



The EDGE Newsletter: January 2006 Issue

Equity and Diversity in Geoscience & Engineering

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Message from the Board

Dear DAWEG Members,

Happy New Year from DAWEG Board members!

And a Happy 15th Birthday to DAWEG! (Yes, this year is our 15th Anniversary.)

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DAWEG Board



15 Years!

Upcoming Events

1. Victoria "Chapter" Meeting- Jan. 19, 2006

Learn more about the "Chapter's" activities by joining the current Vancouver Island network at the next meeting.

When: Thursday, January 19, 2006
Contact: Daniela Constantinescu,
danielac@me.uvic.ca

Have a colleague on Vancouver Island who might be interested in joining the network? Let them know!

2. Board Meeting- Feb. 6, 2006

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 Monica Feng, Administration Director, at

(monicafeng@yahoo.com) by noon on Friday, February 3rd.

When: Monday, February 6th, 6pm - 8pm
Where: APEGBC Boardroom, 4010 Regent St., Burnaby, BC (Map at: <http://apeg.bc.ca/aboutus/contactus.html>)

3. UBC Salary Seminar- Feb. 23, 2006

Uncertain about the salary you should ask for when you look for a job? Want to learn efficient techniques to market yourself? Want to build your industry contacts?

If so, DAWEG and APEGBC invite you to a Salary Seminar & Reception.

When: Thursday, February 23, 2006
Where: UBC
More details will follow.

Salary Seminar presentations include:

- APEGBC's MAPS (Membership Advantage Program for Students)



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Shelley Bruins, APEGBC Student Program Coordinator

- *How Much Are You Worth?*
Dr. Elizabeth Croft, P.Eng., Assoc. Prof. of Mechanical Engineering, UBC
- *Marketing Yourself*
Diana Cheng, Profit Consultant
- *Cover Letters, Resumes & Interviews*
Speaker TBA

Event open to UBC, SFU, and BCIT engineering & geoscience students, DAWEG/SCWIST members, and Lower Mainland engineers & geoscientists.

Meet prospective employers and senior engineers - **NETWORK!**

To attend, RSVP to Shelley Bruins, sbruins@apeg.bc.ca.

(For Salary Seminar in Victoria in the Spring, watch daweg-general notices for more information.)

4. DAWEG Booth at E-Fest- Mar. 4, 2006



2005 DAWEG Booth and Volunteers

Celebrate National Engineering Week at E-Fest! E-Fest is an engineering festival of interactive displays/exhibits demonstrating to the public what engineering is all about and highlighting local projects.

When: Saturday, March 4, 2006, 11am to 5pm
Where: Vancouver Public Library, Main Branch, Vancouver

DAWEG will have a booth there so please come and say 'hi!' We are also looking for volunteers to sit at our booth for 1 or 2-hour shifts.

Contact Megan Leslie if you'd like to help out! (mleslie@jacqueswhitford.com)

Board News

5. January Board Meeting Brief

With the New Year upon us, the Board is busy renewing memberships and launching this year's sponsorship drive to fund the various DAWEG events.

Currently, we are organizing the Salary Seminar and DAWEG representation at E-Fest in Vancouver (see Upcoming Events for details). We are in the process of formalizing two DAWEG Chapters (in Victoria and the Okanagan), developing related policy, and communication strategies. Board members, Chapters and the Communications Team are reviewing DAWEG's draft Communications Plan.

The Communications Director will be working with the Website Coordinator over the coming months to make improvements to the website - we look forward to your feedback (ideas & comments).

6. January Board & Advisory Council Meeting Brief

Board members attended the third annual DAWEG Advisory Council meeting. The Council is comprised of senior DAWEG Members, past Chairs, and DAWEG founding members. Attraction and retention of Board members, as well as the direction for DAWEG, were the primary topics discussed.



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Ideas included: recruiting more graduating student members who expressed an interest in developing links with professionals through DAWEG, and sending Board members on Professional Development courses, like career coaching, self advocating, leadership, and to conferences, such as CCWESTT; etc. Board members would have the opportunity to learn, network, and bond with each other, resulting in a more fulfilling and rewarding (and fun) experience on the Board and in professionally developed individuals. DAWEG Members who express interest in participating on the Board or in Coordinator roles would also be supported in this fashion in order to become more effective Board members and highly developed individuals.

The Board is considering a name change as part of re-branding and setting the direction for DAWEG, now 15 years old. Member input will be sought in the near future.

7. daweg-resource Email List

Sign-on to daweg-resource email list to receive announcements about mentoring opportunities, employment information, and other volunteer opportunities with DAWEG and/or APEGBC, sister organizations, and students.

Subscribe at:

<http://batman.mech.ubc.ca/~daweg/toplists.html>