have any suggestions or key words you would like to see in the BHAG (Our vision)?

• Where do you think SWE should be in 20-30 years?

CONTACT ES FIG LEADER, LEE ANN SCHWOPE, WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR IDEAS – LSCHWOPE@EXCERAMATERIALS.COM
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**SPEAKERS**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER - Dealing With Generation X – Chief Ron Graham, Fireman**

"Ron Graham has been the Fire Chief for Consolidated Fire District #2 since 1995. He has an Associate Degree in Fire Science from Kansas City Community College, a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Ottawa University and is a 2002 KU Certified Public Manager graduate."

**Personality Profiling – Myra Greenberg, City Of Lawrence**

In August 2005, Myra joined the City of Lawrence to create and manage the City’s Leadership and Employee Development initiatives. Previously, Myra developed and taught a wide variety of Management and Employee Training courses at KDOT for 13 years. In addition, she has provided consulting and custom training for KSPE, ACEC of Kansas, the City of Topeka Public Works Department, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, and manufacturing, aircraft, education, food processing, hospital administration and not-for-profit organizations. She graduated from Emporia State University with a B.S.B. in Business Administration and Management and earned her M.B.A. from Wichita State University.

**Licensure – Dr. Tom Mulinazzi, P.E., University Of Kansas**

Tom graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a BSCE degree and has his MS and PhD degrees from Purdue University. He taught at the University of Maryland for six years before joining the Civil Engineering faculty at the University of Kansas in 1979. He has taught courses in highway engineering, surveying, traffic engineering and other transportation related courses. He is a licensed engineer and land surveyor in Kansas. In 2000, he was appointed to the Kansas State Board of Technical Professions and reappointed in 2004.

**Traits of Highly Successful Teams – Tawn Nugent, P.E., George Butler Associates, Inc.**

Tawn Nugent is a Senior Engineer for George Butler Associates, Inc. in the Transportation Department. She received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Iowa State University and a Master of Science in Engineering Management from the University of Kansas. Tawn is a member of KCE, APWA and KSPE.

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**June 28th, 2006**

**Doubletree Hotel, Overland Park**

**Young Engineer………………………………...$30**
**Full-Time Engineering Student………...$15**

*Seminar includes a hot breakfast! 3 Professional Development Hours!*

*A Young Engineer is classified as any engineer under the age of 35**

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For more information and online registration go to: [www.kansasengineer.com](http://www.kansasengineer.com) or call: 785.233.2121