



Message from the Board

Dear DAWEG Members,

Planning for DAWEG's 15th anniversary celebrations is underway. We are seeking input for how DAWEG Members would like to celebrate our successes - see below for more info.

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Board News

1. May Board Meeting Brief- Mar. 7, 2006

In early May, we had another very successful DAWEG development event for young professionals on investing options (see details below). The Board is now planning the next development event, possibly a Dress for Success workshop or Learning to Do Business on a Golf Course. Event suggestions from DAWEG Members are welcome and encouraged. DAWEG will be very well represented at the upcoming CCWESTT Conference in June with a dozen Members at last count participating. The Board is preparing to begin succession planning, and will be looking to recruit new members to the Board and for Committee work. Members are encouraged to begin thinking about running for

a position - more information will be available in the coming months. Other upcoming events are the Strategic and Succession Planning Retreat, the Summer Social celebrating DAWEG's 15th anniversary, and the fall AGM. See below for more details and dates to mark your calendars.

Upcoming Events

2. Career Development Planning Follow-up Meeting - May 16, 2006

The first follow-up meeting for participants of the March Career Development Planning Workshop is being organized to provide an opportunity for workshop participants to support and motivate each other in their career development planning process, and to share their discoveries that may be useful to the others.



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Equity and Diversity in Geoscience & Engineering

<http://apeg.bc.ca/daweg>

This meeting is open only to March Workshop participants. Should we receive sufficient interest from other DAWEG Members for another Career Development Planning Workshop, we will be happy to organize one. If interested, contact the Chair, Maggie at wmaggie101@telus.net.

When: Wednesday, May 16, 2006
5:30-6:00 Networking
6:00-7:00 Meeting

Where: Downtown Vancouver location (to be confirmed)

Cost: Cash bar & food menu

Organized by the DAWEG Board.

3. Board Meeting - May 8, 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.

When: Monday, June 5, 2006
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Where: APEGBC Office

If you would like to attend, please email Monica Feng, Administration Director by noon on Friday, June 2, 2006.
(monicafeng@yahoo.com)

4. Strategic and Succession Planning Retreat - July 9, 2006

The Board will hold a Planning Retreat to strategize activities for the coming year and recruitment of new Board members. The Board would like to invite up to 5 DAWEG Members (current volunteers or other interested Members) to join us and provide further input. If interested, please contact the Chair, Maggie at wmaggie101@telus.net.

When: July 9, 2006, 9 am – 1 pm, lunch with pitch & putt to follow

Where: TBD

5. Summer Social - DAWEG 15-year Anniversary Celebration

The Events Committee is seeking ideas from DAWEG Members about the venue and activity type for the upcoming Summer Social, where we will celebrate DAWEG's 15-year anniversary. In the past, Summer Socials were held on a Saturday in July or August. This year, we're considering holding it on a weeknight after work. Ideas so far include:

1. Dinner at a fancy/ fancier restaurant
2. Wine & Cheese/ hors d'oeuvres reception (at Steamworks downtown)
3. Wine tasting event
4. Vancouver Art Gallery reception

Invitations will be open to Members and guests/spouses.

Please email your ideas or votes on ideas so far to Event Coordinator, Beth, by June 2.
(phillips.bethany@gmail.com)

Past Events

6. Winning The Battle Against Common Investor Mistakes Workshop - May 2, 2006

Thirteen DAWEG and non-DAWEG members participated in the Investing workshop, presented by the Royal Bank. Marzia Favaro, Regional Manager of Investments, began by presenting the status of the markets, both within Canada and internationally. She then explained some of the investment trends that their investment group expects over the next year, and gave some recommendations of what to do as an investor. The three important steps to investing that she outlined are:

1. **Maintain your focus** (forget about the daily noise).

2. Take a disciplined approach (for example, buy low and sell high, even though it may be hard to buy into a market that isn't doing well - but this is the one that would have a low price).

3. Understand portfolio construction (diversify).

Finally, Marzia answered some of the group's questions, including what "ethical investing" means, and how to choose if you want to be a more conservative or higher risk investor.

After the presentation, the four specialists answered individual questions. If you feel you would benefit from a discussion with an RBC representative, or have some questions about investing, please contact Susan Hayes, DAWEG Finance Director, and she will give you the contact information you require.

Thanks to all of those who participated!

-Susan Hayes, E.I.T., DAWEG Finance Director
Cobalt Engineering



Getting investment advice from an RBC Specialist

News from DAWEG Chapters

7. Okanagan - formalizing a Chapter

The Okanagan DAWEG Group had an informal meeting on April 27, 2006, with approximately 12 people present. Following the meeting, the group participated in a round of bowling.

The Group expressed a desire to formalize an Okanagan DAWEG Chapter. The Chapter format currently being discussed would consist of four Chapter meetings followed by a social event per year. There is definite interest from Members in school visits, getting UBC-Okanagan involved, and possibly participation in career fairs. An email list for the Chapter is currently being organized - DAWEG Members residing and/or working in the Okanagan not yet active in the Chapter activities are encouraged to contact Nicole Kohnert at Nicole.Kohnert@NORD.CA. Students and professionals, women and men welcome! Next meeting and social will be in Penticton this summer, with more details to follow.

8. CCWESTT Conference: competition results

Congratulations to **Kym Bogan**, graduating UBC Engineering student for winning the CCWESTT Conference Student Sponsorship Competition. Kym's excellent application highlighting her involvement and dedication to the profession and the advancement of women within it greatly impressed the DAWEG Board. Kym will be joining the substantial DAWEG delegation - a dozen Members at last count - to this year's CCWESTT Conference in Calgary in June. The six DAWEG sponsored delegates have been given the opportunity to attend the Conference as part of the Board member development and increased DAWEG Member participation initiatives. CCWESTT is the umbrella organization for other provincial organizations like DAWEG working to support women in engineering, sciences and trades.