



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

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

Dear DAWEG Members,

Please note the date of our long anticipated Spring Seminar now scheduled for June 27th – we hope to see you there!

DAWEG Board

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BOARD NEWS

1. June Board Meeting Brief

The June Board meeting was chaired by our Interim Chair, Bernadette Currie, to give other Board members some experience with this role and to give our Chair, Maggie a short break. Continuing with Board succession planning, our volunteer, Julie Chao, was tasked with preparing a DAWEG Volunteer profile and position descriptions in preparation for next year's elections. The Board members are compiling their own position profiles, including personal biographies as well as skilled needed for and learned in the position, in order to present to potential candidates an accessible and realistic picture of what being on the Board entails. The Board began reworking the Vision Statement for DAWEG as part of our 5-Year Strategic Plan, and will be reworking our Strategic Goals at upcoming meetings. APEGBC's Executive Director, Derek Doyle, dropped in at our meeting inviting us to request specific assistance from his Office for advancing DAWEG's mandate. The Board is presently preparing our first "wish list" with the objective to develop a closer working relationship with the Executive Director's Office for the future. DAWEG member input is always appreciated, and may be sent to the Chair at wmaggie101@telus.net. Finally, the Board is in full swing organizing three upcoming large networking and professional development events – see below for more information on our Seminar, Summer Social and Annual General Meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2. Spring Seminar

Topic: Planning for a Sustainable Future: Greater Vancouver's New Long Range Plan

Speaker: Christina DeMarco, Greater Vancouver Regional District

When: Wednesday June 27th, 2007

Agenda: 5:30 – 6:00 pm Registration/ Refreshments/ Networking

6:00 – 6:30 pm Presentation

6:30 – 7:00 pm Discussion

Where: Golder Associates Ltd., 500-4260 Still Creek Drive, Burnaby

What: The Livable Region Strategic Plan is now 10 years old. The GVRD is updating the plan using sustainability principles as the overall framework. Come hear the opportunities and tensions involved in updating the plan as we look out to 2031 and need to accommodate one million more people and 500,000 jobs.

Register: Please register at www.apeg.bc.ca/event

Registration fee: \$10 Members and Guests

\$5 Students/ Parental Leave/ In-between jobs

Check DAWEG's website (www.apeg.bc.ca/daweg) for up to date event information and to download a poster for the event.

3. 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 hearing more information about these events, please contact Darlene Atkinson at Darlene_Atkinson@golder.com.

4. Victoria Chapter

A summer BBQ is in the planning stages! Keep your eyes open for details in a future newsletter! For more information about the Victoria Chapter, please contact Daniela Constantinescu at danielac@me.uvic.ca.

5. Board Meeting

When: Monday, July 9, 2007 - 6:00-8:00 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.

6. Summer Social

Save the date for this year's DAWEG Summer Social!

When: Wednesday, August 23, 2007

7. Building Communities Symposium

Save the date for this DAWEG sponsored BC women in engineering symposium, organized by Networking Engineering Women at UBC (NEW@ubc). Join 100 women engineering professionals, students, as well as those in career transitions to build our own networks of support for women in the engineering community. Registration will be taking place over the summer, more information including details of our fabulous venue at Loon Lake in Maple Ridge can be found at the website: www.mech.ubc.ca/~wesymposium



One way to secure your attendance is to act as a topic speaker, workshop facilitator or round table panelist. The themes for the sessions, which all address a female audience with engineering as their education and career choice, are leadership, networking, career advancement, transitions and work-life balance. A draft list of topics is given below, other suggestions for topics of interest, inspirational speaker ideas or the names of individuals you think given an exceptional talk or who would like to arrange a panel on one of these or related topics should be sent to the speaker committee at engineeringwomen@gmail.com

- Importance of coaching & how to be a mentor
- Opportunities to work/travel/contract abroad
- Navigating the journey from school to work and/or from work back to school again
- Hobbies that work well with interest of an engineer
- It is possible to have family and career!
- Powerful networking tools
- How to find the right mentor
- Making the right first impression
- Dress for success
- The road to senior executive level
- Managing effective teams
- Returning from leave or new to the region or county
- Changing industries / sectors - inside insights.
- Professional extreme make over
- Re-balancing your life and relationships when your career is everything.
- Advantages of serving within associations & societies
- Overseas and development opportunities for Engineers
- Sustainability – more than just a buzzword.

8. Annual General Meeting

Save the date for this year's DAWEG AGM!

When: Thursday, September 27, 2007

PAST EVENTS

9. Coffee Talk

A coffee talk was held at Bernadette Currie's house last week. Three civil engineers, who all graduated with either a bachelor or masters from UBC, all three currently on leave or working part time for contracting or consulting firms and a Mech Eng faculty. It was just like any other mums get together with toys and crumbs all over the place. Friendly chic-chat and some wise advice was shared. The consensus is to do it again soon, maybe a bit closer into Vancouver and for July we may try for a public park venue. All interested individuals not already on my mailing list should send their contact info to bcurrie@bcit.ca to receive date/time/place info for future get-togethers. Please send a home email and phone, in case you have recently gone on leave.

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