Calendar of Upcoming Events:

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10   Networking at the Nelson-Atkins Museum
19-25 E-Week Co-Sponsored by SWE and Northrop Grumman

March
3-4   Region I Conference, Manhattan, KS
30   Science Pioneers: Special Awards Organization

April
1   Life/Work Balance Panel Discussion
2   Science Pioneers: Special Awards Ceremony

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Networking at the Nelson-Atkins Museum

When is the last time you visited the Nelson-Atkins Museum? Have you been since the expansion? Since your grade school field trips?

Date:  Friday, **February 10**, 2006
Time:  5:30 pm
Where:  Rozelle Court Restaurant
Cost:  Museum is FREE and parking costs $3.00
Dinner is up to you
Place:  Nelson-Atkins Museum
        4525 Oak Street
        Kansas City, MO 6411

We will meet in the Rozelle Court Restaurant. You’ll socialize, eat, don’t eat, tour on your own, or tour with a group. **IT’S UP TO YOU**
Bring your friends and other women engineer co-workers!

Did you know that the Nelson-Atkins has one of the **TOP FIVE** Oriental art collections in the United States?
Remember the Thomas Hart Benton picture gallery?
Want more information, just look at the web site: [www.nelson-atkins.org](http://www.nelson-atkins.org).

Please **RSVP** to Hope Piuck at 913-441-6500 x 7215 or hope.piuck@swe.org by **Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2006**
E-Week 2006

Engineers Week was founded by the National Society of Professional Engineers, over 55 yrs ago. 70 engineering, education, and cultural societies, and more than 50 corporations and government agencies are part of Engineers Week.

The Purpose:

Raising public awareness of engineers’ positive contributions to quality of life by:

- Promoting recognition among parents, teachers and students of the importance of a technical education and a high level of math, science, and technology literacy
- Motivating youth to pursue engineering careers in order to provide a diverse and vigorous engineering workforce

For more information on Engineers Week programs visit

www.eweek.org and www.eweek2006.org/about.aspx

PS: You can check out the E-Week Kit on SWE-KC Website. It includes tips and brochure to allow you to make your E-Week experience worthwhile and connect with Educators and Students all year round.

2006 SWE NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Check SWE website for updates on the 2006 SWE National Conference, here in KANSAS CITY!!!

Just type www.swe.org and click on Events: 2006 SWE National Conference…
When: Thursday, February 23rd
Where: Kansas City Marriott Downtown, Muehlebach Tower, Imperial Ballroom.

The event will begin with exhibits from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
The luncheon will be held from 12:00 pm until 2:00 pm

**Featured luncheon speaker**
The featured speaker this year will be Mr. Wayne A. Cauthen, City Manager for Kansas City, Missouri since April 2003. Cauthen is currently focusing his efforts on downtown infrastructure and development issues, expanding international economic development, implementing a Citywide recycling program, and improving basic services to citizens.

The Fee for this year's Luncheon is **$33**.
A table of **10** can be reserved for $320 ($32 a person).

Please RSVP by **Monday, February 13th**, 2006 to Samar El-Khoury at selkhoury@carollo.com or by calling (816) 942-5027.

SWE is the co-sponsor for E-Week 2006.
All Members are encouraged to make some time and come enjoy a nice talk and great networking.

As a reminder, Samar El-Khoury has received the commemorative posters, and announcement cards. Send her an email letting her know how many cards you would need, along with the address you want them to be mailed to. You may distribute these items locally, to schools, post them in movie theatres, Bulletin Board at Church, through your companies, in your office building... anywhere

Hope to see you all at the luncheon
The Region I Conference is right around the corner…

When:  MARCH 3-4, 2006
Where:  KSU, Manhattan, Kansas
Schedule:

**Friday, March 3rd**

4:00 - 10:00pm  Registration at Ramada Hotel and Rathbone Atrium

7:00pm  [Casino Night Social](#) in Rathbone Atrium

**Saturday, March 4th**

7:30 - 8:30am  Breakfast & Morning Registration

8:45 - 9:00am  Conference Welcome

9:15 - 10:00am  Session 1

10:15 - 11:00am  Session 2

11:15am - 12:00pm  Session 3

12:00 - 1:30pm  Lunch

1:30 - 3:00pm  Career Fair  [Booth Registration Form](#)

2:00 - 2:45pm  Professional Meeting and Session 4

3:00 - 3:45pm  Student Meeting and Session 5

4:00 - 5:00pm  Joint Meeting

5:00 - 5:30pm  Graduate Lab and Nuclear Facility Tours

6:30 - 8:30pm  Formal Banquet and Keynote Speaker

Early registration is over on February 10, 2006...
So hurry up, print and fill out you registration form and mail it in ASAP.

Additional Information is also available about Topics, Sponsors, Hotel info, etc. at [http://www.k-state.edu/swes/rc2006/](http://www.k-state.edu/swes/rc2006/)

See you there!

PS: Please be aware that you must call the hotel to get the discount.  The hotel's website cannot do the discount for you.
Shelley Wolff is presently our representative for Region I, to the SWE Nominating Committee: unfortunately, her 2 year term is coming up.

Thank you Shelley for the work you have done these past 2 years.

In 2006, we need to elect a candidate for this position. The following is the information from the SWE national bylaws concerning the national nominating committee position, including eligibility and roles and responsibilities.

This is a call for nominations for that position.

This is a very important position representing Region I in selecting qualified candidates for the national officers. Note that eligibility is in Section 6D of the following:

Please RSVP your nominations by 2/12/06 to Joan Graf at grafjj@msn.com.

