



# SWE-EWS-NEWS

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## Opening Notes

Members and Supporters –

I am very excited to serve the Eastern Washington Section as president this year. As usual the board has a fantastic slate of events planned, kicking off with our annual Membership Event on October 14<sup>th</sup> to be held at the Holiday Inn Express (Richland) at 6pm.

Take a look at what is going on at the Society level by reading Alice Orrell’s article on this year’s ABJ Summit.

If you are looking for a way to get more involved this year, check out the information on the EWS-hosted JCON 15 as well as open committee positions.

Jennifer Williamson  
EWS President

## Upcoming Events

- Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>            Collegiate Outreach
- Oct 14<sup>th</sup>             Fall Business Meeting

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## First Lego League

The First Lego League Regional Qualifier Competition will be held in Moses Lake in mid-December. The FLL is searching for volunteers for set-up, clean-up, judging, and helping students. If you are interested in volunteering please visit the FLL website, <http://www.usfirst.org/community/volunteers/get-involved>.

## URS SWE Ambassadors

URS has selected the following WRPS employees as URS SWE Ambassadors: Ruth Allen, Taran Dhaliwal, Susanne Kooiker, and Marilyn Turknett. They will be participating in the Eastern Washington Section and promoting SWE activities with WRPS/URS and on local, regional, and society levels.

## ABJ Leadership Summit

By Alice Orrell

This year's ABJ Meeting, rebranded the ABJ Leadership Summit, was held in Las Vegas, Nevada September 12-14 and was well attended by nearly 70 members from all over the regions with only 2 states (Alaska and Idaho) out of 11 in the regions not represented. Members in attendance ranged from brand new or returning members who haven't been involved since college to members serving at the Board of Directors level.

Topics presented and discussed included the Society Nominating Committee application process, an update from the Government Relations and Public Policy Committee, SWE's new Diversity and Inclusion Knowledge Cards (available [here](#)), tips and guidance on applying for Program Development Grants, and SWE's Work & Life Integration Playbook (available [here](#)), among other topics.



Lunch Keynote Speaker, Virginia Valentine, President of the Nevada Resort Association and University of Idaho graduate, speaking to members about failures as a path to success

The Government Relations and Public Policy (GRPP) committee reports to the Director of Advocacy and the SWE Executive Director. SWE employs a liaison ("lobbyist") in Washington, Yvonne Rodriquez, who also works with the Association of Women in Science (AWIS) to help SWE advocate. GRPP's main

event is Capitol Hill Lobby Day, typically held in March, at which the committee facilitates SWE members meeting their representatives to discuss STEM issues.

The Program Development Grant (PDG) committee, also known as the "ATM of SWE," provides funds for K-12 outreach, professional development, and diversity issues and training programs. The committee is in the process of updating its FAQs, application forms, and is currently developing its own webpage (as the Aspire page where it is currently housed will soon be retired). Look for a future eBlast about all these developments. The PDG committee awarded over \$140,000 in FY14 through over 70 grants that touched 10,000 people and 50 unique sections, BUT Region J did not submit any PDG requests in FY14 and this was announced in front of all the Summit attendees! We have been challenged to change this!

There was also a presentation on the upcoming Joint ABJ Regions Conference to be held in Seattle. The proposed, tentative date is February 18 -21, 2016 with the thought that extra tours could be provided on Thursday and an outreach event could be held Sunday. And don't forget that next year's ABJ Leadership Summit will be hosted by Region J. See you there!



Alice Orrell with Rachel Morford, Region B Governor, and the Region B Queen Bee



## Eat, Drink, Engineer



### JCON15

The Society of Women Engineers, SWE, Region J Conference 2015 is looking for speakers. The conference, **Eat, Drink, Engineer** will be held **April 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 2015** at the Three Rivers Convention Center in Kennewick, Washington.

#### Call for Speakers

*The conference, presented by the Eastern Washington Section, is the largest gathering for women in engineering in the northwest, and includes women at all stages of their engineering careers plus college students. We need keynote and breakout session speakers, including groups and panels, presenting topics in 30, 45 or 60 minute long sessions.*

##### **Areas of Focus will include:**

Innovation/Technical Topics with emphasis on Agriculture, Professional Development, Collegiate Focus, and Tours.

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Motivation  
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\*\*\*\*\***Submit Your Ideas**\*\*\*\*\*

If you are interested in speaking at the event, sponsoring the event, or participating in the career fair, please send the following information to the conference planners at [SWE.jcon15@gmail.com](mailto:SWE.jcon15@gmail.com) by Nov 5, 2014.

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The Society of Women Engineers (SWE), founded in 1950, is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit educational and service organization. SWE is the driving force that establishes engineering as a highly desirable career aspiration for women. SWE empowers women to succeed and advance in those aspirations and be recognized for their life-changing contributions and achievements as engineers and leaders.

#### Call for Sponsors

*The conference and career fair will be held **Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, March 2, 2014**, at the Three Rivers Convention Center. We are expecting approximately 125-150 professional and collegiate members to participate.*

*We rely on corporations and businesses for funds to sponsor this exciting event.*

*Besides funding a Sponsorship, there are other ways to support the conference. Corporations can contribute by participating in the **Career Fair**, purchasing **Advertisement Space**, providing an **In-Kind Donation** such as raffle and/or door prize items, or by providing a **General Donation**. The 501(c)(3) Tax ID for this event is 93-0750342 and donation forms will be provided.*

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

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## Committee Positions

The following committee positions are open for FY15. Contact [easternwashingtonswe@gmail.com](mailto:easternwashingtonswe@gmail.com) if you are interested in more information about any of the following positions):

- Professional Development Committee – Assist Ann Langevin in planning the SWE-EWS professional development event.
- Outreach Advocacy Chair
- Fundraising Chair
- Communications Committee– Assist Taran Dhaliwal in pulling together the newsletter and other SWE-EWS communications related activities

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