Calendar of Upcoming Events:

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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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…
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.**
ANNUAL BREAKFAST & PANEL DISCUSSION

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

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

WHEN: SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2006
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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
No refunds for cancellations after March 24th

For registration information, contact:
Isabel Solano 913-458-3136/solanol@bv.com

PROGRAM: 9:00 – 9:15 Registration
9:15 – 10:00 Breakfast Buffet & Social
10:00 – 12:00 Panel Discussion
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.
As you may recall, in September 2005, SWE entered into a partnership with ASME to assist us in developing and implementing a public policy program in issue areas such as Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education. STEM education is an important issue for SWE, with women representing only 20 percent of students enrolled in engineering and 10.6 percent of the overall engineering workforce. Through these public affairs activities, SWE will be able to share its acquired knowledge and promote programs that bridge the gaps in recruitment, professional development, and retention of women in engineering, while inspiring girls and women from diverse backgrounds and life stages to aspire to engineering for meaningful and rewarding careers.

In the last two weeks, we have reached two milestones in developing this public policy program: the SWE Board of Directors has approved a general position statement on STEM education and SWE has hosted a Congressional briefing. A general position statement provides an objective and balanced review of an issue of broad interest for the Society, and the position taken carries the full weight of the Society's influence. Developed by the SWE Government Relations and Public Policy task force, with consultation of the SWE Council of Representatives and SWE Board of Directors, this position statement examines the STEM education issue in the context of the current legislative environment, and identifies specific recommendations for public policy makers. The full text of this position statement is available in the News and Public Policy section of the SWE web site: http://www.swe.org/stellent/idcplg?IdcService=SS_GET_PAGE&nodeId=20&ssSourceNodeId=5.

On February 21, 2006, the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) and Northrop Grumman Corporation, the Co-chairs of Engineers Week (EWeek) 2006, held a Congressional noontime briefing on the issue of STEM education. This briefing informed Congressional staff members, EWeek societies and sponsors, and other STEM education stakeholders about how professional societies are reaching out to educators, counselors, and K-12 students, through efforts like Connecting Educators to Engineering (the EWeek 2006 grassroots initiative), to help enhance STEM education in schools across the nation, and also discussed the national imperative of improving K-12 STEM education in the United States, as highlighted in the recent National Academies report, "Rising Above the Gathering Storm: Energizing and Employing America for a Brighter Economic Future."

Briefing speakers included: Dr. Kathie Olsen, Deputy Director of the National Science Foundation; Mr. Neil Siegel, Sector Vice President of Technology and Vice President and Chief Engineer, Command, Control, and Communications, Northrop Grumman Mission Systems; Dr. Ethan Lipton, President of the International Technology Education Association; and Ms. Beverly Henry Wheeler, President of the National Association for College Admissions Counseling. Patricia Welesko Garland, Engineers Week Chair 2006, served as moderator for this event. More information about this briefing, including speaker remarks, is now available at http://www.eweek2006.org.

As you can see, this is an exciting time for SWE public affairs activities!
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.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Carollo Engineers is a consultant engineering firm. Carollo is looking for Engineers from all disciplines, experience and backgrounds. If you are interested, check the job listing and descriptions (you can even pick the location) by going to www.carollo.com to get information about the company, and to http://www.carollo.com/joincarollo/index.html for the job listing. If you know of someone who might be interested, please forward onto them these information. Let them mention they heard about the job from KC SWE. Good Luck

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

Http://o.web.umkc.edu/obannond/SWE/SWE-KC.html