



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

**The EDGE Newsletter – August 2007 Issue
* Equity and Diversity in Geoscience & Engineering ***

Dear DAWEG Members,

We are recruiting!

The Events Director needs an assistant to help organize the AGM. Benefit from the Volunteer Rate to attend the AGM, and get networked with new acquaintances or come see old friends. Contact dawegaccount@hotmail.com.

We would like a few more candidates to stand for Board elections at the AGM. We have 5 already, and we need at least 4 more. Get new skills, meet new people, and contribute to achieving DAWEG's vision. See more below.

See you at the Summer Social this Thursday, August 23rd.

DAWEG Board

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BOARD NEWS

1. August Board Meeting Brief

Keeping on track with our 5-Year Strategic Planning and Board Succession Planning, we revised DAWEG's Mission and Vision, affirmed our Strategic Goals, and added one new Goal. See below for the changes. Our theme for the AGM, Celebrating Successes, will reflect our new Goal. We are open to suggestions for guest speakers for our AGM panel, whose professional or personal successes could be shared and celebrated. Please send us your ideas for stories that will draw crowds to dawegaccount@hotmail.com. We are getting ready to pass on a number of our long-term programs to the new Board, and are busy identifying new Board candidates. We were pleased to welcome as guests at our meeting two such candidates. At least five DAWEG events are being organized for Vancouver, Victoria and Whistler over the next 3 months – see details of these below. August is our main corporate sponsorship fundraising month. If your firm would like to show its support for the advancement of women through a financial contribution to DAWEG, refer to our sponsorship package at <http://batman.mech.ubc.ca/~daweg/sponsorship.html> and let's work together!

DAWEG's Vision: Making Engineering and Geoscience appealing, rewarding and equitable for women so that women are attracted to and excel at all levels in our profession.

DAWEG's Mission: To promote, enhance and facilitate opportunities for women to succeed in engineering and geoscience.

DAWEG's Goals: (NEW) To celebrate the successes of women in Engineering and Geoscience.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2. Lower Mainland Summer Social

When: Thursday, August 23, 2007

5:30-6:00 Appetizers and Networking

6:00-8:00 Dinner and Board Recruitment Info Session (see below for more info)

Where: Pondok Indonesia, 2781 Commercial Drive (2 blocks from Broadway SkyTrain Station)

The DAWEG Board invites you and a guest to come to DAWEG's 2007 Summer Social. Bring your significant other, a friend, or a work colleague to enjoy the exotic flavors of Indonesian cuisine along with the wonderful company of your fellow engineers and geoscientists.

Door Prize: You could win one of two tickets from our newest sponsor, Investors Group, to "Power Within for Women" on November 6, 2007 featuring Hillary Swank!!!



Please register online by August 22nd at www.apeg.bc.ca/event. For non-members who wish to become a member of DAWEG, there is an option to pay their registration fee along with membership fee. Please contact Saghi at saghik2000@yahoo.com if you have any questions, or need any assistance with registering.

Members and guests: \$35

Students / in-between jobs / parental leave: \$25

Non-members + membership: \$55

Non-members (students/in-between jobs/parental leave) + membership: \$35

3. Board Recruitment Info Session

Join current Board members for the last hour of the Summer Social on Aug 23 to:

- find out more about what is involved in running for a Board position
- let us know your interest for setting the direction of DAWEG
- share with us your aspirations for contributing to the profession
- expand your professional network

See Lower Mainland Summer Social section for time and location details. Please let us know if you are interested in this session by RSVP'ing to dawegaccount@hotmail.com.

For more information about Board's activities and responsibilities, as well as profiles of current Board members, see http://batman.mech.ubc.ca/~daweg/board_candidate_info.html.

By attending the session, you are not committing yourself to being on the Board, but you will be able to make an informed choice!

4. Victoria Chapter Summer Social

When: Sunday, August 26, 2007, 4:00-7:00 pm

Mark your calendars to join the Victoria Chapter Summer Social for a barbecue! Spouses and children welcome. There will be games for the children (and adults!). For more information please contact Julie Rivet at jrivet@crd.bc.ca.

