



**Division for the Advancement
of Women in
Engineering & Geoscience**

The EDGE Newsletter - October 2006 Issue
* Equity and Diversity in Geoscience & Engineering*

Dear DAWEG Members,

Welcome to DAWEG's new fiscal year, 2006-2007. We have been re-energized with the addition of new Board members, and would like to thank the retiring Directors and volunteers. Let's continue achieving good things!

DAWEG Board

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1. BOARD NEWS: October Board Meeting Brief

At our first meeting of the new fiscal year in October, we welcomed our new Board (see new slate below) and thanked our past Board members. While we ramp up our plans for the year at the upcoming Planning Retreat, we are starting to organize our Christmas Season get-together for DAWEG Members (see details for both events below). As we plan DAWEG's activities for the year, we have also been invited to put forward some priorities to help shape the next version of the Strategic Plan for APEGBC in November. Input from Members to the Board for both of these is encouraged and most appreciated – suggestions by email to dawegaccount@hotmail.com or in person at the Planning Retreat. DAWEG is strengthening its link with university students through the appointment of a Student-DAWEG Liaison to improve the transition of women from engineering schools to engineering jobs (i.e., keeping more women in the pipeline). Retention of women in engineering and geoscience will also receive increased attention with the election of an Outreach Director. As in the previous year, we will continue to bring you succinct and regular monthly newsletter by email and on the website to keep you, our Members, informed of DAWEG's activities and to keep you connected.

2. BOARD NEWS: New Board and Positions Still Available

Your new Board of Directors comprises of:
Maggie Wojtarowicz, E.I.T., Chair
Daniela Constantinescu, Ph.D., Past Chair
Monica Feng, P.Eng., Director, Administration
Caroline Andrewes, P.Eng., Director, Finance
Megan Leslie, E.I.T., Director, Communications
Saghi Kowsari, Director, Events
Bernadette Currie, M.Eng., Director, Outreach

Please visit www.apeg.bc.ca/daweg for Board contact information.

We would like to complete our Board by filling at least one more position, Director Without Portfolio. This position is open to any DAWEG member (no prior Board experience required). This Director will provide support on Special Projects, and assist with the tasks of other Directors. Monthly Board meeting attendance is required, as well as availability and willingness to assist on an as-needed basis. New initiatives also welcome and encouraged. The skills learned and contacts made through Board participation can be invaluable in your work and home life – just ask any current or past Board member! For more information, or to apply, please contact the Chair, Maggie at wmaggie101@telus.net.

3. UPCOMING EVENTS: DAWEG Planning Retreat - Nov. 5, 2006

The Board will be meeting for our annual Planning Retreat to set our objectives and activities for the year during the working session, with lunch and a social activity to follow for attendees to get to know each other better. The Board would like to invite 5 additional volunteers to participate in the planning, to give input and take the opportunity to get involved, meet fellow Dawegers, and learn new skills.

When: Sunday, November 5, 2006
8 am - 12 pm Work Session
1 pm - 3 pm Lunch & Social
Where: Downtown Vancouver, details to come

To attend or for more information, please RSVP at dawegaccount@hotmail.com.

4. UPCOMING EVENTS: Board Meeting - Dec. 4, 2006

When: Monday, December 4th, 2006,
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Where: APEGBC Office, 4010 Regent St., Burnaby

The next DAWEG Board meeting will be open to DAWEG volunteers and Members who wish to join the Board members in discussion of DAWEG's business. If you would like to attend, please email dawegaccount@hotmail.com.

5. UPCOMING EVENTS: DAWEG Commemoration of Dec. 6th

This will be a social event and ALL members (and guests) are invited. This will be our last social event of 2006!! Please mark your calendars and keeps a look out for further event details!

6. PAST EVENTS: Summer Social - Aug. 30, 2006

On August 30th, approximately twenty DAWEG members and guests celebrated the summer and DAWEG's 15th anniversary with a succulent meal at the Macaroni Grill. Many fond memories were relived and many more were created as everyone enjoyed enthusiastic and stimulating conversation over wine, appetizers, and huge pasta bowls. Thanks to everyone who attended and who helped to organize the event!

7. PAST EVENTS: DAWEG AGM - Sep. 21, 2006

On September 21st, approximately thirty DAWEG members met at Science World's Boardroom for the annual general meeting. Socializing and networking occurred over plentiful food, a new Board was elected, and a panel consisting of Marg Latham, Bernadette Currie, and Shanna Knights presented their views on the different career paths that an engineering degree can bring. Thank you to our guest speakers for coming out and presenting your experiences in engineering and to all the volunteers that helped make the event possible. Good luck and welcome to the new Board!

8. PAST EVENTS: DAWEG Stream at APEGBC Conference - Oct. 13, 2006

DAWEG presented the "Better Business" stream at APEGBC's Annual Conference in Victoria. The four engaging sessions attracted large audiences. The sessions included Expedited Communications for Dispersed Teams; Great Groups: Breakthrough Leadership and Collaboration; Plans & Priorities: Success Strategies; and, Engineers Without Borders: How Engineers Can Help Tackle Extreme Poverty.

9. OTHER: Survey Results

A big thank you to those who participated in the survey either on-line or at the DAWEG AGM. The data collected from the 53 completed surveys will help this year's Board plan useful services for its members. The survey showed the three most requested services to be offered by DAWEG are social events, presentations/lectures on topics of interest, and contact information for fellow DAWEG members. The top three topics of interest are professional development, profiles of successful women in engineering and geoscience, and work-life balance strategies. Full results will be posted on the website.

10. OTHER: SCWIST Brown Bag Lunch Series

Society of Canadian Women In Science and Technology (SCWIST) Brown Bag Lunch Series' goal is to discuss provocative topics of relevance to women working in the field of science and technology. The first discussion will center around the statement "Women have achieved equality in science and technology - Discuss". This will be an opportunity for individuals who work in similar roles/fields across different parts of an organization to connect. Bring your lunch to a discussion session held at various locations in industry and academia throughout BC during the Week of Oct. 23rd - 27th. Coffee and cookies provided. For specific times and locations visit the event page of SCWIST website. http://www.harbour.sfu.ca/scwist/index_files/Page1517.htm

11. OTHER: Outstanding Women Engineers and Geoscientists

DAWEG would like to congratulate Dr. Rabab Ward, P.Eng., Ph.D. who was recently recognized with the APEGBC most prestigious R. A. McLachlan Award, as a pioneer and role model for women in engineering and for her inspirational work with the application of digital signal processing that among others improves the early detection of breast cancer. Our congratulations also go out to Jenna Hardy, P.Geo., M.Sc., MBA, who received APEGBC's Professional Service Award for her commitment and work with eight committees, including nearly a decade of Chairing the Geoscience Committee. And finally, a warm congratulations and welcome to Hiromi Matsui, M.Sc., who recently received only the third ever Honorary Membership with APEGBC for her commitment and contributions to the Engineering and Geoscience professions, although not belonging to either of these professions herself.

12. SPONSORS

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Core Values - *Professionalism · Equity · Inclusiveness*

Mission - *To make Engineering and Geoscience Appealing, Rewarding and Equitable for women so that women are attracted to and are practicing at all levels in our profession.*