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January 24, 2013

Dear DAWEG members:

Happy New Year!

In this update I would like to announce that DAWEG will have a new incoming executive committee this spring. Anja Lanz, EIT will be the incoming DAWEG Chair and Meghan Wells, EIT will be the incoming DAWEG Vice Chair. Anja has been very involved with running the Women In Engineering (Vancouver Region) group for the past 5 years and Meghan Wells has been involved with DAWEG for the past year and a half. I know these two ladies will do a fantastic job running DAWEG. See below for their introductions. A DAWEG AGM and planning session will be held this coming spring to introduce the new executive members to APEGBC staff liaisons and go over DAWEG policies and procedures. If you are interested in volunteering with DAWEG please see below for details and feel free to email me.

Also, the BC Science Fairs are coming up in April. Each year DAWEG judges and presents the DAWEG Special Award for the junior and senior categories at three science fairs in the lower mainland and on Vancouver Island. If you are interested in volunteering please see below for more details.

See below for details on other events and volunteering opportunities.

Cheers,

Elizabeth MacLanders

Introduction of Incoming DAWEG Executives

Anja Lanz, EIT

I am very excited to accept the Chair of DAWEG. To give you a bit of a background on myself: I have been very active with Women in Engineering grass-roots activities since 2003. During my education at UBC in Engineering Physics, I started the Women in Engineering Physics network, which was the first undergraduate women in engineering network of its kind at UBC. Shortly afterwards in 2004, I joined Women in Engineering at UBC where I served as one of the members starting this initiative. In 2005, I became chair of the Building Communities Symposium '07, a first-ever, grass-roots initiative to bring Women in Engineering in BC together for a weekend of networking and professional development (This symposium is now renamed "Creating Connections"). In 2008, I founded together with several other women "Women in Engineering (Vancouver Region)" – WIE(VR). We are now in our 5th year of existence. In my spare time, I like travelling, yoga, professional development, history, psychology, and the outdoors.

I am delighted to be chairing DAWEG and look forward meeting all of you at one of DAWEG's

events or through email. I am always open to suggestions, comments, and feedback.

Meghan Wells, EIT

Meghan Wells, EIT, LEED AP is a civil engineer with Hatch Mott MacDonald in Vancouver, BC. Previously, she has three years of experience working on various infrastructure, neighborhood redevelopment, and public facility projects in Miami, Florida. Ms. Wells is assisting Hatch Mott MacDonald with utility analysis and relocation, drainage modeling and design, pavement geometry and grading, and roadway design. She is involved in the Hatch Mott MacDonald Vancouver Green Office Initiative, Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup and the Toastmasters Club. Ms. Wells holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Architectural Engineering from the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Florida.

If you are interested in becoming involved with DAWEG, DAWEG is recruiting individuals to the executive for the upcoming year. Activities and responsibilities will be streamlined to fit interests and skill sets of those who come forward and may include the following:

- Communications – Collecting input for and preparing DAWEG email announcements
- Events – Organize details for DAWEG events
- Outreach – The main focus of this position is to arrange judges and awards presenters for BC Science Fairs and organize a booth at E-Fest
- Finance – The finance coordinator would have signing authority for the bank account and would therefore handle expense claims, maintain records, and co-signing cheques.

WIE(VR) – Entrepreneurship and Starting Your Own Consulting Business with Donna Denny

Date: Thursday, January 24, 2013

Time: 6:30-9:30 pm

Location: YWCA, Welch Room 1, 35 Hornby Street, Vancouver

Cost: \$12 pre-registration, \$15 at the door (students and unemployed \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door)

Registration: please send an email to engineeringwomen@gmail.com to register for this event

Details: Join Donna Denny as she shares her journey to business ownership and entrepreneurship. This interactive workshop will not only give you practical tips on how to start your own consulting business but how to tackle the internal demons that say you can't. For more information please visit: <http://www.wievr.ca/>.

Call for Volunteers for the 2013 BC Regional Science Fairs

DAWEG is looking for representatives to judge the DAWEG Special Award for the junior and senior categories at the 2013 BC Regional Science Fairs. The science fairs will be taking place in Abbotsford, Surrey, Vancouver, and Victoria in April. This is a great opportunity to be involved in your own region. The dates for the science fairs are as follows:

Greater Vancouver Regional Fair - April 11 through 13, 2013 located at UBC ([More details](#)). Judging dates to be announced at a later date.

Fraser Valley Science Fair – April 2 through 5, 2013 located at University of the Fraser Valley ([More details](#)). Judging dates to be announced at a later date.

South Fraser Regional Science Fair – April 11 and 12, 2013 located at Kwantlen Polytechnic University ([More details](#)). Judging dates to be announced at a later date.

Vancouver Island Regional Science Fair – April 14 and 15, 2013 located at University of Victoria ([More details](#)). Judging dates to be announced at a later date.

If you are interested in volunteering at one of these great events, please send an email to Meghan Wells at daweg.outreach@gmail.com and indicate the location of where you would like to volunteer.

Call for Volunteers for the SCWIST XX Evening

The Society for Canadian Women in Science and Technology (SCWIST) and Science World are once again collaborating to create a lively evening of networking! SCWIST's Annual XX Evening is coming up on Thursday, March 7, 2013.

Date: Thursday, March 7, 2013

Time: 5:30-10 pm

Location: Science World

Details: SCWIST invites women studying science, technology, and engineering, and women who are considering career changes, to come to TELUS World of Science to meet women with careers in science and technology (That could include you!). There's a panel discussion, and a chance to network informally, pizza and pop for supper, and a fabulous Omnimax movie.

This is an easy, fun, and rewarding way to share some insights into your work with young women. All you have to do is tell the assembled crowd (in one sentence) what you do for a living, and then be available to chat one-on-one with the participants.

Email me if you're interested (seix@scienceworld.ca), and I'll add you to the list. This tends to be a very popular opportunity, and I've only got so many seats in the theatre, so contact me soon!

National Engineering Month – March 2013

National Engineering and Geoscience Month (NEGM) is an annual celebration of engineering and geoscience across Canada. This month-long event promotes awareness of the engineering and geoscience professions, highlights career choices in these fields and reminds the public of the many ways in which engineering and geoscience touch everyday life. This year's National Engineering and Geoscience Month will be held March 2013.

NEGM features information on careers in engineering and geoscience to encourage young Canadians to consider these fields as a career of choice. Showcasing engineering and geoscience at work, NEGM events include spaghetti or popsicle stick bridge building contests, rock and fossil explorations, and interactive displays. NEGM events occur throughout BC and are hosted locally by APEGBC's Branches, volunteer members in regions around the province.



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