President’s Letter

It’s starting to feel like fall with the crisp air, fun orchard activities and all the kids back in school. It’s hard to believe we are almost through the first quarter of FY13. We had some great events already and a very active group planning lots of wonderful events for you in the months to come.

I was able to attend the STEM day at the Fair this year to help at the SciGirls booth. I was amazed at how big the event was and all the wonderful activities to teach our kids about math, science and engineering. SWE-MN was helping at the St. Kate’s booth as well. There was even a center stage with some great skits throughout the day. I would definitely recommend this event for all of you next year. Mark your calendar for the first day of the MN State Fair 2013 to join in this fun event.

We also had a fabulous Open House at the Walker Center. I was very happy to see a lot of new faces in the 100 person crowd and all the fun Facebook activity during and after the event. I wasn't able to talk to everyone as I had planned but did connect with some familiar faces and some new to SWE. The decorations and table activities kept the party moving and I hope each of you had a wonderful time too.

I encourage you to read your weekly emails, connect on Facebook, twitter and LinkedIn to see all the wonderful activities we have coming up. I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming SWE-MN Family Celebration on Sept 29th as I will be there with my family.

~Holly Kimball - president@swe-mn.org

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For more information on how to become a SWE-MN Sponsor, check out our Sponsorship Opportunities here.

Special points of interest:

- SWE-MN Family Celebration coming up on September 29th!
- Have you registered for WE12 yet?!!!
- Volunteers needed for upcoming Girl Scout Patch Day - check out the flyer!
- Save the Date for the Eaton PD Event and Tour on 10/11!
**Who’s Who in SWE-MN?**

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- **Secretary:** Katie Amelio*
- **Senator:** Diane LaFortune
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- **Alternate Collegiate Senator:** Alina Alam

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**Region H Programming Excellence Competition Chair:** Kalyani Mallela*
**Region H Transition Membership Program:** Holly Kimball*

*Indicates individual is from SWE-MN

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- **President:** Alyse Stofer*
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- **Collegiate Director:** Kaitlyn Bunker
- **Speaker of the Senate:** Helen O. Patricia
- **Director, Regions:** Colleen Layman
- **Executive Director & CEO:** Betty A. Shanahan, CAE, F.SWE
- **Special Director of International Initiatives, FY12:** Janet Bandows Koster

*Indicates individual is from SWE-MN
VP Spotlight

Curious George™: Let's Get Curious exhibit here at the Minnesota Children’s Museum presents key concepts in science, math and engineering.

Their activities invite us to learn through direct experience and problem solving. The museum has Curious About Engineering Day on Saturday September 22nd from 10am-2pm to inspire children to be interested in and excited about engineering through hands-on activities and demonstrations provided by many different groups. Visit the museum to tour the exhibit, participate in the hands-on activities and stop by SWE-MN’s table. You can learn more about it on their website.

If you would like to help us conduct the activity, please let me know.

~ Kalyani Mallela
vp@swe-mn.org

You’re Invited!

SWE-MN Family Celebration

Come join us for the SWE-MN Family Celebration on Saturday, September 29th. This is combined SWE-MN EC and SWE-MN Mom’s group event. Please join us with your family for an afternoon of fun at the Twin Cities Harvest Festival and Maze in Brooklyn Park.

Date: Saturday, September 29th, 2012
Time: 3:00-6:00pm
Location: Twin Cities Harvest Festival and Maze

Check out more details in the Membership Happenings Sections on Page 5.
SWE-MN Open House Recap

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's annual SWE-MN Open House! It was a great success. This year's Open House was held in the Skyline Room of the Walker Art Center. The night consisted of appetizers and activities organized by SWE-MN EC members. Each Open House attendee received a passport to have stamped at an EC leadership booth. Those who completed passports were entered into a drawing for great prizes. There were 100 attendees and the event reached over 1300 people on Facebook after all pictures were posted! A big thanks to Covidien for sponsoring the event!
Membership Happenings

Lots of great events planned!!

Hello again to all SWE-MN members (and soon-to-be members)! As we mentioned in last month’s article, we have big plans for Membership this year. Probably the biggest item is we have formed a Social Committee to plan happy hours, and other fun networking events. The first happy hour is an Oktoberfest HH at Gastoff’s in Minneapolis on Thursday, October 4th (see below for more details). Kristin Haag is the chair of this committee, and she has some awesome events in mind, but needs some help. The first meeting will be a noon conference call on Tuesday, September 25th. Please e-mail Kristin at kristinmhaag@eaton.com for more information.

If you would like to get involved with our committee or if you have any membership questions, please contact us at membership@swe-mn.org.

Thanks and hope to see you at the SWE-MN Family Event or the Oktoberfest Happy Hour!

~Lynn Davenport and Nicole Danielson–Bartelt - membership@swe-mn.org

Please check out some of our upcoming events below!

Social Committee Conference Call
Come help us plan more happy hours and networking events this year!

Details: Tuesday, September 25th at noon. Contact Kristin at kristinmhaag@eaton.com for more information.

