

SWE-EWS-NEWS



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Opening Notes

Members and Supporters,

What a great year we've had! SWE-EWS members organized nine section events and participated in six events held by other organizations. I'd like to thank everyone who volunteered and participated in these events - EWS wouldn't be a success without your time and effort.

Before the fiscal year ends, we have a couple more events coming up, including the section picnic and a speaker event with Women in Nuclear. I hope you can join us for these events.

I'm very excited for the upcoming year too. We have a great section executive board taking the reins and two EWS members will be on the Region J executive board.

And speaking of the upcoming year - don't forget to renew your SWE membership. See you next year!

Dimple Patel
EWS President

Upcoming Events

June 9 th	SWE-EWS Picnic
June 26 th	WIN/SWE Speaker Event
July 1 st	Renew Your Membership
July 28 th	SWE-EWS Planning Retreat
September 21-23	ABJ Meeting Spokane
November 8-10	National SWE Conference



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SWE-EWS Picnic

June 9th at 4pm, Dimple's House

Dimple will be grilling up burgers and chicken. Invite your family and friends and bring a side dish or dessert to share at this celebration of a successful fiscal year. There will be bocce ball! You are welcome to bring other lawn games and toys. RSVP to easternwashingtonswe@gmail.com for directions.

SWE-EWS Planning Retreat

The annual planning retreat is scheduled for July 28th. Watch the email updates for further information including the location

Technical Tour

Terex Plant Moses Lake

On Friday May 11th at 10:00am EWS-SWE was treated to a very interesting technical tour of the Terex Facility in Moses Lake, WA. **Josette Gates**, SWE-EWS Outreach Chair, organized the tour with the help of fellow Terex employees: Adam Saenz, Patti Gering, and Mark Walker.

The group of SWE members and friends toured Terex's largest manufacturing facility in Washington for about one hour learning about Genie Aerial Lift Platform products, and the lean material flow systems that are in place.

The group had the opportunity to take a ride on a Genie Z-135 model aerial work platform taking them up 135 feet in the air to enjoy the view of Moses Lake.



Spring Business Meeting



The EWS Spring Business meeting was held on Tuesday April 3rd at Cousins Restaurant in Pasco. The nominating committee presented their slate of officers for next year. Also we heard a report from those members who attended the Hawaii ABJ meeting, and discussed having joint activities with the local section of the Washington State Professional Engineers Association, WSPE.



Picture Above – EWS members and friends take turns on the Z135 lift riding up to 135 feet

Picture to the left:
Mike Langevin, Tom Langevin, **Ann Langevin**, **Taran Dhaliwal**, trip organizer **Josette Gates** with Equipment Operator Adam Saenz.



Book Review

Getting Green Done (Hard Truths from the Front Lines of the Sustainability Revolution)

By Auden Schendler

Review by **Alicia Boyd**

If you want to read a book illustrating where the rubber meets the road in the sustainability field, this one is it. Author Auden Schendler is the executive director of sustainability at Aspen Skiing Company. His humorous stories of failed projects keep reminding you that even when a sustainable project might be cost effective you still have to plan for human nature and expectations, lots of red tape, inexperienced installers, etc. He encourages the concept of businesses focusing their efforts where they can get the biggest bang for the buck like greening their supply chain or improving products, rather than chasing the “low hanging fruit” of LEED certified buildings or using recycled paper. Would you have said that “greenwashing” (when a company touts their useless environmental programs) is good for the environment? Mr. Schendler makes a good case for it, including the concept of forming green momentum in an industry and the extra scrutiny, criticism, and advice that is poured on any company with a green campaign. A thoroughly good read, I would recommend this book to anyone who wants to think about what their focus should be. Are you just picking the low hanging fruit? Or are you paving the way for a culture change?

University of Idaho Dinner with the Dean

SWE-EWS members, **Alice Orrell** and **Jennifer Williamson** attended the University of Idaho’s Collegiate Section’s annual “Dinner with the Dean” on April 10th. The event was organized by Valerie Barry, Christina Jordan and other SWE collegiate members. Alice gave a presentation about her background, her current wind energy work, and the benefits of being a SWE member. Over 60 female engineering students and guests attended along with the Interim Dean, Dr. Larry Stauffer and his wife Susan; section advisor, Dr. Aicha Elshabini; and engineering student services staff members.

During the event, the collegiate section introduced its idea to have a mentoring program for female engineering students. The intent is to pair incoming students with more senior students who can help them navigate the engineering college and give advice on professors and classes.

Congratulations!



Elaine Diaz, who works at Office of River Protection (ORP) won the Department of Energy’s (DOE’s) *System Safety Oversight of the Year* Award. Lisa Domnoske-Rauch, Tank Farms Facility Representative, was ORP’s nominee for the *Facility Representative of the Year* award.

System Safety Oversight (SSO) personnel oversee contractor management of safety systems at DOE defense nuclear facilities. SSO are responsible for overseeing assigned systems to ensure they will perform as required by the safety basis and other applicable requirements.

Facility Representative’s (FR) are DOE staff personnel assigned to oversee the day-to-day contractor operations at DOE’s hazardous nuclear and non-nuclear facilities. Oversight performed by FRs provides accurate, objective information on the effectiveness of contractor work performance and practices.