For more information about the Victoria Chapter, please contact Daniela at danielac@me.uvic.ca.

5. Board Meeting

When: Monday, September 10, 2007 - 6:00-8:00 pm

Where: APEGBC Office, 4010 Regent St., Burnaby

The next DAWEG Board meeting will be open to DAWEG Members who are thinking of volunteering or joining the Board for the 2007-2008 year. If you would like to attend, please email dawegaccount@hotmail.com.

6. Building Communities Symposium

Registration is almost full for this unique and exciting two-day networking symposium "Building Communities Symposium for BC Engineering Women" to be held on September 15 and 16, 2007 at Loon Lake Retreat in Maple Ridge.

One of the keynote speakers will be Janet Benjamin, running for the President position of APEGBC Council in the upcoming term. On the second day of the event, special break out networking sessions will be organized according to interest, DAWEG board executive directors will facilitate a DAWEG related network group. Other industry professionals will be offering workshops on career advancement, work-life balance, leadership, transitions and motivation. Visit www.mech.ubc.ca/~wesymposium for more information and registration instructions.

Cost of registration includes shared accommodations, all meals, and transportation.

Closing for registration is Sunday, September 9th, but spaces are almost gone:
Students: \$45, New Immigrant / In-transition: \$55, Academia/Industry: \$85



7. Annual General Meeting

Save the date for this year's DAWEG AGM!

Theme: Celebrating Successes

When: Thursday, September 27, 2007 - 5:30-9:00 pm

Where: Science World

8. DAWEG Stream at APEGBC Conference

Save the date for this year's DAWEG Stream at APEGBC's Conference in Whistler!

When: Friday, October 26, 2007

For more information or to register, please go to <http://www.apeg.bc.ca/ac2007/prodev/betterbusiness.html>

9. Okanagan Chapter

Upcoming events include:

Tour of the new Waste Water Treatment Plant in Westbank

Hike up Knox Mountain

Wine and cheese at a local winery

Gold Panning at an "Undisclosed" location

If you are interested in more information for these events, please contact Darlene @ Darlene_Atkinson@golder.com.

PAST EVENTS

10. Summer Coffee Talk

A casual get-together was held on July in 27th at 10:30 AM in Central Park. We picked that location because at least in Burnaby the kids wouldn't have to play on a pile of garbage! The huge playground was enjoyed and we took a short walk to the duck pond. It was very pleasant until my stroller rolled down the hill into the pond and I had to get wet to remove it, luckily no child went for the ride! Never a dull moment! The four women mostly had preschool aged kids, however we got a chance to meet Cynthia Oldham's little girl, Annie, she is six months old. Your new bundle is never too young to bring to a coffee talk. At the next one we hope that more mothers can bring their new arrivals to be introduced. The next coffee talk will likely be the morning of Friday, September 21st. If you are interested to join us, but not on my distribution list, please email Bernadette at bcurrie@bcit.ca with your contact info.

OTHER

11. Image Database of Members in Action

We're looking to build an electronic library of digital photos of primarily female engineers and geoscientists at their workplaces: out in the field, at their desks, in meetings, doing something every-day or something extraordinary. These should be high quality photos, and could be somewhat staged to achieve the desired quality and effect. Contact Bernadette, Outreach Director, for more information.

Images should be submitted to dawegaccount@hotmail.com. Send with the photo, a text caption with the name of the individual, position title, employer and date (however you can request in your email that only the picture be used, without any biographical information disclosed or attached). By submitting a picture you are giving DAWEG permission to use your photo (or partial image) on our website, in promotional materials or in a slide show at DAWEG events. Please don't be shy; this is another excellent opportunity to highlight females practicing our profession.

12. Sponsors

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Core Values - Professionalism · Equity · Inclusiveness

Mission - To promote, enhance and facilitate opportunities for women to succeed in engineering and geoscience.