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Upcoming Events

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| May, 12, Wed, | Board Meeting |
| Jun. 2, Wed, | Board Meeting |
| Jun. 5, Sat, | Leadership Coaching/ End-of-Year Picnic |
| June 11, Fri | Areva Technical Tour |

Important Dates

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| May 14 | Deadline to Respond to JCon10 Survey |
| May 14 | Deadline to Respond to Action Research Survey |
| June 3 | RSVP for Areva Technical Tour |

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*The Society of Women Engineers (SWE), founded in 1950, is a 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.*

*For more information about the Society please visit [www.swe.org](http://www.swe.org) or call (312) 596-5223.*

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Opening Note

Greetings Members & Supporters:

While Fiscal Year 2010 is almost done, we still have a lot of activities planned for the end of the year. Please read through the newsletter to learn more!

Thank you to all of our JCON10 sponsors, speakers, and attendees! We had a great conference and EWS really appreciates all of your support and participation.

Thanks,
Alice Orrell
SWE-EWS FY10 President



2010 SWE Region J Conference

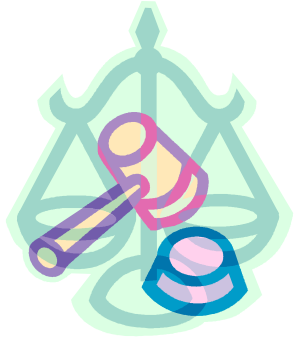
JCon10 was a huge success! We made a substantial profit of which we will give 25% to the Region. We were fortunate to have strong support from our wonderful sponsors! Also, we saved money because Energy Northwest donated the brochures, A/V equipment was borrowed from PNNL and University of Washington, and we rented vans instead of buses for the tours. Official attendance: 111 participants and 13 Career Fair companies.

SWE Eastern Washington Section would like to thank those of you who volunteered at and attended JCon10! To view pictures from the conference, please visit the [JCon10 website home page](#). A big THANKS to Renee Slocumb for taking these wonderful pictures that capture all the fun we had.

Keynote, Breakout, and History Presentations are available via the [JCon10 Schedule page](#). Each presentation description page has a link to PDF versions of the presentations.

Also, the JCon10 committee would greatly appreciate your feedback so that it may be used to improve future Region J Conferences. The Conference Survey is located at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/F739RYW>. Please help us out by completing the survey by May 14.





Leadership Coaching Presentation

A Leadership Coaching Presentation will be held on June 5th, presented by Tamaira Ross, Region J National Leadership Coach. More information will follow.



End-of-the year-Picnic

Mark your calendars for the End-of-the-Year Potluck Picnic, June 5, after the Leadership Coaching Session. Details regarding time/location information will be coming soon.

Areva Technical Tour

Areva Technical Tour, June 11, 9:00am-11:00am

This tour is open to all interested parties, and we welcome other societies to join us. During this 90-minute tour, participants will see nuclear fuel being produced and learn more about the benefits of nuclear energy, the “nuclear renaissance” in the U.S. and the types of engineers needed in to grow the industry. This event requires RSVP. E-mail easternwashingtonswe@gmail.com (subject: Areva RSVP) by June 3rd with the following information: Drivers license number, drivers license state of issue, country of citizenship, and full name as it appears on your drivers license. On the day of the tour, please bring your drivers license and wear closed-toe shoes with a heel no greater than 1 inch.

LIOS Graduate College Consultant

Carrie Fetto is a student of LIOS Graduate College, who is working on her Master’s Program project, and will in turn be helping EWS. She will require assistance from FY11 officers for her Action Research Project. She will be a consultant to us, advising on membership retention, membership involvement and officer turnover. Carrie introduced her project and initiated some lively discussions among the attendees at the April Business meeting. This project will run from April through August. To start the Action Research Project, we are conducting a member/supporter survey. **The Action Research Survey deadline has been extended to COB Friday May 14th.** The feedback from this survey will help us to better meet the needs and expectations of our members and supporters. It is vital that we receive this feedback. Please take a few minutes to fill out this survey. <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KKKSQBN>. The information collected will be the basis for identifying and launching some initiatives to help SWE-EWS continue its success.