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Details:
Date: Saturday, September 29th, 2012
Time: 3:00-6:00pm
Location: Twin Cities Harvest Festival and Maze, 8001 109th Avenue N, Brooklyn Park MN 55445
Cost: They have a $1 off their admission prices if we have a group of 20 or more. The price is $9 per guest and children under 36” free.
RSVP: RSVP at membership@swe-mn.org

SWE-MN Oktoberfest Happy Hour
Come join us for some networking and to celebrate your (or someone you know) German heritage. This is a fun way for us to get together, relax, and enjoy a beverage or two with like-minded friends!

Details:
Date: Thursday, October 4th
Time: 5:30-7:30pm
Location: Gastof in NE Minneapolis, 2300 University Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418
Cost: Free, but you pay for your own food and beverages.
RSVP: RSVP at membership@swe-mn.org

FUTURE EVENTS (more details to come):
• Happy Hours: Many more to come!
• New Member / Student Upgrade Party: Café Latte, Mid-November
• Feed My Starving Children Volunteer Event: FMSC Coon Rapids, Early December

SWE-MN Membership Survey
We hope everyone received a link to the membership survey! We use the survey to determine best types of activities, locations, etc for our SWE-MN members, especially around the Metro area. We will be giving away a $25 gift certificate for one lucky member who completes the survey! If you didn’t receive a survey link, please contact us today.

~membership@swe-mn.org
Registration for WE12 in Houston, Texas is **OPEN!**
This year’s theme is “3 Days of Energy. A Lifetime of Opportunity.”

The Annual Conference is jam packed with networking events, professional development sessions, keynote speakers, and more!

Online registration and Hotel Information can be found [here](http://sweregionh.wordpress.com/).

Some events that will want to check out include:

- November 8th - We21 Keynote Breakfast*
- November 8th - Career Fair Opening Ceremony
- November 9th - SWE Award Banquet*
- November 10th - Celebrate SWE! *

*cost is not included with conference registration

**SWE Leadership Pipeline**

Have you considered what your SWE career might look like? The Society and Region are looking to cultivate the SWE leaders of tomorrow. To that end, we've developed a Leadership Pipeline that gives you some tools to help manage your SWE career and, more importantly, that will connect you with a more experienced SWE member who can provide guidance and mentorship to you. Contact your SWE-MN section representatives for more information.

**Region H Conference at the U of MN**

The Conference Planning Committee is actively seeking company sponsorship for the conference. The Keynote sponsorships, in addition to limitless spots in other levels of funding, are still open for interested parties. The committee is enthusiastically reaching out to prospective companies with help from the University of Minnesota’s Dean’s Office.

If you and your company wish to sponsor or support a speaker for the 2013 SWE Region H Conference please contact the Conference Planning Committee’s treasurer, Sam Madden at madd0194@umn.edu. The Planning Committee would deeply appreciate help from all professional SWE-MN members.

Please also be sure to check out current sponsors, section information and much more on the Conference website at [http://sweregionh.wordpress.com/](http://sweregionh.wordpress.com/).

**Going to WE12?? Let us know!**

If you are planning on attending WE12 in Houston, Texas in November and want to exchange contact information with other SWE-MN members, please fill out the SWE-MN Contact Form [here](http://sweregionh.wordpress.com/). There will be plenty of opportunities for networking, lunches, and social gatherings during our time in Houston!
Get to Know SWE-MN Member, Claire Rydeen

I grew up on a farm in northwestern Minnesota. Until a presentation in my high school math class I had no idea what engineers did. During my senior year of high school, it took a trip to a University of Minnesota SWE “Technically Speaking” outreach event to open my eyes to the world of science and engineering.

After high school graduation, my parents packed me up in our duel-wheel pickup truck and moved me into Centennial Hall on the U of M campus. The dorm held more people than lived in my entire small town. And I didn’t know a soul.

I saw signs on campus for the first SWE general meeting and decided to join the University of Minnesota SWE section. I was excited to meet new people but with studying I remained only an active member, attending what meetings and outreach events I could. By the end of the year, I decided to pursue a leadership role as a scholarship/internship director for the section. At the end of sophomore year, I was elected as secretary, and at the end of the junior year, I was elected president. In the meantime, after attending the Region H conference the spring of my senior year, I became interested in the Regional Collegiate Communications Editor role of the Region H Collegiate Team. I was fortunate enough to be a part of that team as well my senior year of college.

My favorite part of SWE has been the opportunity to meet new people from all over the country. Meeting other biomedical engineering majors was very helpful for me as a collegiate, and meeting other collegiate sections gave me ideas for new things to try at the University of Minnesota. The support from the professional and collegiate group has been amazing.

After graduating from the University’s 5-year Master’s program in biomedical engineering this year, I accepted a Development Engineer position with Covidien Vascular Therapies in Plymouth, Minnesota. There I am supporting the manufacturing of two new medical devices, which I have also been able to support in the field. Being able to interact with physicians and see the products at work in the hospital has been extremely rewarding for me as a biomedical engineer.