Region J Officers

The Region J Officer Election results have been announced. The following Region J offices were on the national society ballot:

Alice Orrell, Region J Governor (FY13-14)
 Suzi Jewett, Professional Senator (FY13-14)
 Wendy Jenkins, Alt Prof Senator (FY13)

At the April Region J Council meeting, voting members of the council elected the following candidates to fill next year's board:

Alicia Boyd, Lt. Governor
 Jennifer Kootstra, Treasurer
 Jessica Sun, Secretary

Collegiate elections have also concluded and following are the Region J Collegiate Team members:

Elaine Wilcox, RCR
 Nicole Zimmerman, RCCE
 Nicole Kissinger, RCS

Congratulations to all of next year's officers, especially SWE-EWS members **Alice and Alicia!**

National Conference

Save the Date for WE12! Next year, SWE is going to Houston for WE12: Three Days of Energy, a Lifetime of Opportunity. Mark your calendar now for November 8-10, 2012 to ensure you are part of this inspiring conference that will connect, shape and grow women engineers and technologists. The conference will take place at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston.



Do you have articles, pictures, or information to share with SWE members and friends?

*Send to the editor at
 Langevin2@charter.net*

Walla Walla University Visit

Five EWS-SWE members travelled to Walla Walla University on March 29th where they met and had dinner with about 15 Walla Walla students. EWS members were **Renee Slocumb, Colleen Smalley, Dimple Patel, Ann Langevin, and Alicia Boyd**. Members enjoyed a vegetarian buffet dinner at the campus cafeteria along with conversations with the students. Dimple gave a slide presentation on what to expect in the interview process and on your first job. Walla Walla Students Kevin Ford and Katie Currier helped set up the event at the Campus.

New Officers for FY 2013



The SWE-EWS nominating committee, comprised of **Alice Orrell** and **Renee Slocumb**, is pleased to announce our new officers. Their positions will take effect as the new fiscal year begins on July 1st:

President - **Michelle Parker**
 VP - **Amanda Tyler**
 Secretary - **Taran Dhaliwal**
 Treasurer - **Dimple Patel**
 Section Rep - **Jennifer Williamson**

Thank you to all those who voted, thank you to our outgoing officers, and here's to another great year!

IEEE WIE Next Step

Program

The Next Step program provides STEM information and guidance to high school students. WIE is looking for volunteers to give one-time general presentations and long term mentors for interested students. Contact EWS-SWE member **Maria Vlachopoulou** (Maria.Vlachopoulou@pnnl.gov) if you are interested.

Expanding Your Horizons

Several SWE-EWS members participated in this year's Expanding Your Horizons conference, held March 24th for middle school aged girls. EWS Members, **Dimple Patel, Alice Orrell, Ann Langevin, Kelsey Edwardsen, Taran Dhaliwal, Alicia Boyd, and Tamra Lahuta**, participated in a variety of tasks during the events (planning, session speakers, registration). Additionally SWE-EWS member **Patricia Galloway** was the keynote speaker for the event.

Pictured are **Alice Orrell, Patricia Galloway** and Denise Brandon of the Women in Nuclear Group.

A EWS-SWE representative is needed for next year's planning committee.



Areva Scholarship Committee Forming



Areva NP, Inc is once again partnering with SWE-EWS to award a scholarship to college students. **Cristina Marinovici** is the scholarship chair and she is looking for committee members.

If you are interested in serving on the scholarship committee, which will distribute information and evaluate submissions, please contact easternwashingtonswe@gmail.com

Judges – SWE National Scholarships

SWE professional members are needed to help judge the SWE freshman scholarship applications for the 2012-2013 school year. Judges are a vital part of the Scholarship Program, and SWE couldn't do it without their help.

Last year SWE National had over 1,200 freshman applicants, and awarded 32 scholarships worth more than \$65,000. Judging will occur May 29-June 19. HQ will provide access to the SWE online scholarship system, so judges can easily review applications and score applicants online. A link to the webinar training will be provided to all judges.

If you are interested in judging, please [sign up online](#) or email scholarships@swe.org with any questions.

WIN/SWE Presentation & Networking Event

Tuesday June 26th, 6:30pm, Richland Library

Vicky Carwein, Chancellor of WSU Tri-Cities will discuss her path to leadership. Dr. Carwein has held leadership positions at multiple universities across the country. This event will also include a networking hour with refreshments and dessert.

Best Wishes



EWS President-Elect **Michelle Parker** recently became engaged. Her fiance's name is Kahlil Hicks. He works at WRPS, in the process & control system engineering group

Positions

Positions are still open. E-mail easternwashingtonswe@gmail.com if you are interested in more information about any of the following positions for the 2011-12 year:

- Professional Development Chair – Plan the SWE-EWS professional development event.
- Membership Chair – Welcome new members to the section and lead the annual membership growth event
- Scholarship Committee Members
See announcement above.
- Expanding Your Horizon's Planning Committee Member

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Renew Your Membership

The next fiscal year begins July 1st. Visit <https://swe.portal.daxko.com/> and login to renew your membership.

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