Section Representative Update:

- There were some recent bylaws changes that the Section Reps needed to vote on. They were supposed to be clerical in nature, but actually created two problems. (1)Created confusion about affiliate members and voting rights. (2)Changed section officer requirements so that all officers had to be voting National members, unlike before where only specific officers had to be voting National members. These issues are still being resolved.
- The Region might start using Skype for training and meetings between colleges and their advisors. This will allow professionals to be advisors to colleges that are further away from their residence.
- “SWE Communities” is here to stay, learn to use it.
- Alicia will find out from other Regional Members which SWE Communities are helpful to be a part of.
- Financial Report for FY10 is due July 31st, 2010.

Section Volunteers Needed

SWE-EWS- needs volunteers for the following positions:

- Publicity/Awards
- Membership – This job involves checking the online member list monthly, and sending welcome e-mails
- Tri-City Technical Council
- Career Guidance – Mentoring Programs
- Professional Development – This is a National goal, and there is a push to include continuing education credits for some events.

E-mail us if you are interested.

Board Meeting May 12

The next Board meeting will be held on May 12, 2010, 6 PM at Alice’s House. (Rescheduled from May 5th due to schedule conflicts) The agenda is as follows:

1. JCON10 Thank you notes
2. Areva tour
3. Update on Action Research Project
4. Officer reports - Back in August, we agreed to complete end-of-year officer reports for the May board meeting.
5. Review Spring Business Meeting Notes
6. Section Report and Section Vitality Survey
7. Scholarship update
8. Treasurer report
9. Transfer JCON10 funds to section account
10. End of Year Picnic
11. Leadership Coaching Session
12. FY11 Retreat – set a date



In Memoriam - Lt. Colonel Arminta J. Harness

SWE Past President, Fellow, Live Member and EWS charter member, Lt Colonel Arminta J Harness died Feb 17th in Millville, California. Service arrangements were held at the Northern California Veteran's Cemetery on April 26.

Harness joined Westinghouse Hanford Company in 1974 following retirement from military service. In her five years with the company, she was Technical Assistant to the company president and Manager of Laboratory Planning for their nuclear development lab. A Fellow Life Member of SWE, Harness served as its president from 1976 - 1978 and in many other leadership roles on the local and national level. The Summer 2010 issue of SWE Magazine has a wonderful biography of Arminta which covers all her remarkable accomplishments.

Some personal remembrances from friend and EWS member Sandy Brower follow:

Minta was a dear and wonderful friend for nearly 50 years as our paths crossed across the country. As president of SWE she felt it was important to visit the sections, especially the student sections and managed to visit many during her two years as president.

When she retired from Westinghouse in Richland, WA she moved back to Manhattan Beach where she had lived while stationed at the Los Angeles Air Force Base. She loved the ocean and beaches. As the SWE bio says she took up sculpting, enjoying some classes and doing a number of pieces. Important to SWE she designed the beautiful Resnik metal named for SWE member Judith Resnik who died in Challenger. It is awarded when appropriate to a woman who has made outstanding contributions to space exploration.

Minta loved flying small aircraft and flew with me many times both here in Washington and in the LA area.

My recollection is that she was one of the group founding the "Over the Hill Suite" at conventions. Also, I had not mentioned her love for her dogs Susie, Bunny and the last one Patrick. Like many of us with pets she spoiled them while loving them.
Sandy



Arminta Harness, Sandy Brower, and Wanda Munn at Manhattan Beach



EWS Officer Elections

The slate for FY11 officers was presented at the Spring Business Meeting on April 21st. Ballots will be sent out soon electronically to voting members and voting will be open for 21 days. Thank you to all our nominees!

The Current FY11 Section Officer Slate is as follows:

President – Dimple Patel
VP – Jennifer Williamson
Treasurer – Colleen Smalley
Secretary – Sarah Widder
Section Rep – Alicia Boyd

Note that our Section Rep nominee will need an alternate for travel to Nationals. If someone wants to attend Nationals in Orlando, Florida in early November, please let us know. EWS should be able to subsidize some of the cost.

Thanks to everyone who submitted information for this newsletter! Send input for the next Issue to Ann Langevin by June 30 at Langevin5@verizon.net

If you know someone who might be interested in joining please forward this Newsletter via email or via land mail. Just print, fold, staple, stamp and mail.

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