1- Excerpt from SWE national bylaws amended 1/5/05
Section 6. Nomination
A. 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.
B. The nominating committee shall be composed of one voting member from each region, elected in accordance with region bylaws, to serve for a period of two fiscal years. Terms shall be staggered so that approximately half of the members of the committee are elected each year, during the year in which their region is not holding an election for region governor. Members of the nominating committee may not succeed themselves.
C. The chair of the nominating committee shall be elected annually by the board of directors.
D. 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.
E. 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.
F. Additional candidates may be nominated by petition, provided that:
1. The member is eligible for the position.
2. The member has given written consent to be placed on the ballot.
3. At least 200 voting members have signed a petition or endorsed an e-mail to place the candidate’s name on the ballot, with at least forty signatures/endorsements from each of four separate regions.
4. The petition, together with the written consent, is submitted to the Society headquarters by March 1.
A NEW Career Guidance Chair for SWE is needed. If you think you are up for the challenges presented by the role or you know someone who will fit perfectly in this position, you encouraged to apply and contact me Virginia Connolly at virginia.connolly@medtronic.com.

Please find the application form at the end of the Newsletter.

The following is a description of the position and skilled required.

**COMMITTEE DESCRIPTION:**

Career Guidance coordinates SWE K-12 Outreach program activities including: Guidance programs for schools and to women interested in engineering, advising both Student and Professional sections and Members at Large on related activities and events, encouraging Sections and MALs to submit projects for Career Guidance Awards, ensuring that K-12 Activities accurately reflect the needs of the target audience. Activities are developed to fill forecasted needs and all activities are evaluated from time to time for effectiveness. The goal of the Career Guidance Committee is to provide K-12 outreach program information to SWE sections and members at large so that programs and activities can be provided to students in their local communities in an effort to develop an interest in the exciting world of engineering. They also provide information to K-12 students, educators, counselors, and parents about opportunities available to them in engineering. The CG Committee works closely with SWE HQ to stay in tune with the needs of the members, identifying new programs and projects and the costs associated with them.

**JOB DESCRIPTION FOR CHAIR:**

- Establish a support base among sections and members at large to share and convey information about K-12 Outreach programs. This support base will also serve as a feedback mechanism to ensure local issues and needs are met.
- Plan, manage, and monitor CG Budget.
- Develop programs with respect to SWE goals and strategic plan objectives
- Oversee and administer the CG Awards program, along with the CG Awards Coordinator
- Evaluate literature, videos, data, etc for incorporation into the SWE Outreach program library and distribution to members.
- Serve as liaison between committees and SWE HQ (including Director of Education) for all matters pertaining to CG Programs.
- Work with Committee Chairs and SWE HQ to maintain CG website information.
- Organize yearly events during SWE National Conference to promote awareness of CG Activities (CG Fair, Hoffman Train the Trainer, etc.)

**TERM COMMITMENT:**

3 years
SKILLS DESIRED:

- Prior K-12 experience at section, member at large, region or committee level and or other educational organizations.
- Previous Career Guidance Committee experience valued.
- Ability to guide and motivate other leaders.
- Ability to manage multiple Projects at multiple levels “multi-tasking”
- Must be able to work at a strategic level.
- Ability to recognize regional and local differences between sections and MAL’s and adjust program deliverables accordingly.
- Have a passion for education and the role that engineering plays within the educational system.
- Systems thinking (in other words, be able to consider the big picture: SWE goals and long range planning with respect to the development of programs)
“The 5-Year Itch”

A Time of Self-Evaluation

ANNUAL BREAKFAST & PANEL DISCUSSION

Presented by The Kansas City Section of the Society of Women Engineers (SWE)

FEATURING A PANEL OF YOUR PEERS FROM EXPERIENCE LEVELS IN TODAY’S ENGINEERING

WHEN: SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2006

WHERE: HILTON GARDEN INN
5800 College Blvd, OP, KS 66211

COST: (Includes Breakfast Buffet and Program Registration)

ADVANCED REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT THROUGH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22nd:
$20 for Professionals/ $10 for Students

ON-SITE REGISTRATION:
$25 for Professionals/ $15 for Students

EARLY REGISTRATION IS ENCOURAGED!

For registration information, contact:
Maya Scott 816-942-5027/mscott@carollo.com
OR
Isabel Solano 913-458-3136/solanoI@bv.com
When: March 29 – April 2

Where: UNION STATION

The Science Pioneers invites you to present a Special Award at the 55th Greater Kansas City Science and Engineering Fair.

Every year, including this year, SWE-KC presents 4 Special Awards. These awards provide additional opportunities to recognize the achievement of students in 4th through 12th grade. More than 1,200 student will be displaying their science, engineering, math, and invention projects at this year’s fair.

Pat Murrow volunteers every year to be part of the Special Award Organization. On Thursday, March 30, 2006, the Special Awards Judges meet at 7:00a.m. at the Union Station for a continental breakfast and orientation. Judging will then begin and continue until 10:30a.m.

On Sunday, April 2, 2006, the Charles N. Kimball Awards Ceremony will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel Exhibit Hall B at 1:30p.m.

Pat Murrow is encouraging SWE-KC members to join her for the judging event and/or the Special Awards Ceremony events. It is an unforgettable experience:
Come and Connect with Students that put their hearts into their projects…

Please contact PAT at PATROD1021@aol.com or by phone at 913-551-7627.
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.

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