



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

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

Dear DAWEG Members,

Two volunteers are needed to help us organize our upcoming events: Summer Social and Annual General Meeting. Please get in touch if you would like to contribute your time to making these networking events possible – dawegaccount@hotmail.com.

Also, this September when APEGBC members receive Council election ballots, they will have an opportunity to elect Janet Benjamin, P.Eng. for APEGBC President and Margaret Li, P.Eng. for Vice President! Watch future daweg-general notices for more information. History in the making!

DAWEG Board

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BOARD NEWS

1. July Board Meeting Brief

The DAWEG Board is taking advantage of APEGBC's offer to assist us more with meeting our mandate, starting with more assistance towards our communication efforts with you, our members, and other APEGBC members, many of whom don't yet know that DAWEG exists or what we are working towards. Arriving at one Vision Statement for DAWEG we can all agree on is proving to be more challenging as expected, so we continue our work on this aspect of our 5-Year Strategic Plan. Planning for Board member recruitment is in full swing – see more below on planned Information Session. We have now a newly created and filled position of Director for Internationally Trained Engineers, and we welcome our volunteer and now, a new Board member, Valentina Dabic – welcome! August is our main fundraising month, where we supplement our member-dues-based finances with corporate sponsorships for our programs. If you would like your firm to be recognized as supporting women in the profession by financially supporting DAWEG, please contact Caroline Andrewes, Finance Director at caroline.andrewes@ballard.com. We look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming two events: August Summer Social and Annual General Meeting in September.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2. Summer Coffee Talk – Without the Coffee (Park Location)

A very casual get-together for working (part-time or on-leave) parents of young children. Now that summer is here, we thought it would be a nice idea to hold a coffee talk at a park in a central location. It will return in the fall to monthly format in someone's home. Perhaps those with school-aged children that are temporarily off work in July/Aug could join in too. It will take place July or 24th, 26th or 27th, 10:30 AM. If you are interested please email Bernadette at bcurie@bcit.ca with your date preference and a park location suggestion (accessible, shady, playground or splash park). Beverages provided, please bring a small kid friendly snack to share.

3. Board Meeting

When: Monday, August 13, 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.

4. 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.

Please register online through APEGBC website 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 saghi2000@yahoo.com if you have any questions, or need any assistance with registering.

Early Bird (July 20th to August 9th)

Members and guests: \$30
Students / in-between jobs / parental leave: \$20
Non-members + membership: \$50
Non-members (students/in-between jobs/parental leave) + membership: \$30

Regular (August 10th to 20th)

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

5. Board Recruitment Info Session

Ask yourself . . .

- Have you considered running for a Board position, but are not sure what's involved?
- Do you want the experience of setting direction for an organization and to determine how it can better serve the needs of its members?
- Are you looking for an opportunity to contribute to your profession?
- Do you want to expand your professional network of female contacts?

If you answered YES! to one or more of these questions, we hope you will join us for an information session we are organizing for potential Board members at the end of this year's Summer Social.

When: Last hour of August 23rd Summer Social
See Lower Mainland Summer Social section for time and location details.

In addition, see http://batman.mech.ubc.ca/~daweg/board_candidate_info.html for summary of Board's activities and responsibilities, as well as profiles of current Board members: where we work in our day jobs, what experience we had before joining the Board, what skills we brought and what skills we developed.

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

6. 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.

7. Building Communities Symposium

Registration is NOW OPEN !

We are pleased to announce that registration to the unique and exciting two-day networking symposium "Building Communities" on September 15 and 16, 2007 at Loon Lake Retreat in Maple Ridge is now open.

Space is available on a first-come first-serve basis; however space for working (EIT and P.Eng) engineers is limited, so sign up **NOW** to avoid disappointment. Subsidized registration costs include shared accommodations, all meals, and transportation from select spots across GVRD.

Registration to the symposium starts on July 15th with early registration ending on August 15th. Closing for registration is Sunday, September 9th:

Students:	Earlybird:	\$35,	after August 15:	\$45
Immigrant / In transition:	Earlybird:	\$45,	after August 15:	\$55
Academia/Industry:	Earlybird:	\$75,	after August 15:	\$85



Please go to: www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=jSlbc1QjsghWLNcZCWpVyg_3d_3d to register. Please be advised that after you fill out the online registration, you would need to pay with a credit card on APEGBC's website (link to this website is at the end of the online registration). So, please only fill out the registration if you have your credit card ready. Your registration is not honoured until you make appropriate payment.

Childcare (during the day), limited parking, and Friday night accommodation (for out of town attendees) can be arranged. Please contact the organizing committee for more information on childcare or if you would like to volunteer. They look forward to building a great community of women engineers with you!

Please visit the website for frequent updates to the symposium: www.mech.ubc.ca/~wesymposium.

8. Annual General Meeting

Save the date for this year's DAWEG AGM!

When: Thursday, September 27, 2007

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. Spring Seminar

Twenty DAWEG members and potential future members from various disciplines of engineering and science attended DAWEG's "Planning for a Sustainable Future" Seminar, held in Golder's boardroom on June 27, 2007. Christina DeMarco from the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) presented the Greater Vancouver long-range development plan. GVRD's updated plan uses sustainability principles as the overall framework. After the presentation, Ms. DeMarco answered many questions from the audience and joined the attendees in informal networking. Thank you to all of those who participated!



OTHER

11. Big Sisters Seeks Study Buddy Tutors

Volunteer as a Study Buddy tutor and help a Little Sister reach – or surpass – her academic goals! Big Sisters of BC Lower Mainland is currently seeking tutors who are comfortable in elementary level math, and have contacted DAWEG as a resource for more math-oriented female role models and tutors. Use your skills 1 hour per week to help increase the self-esteem of a young girl. Please contact Study Buddy Coordinator, Anamaria Basic at 604-873-4525 ext. 301 or email studybuddy@bigsisters.bc.ca. You can also visit www.bigsisters.bc.ca for more information and to download a Study Buddy application form.

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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.*