Don't miss the October Professional Development event sponsored by Eaton.

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SWE MN October Professional Development Event

Sponsored by:

Come visit the Eaton hydraulics headquarters in Eden Prairie and learn about design challenges faced by our engineering teams. The event will include dinner, a tour of our manufacturing plant, presentations by engineering leaders, and time to mingle with other SWE members.

Date: Thursday October 11th, 2012
Time: 6 – 8 PM
Location: Eaton Hydraulics Headquarters
14900 Technology Drive
Eden Prairie, MN 55344
Cost: Free!

More details will be out soon!

If you’ve got any questions or would like to sign up please email pd@swe-mn.org
Fund Development Committee News

Open House Recap
At the SWE-MN Open House on August 23, 2012 in the Skyline Room of the Walker Art Center, the Fund Development booth highlighted our sponsorship levels utilizing monopoly money handouts! Our goal is to grow our connections with corporate sponsors and to engage all SWE-MN members to help with this initiative.

SWE-MN would like to thank our Gold Sponsor, Covidien, for hosting the event and those who attended for your participation and financial support. We hope that you had fun meeting other SWE members and enjoyed getting to know SWE-MN! We greatly appreciate the financial contributions that help us achieve our goals as a society.

Future Planning
The Fund Development committee is currently collaborating with other SWE-MN committees for potential collaboration on future professional development and fundraising events.

We are looking for companies who are interested in learning more about these events and possible ways to contribute. If your company or another company that you know of is interested in these future endeavors, please contact Jesse or Cassie at fd@swe-mn.org. You can either give us the company’s information and we will contact them or you can contact them and we will supply you with the informational packets.

The Fund Development Committee is having our first meeting for the fiscal year on September 26th from 5:30 to 7:00pm. Location is still TBD, email us today if you are interested in joining!

If you would like to RSVP for an event, join the committee, become a sponsor or have questions, please e-mail Jesse or Cassie at fd@swe-mn.org

Upcoming SWE-MN Committee Meetings

Executive Council Meeting
When: Wednesday September 19th at 7pm
Where: Conference Call
RSVP: president@swe-mn.org

Professional Develop. Committee Meeting
When: Tuesday September 25th at 5:30pm
Where: Panera Bread, Brooklyn Center
RSVP: pd@swe-mn.org

SWE-MN Social Committee Meeting
When: Tuesday September 25th at Noon
Where: Conference Call
RSVP: KristinMHaag@Eaton.com

Fund Develop. Committee Meeting
When: Wednesday September 26th at 5:30pm
Where: TBD (in person)
RSVP: fd@swe-mn.org

SWE-MN Outreach Committee Meeting
When: Wednesday October 17th at 6:30pm
Where: TBD (in person)
RSVP: outreach@swe-mn.org
Award Nomination Details

"Next in Line": New Faces of Engineering 2013
(Sponsored by Engineers Week 2013)
Deadline September 28th, 2012

Description:
The New Faces of Engineering program strives to promote the accomplishments of young engineers by highlighting their engineering contributions and the resulting impact on society. The campaign is designed to enhance and improve the image of engineering by:

- Putting faces to what has often been referred to as “the stealth profession”;
- Showing a group of young, diverse and talented engineers, thereby portraying engineering as an exciting profession open to everyone;
- Providing both stimulation and incentive for college engineering students to explore the variety of career options available to them with their engineering degrees as well as encouraging high school students to study engineering in college.
- Help engineering students understand they are part of a global profession.

Criteria:
- Engineers 30 years of age or younger as of December 31, 2012, are the focus of the recognition program.
- Nominees must have a degree in engineering from an ABET accredited U.S. college or university, or from an equivalent international educational institution.
- New Faces of Engineering recognizes achievements in all engineering disciplines.

Please contact Tricia Walker (awards@swe-mn.org) if qualified and interested in applying.

Did you know???
In 2003, SWE President and SWE-MN member, Alyse Stofer, was SWE's New Face of Engineering and featured in USA Today!
Thank you to the STEM Day at the Fair volunteers!

STEM Day at the MN State Fair was a success! With nice weather, lots of people, and fun STEM activities, it was a great way to kick off this year’s State Fair. SWE-MN teamed up with the St. Kate’s and SciGirls booths this year. At the SciGirls’ booth, children and families were able to take part in a crime scene investigation and learn how scientists who forensics to solves real crimes. Over at the St. Kate’s booth, volunteers helped kids decorate and assemble a color spinner and try it out to create an optical illusion right before their eyes!

Volunteers Needed!

Don’t miss out on this year’s Girl Scout Patch Day on Saturday October 6th! Volunteers are needed for setup on the evening of Friday October 5th and for the entire day on Saturday. No previous volunteer experience required! Special thanks to Boston Scientific for continuing to sponsor this great event for local Girl Scouts. Check out the Girl Scout Patch Day Volunteer Flyer for more details.

~Jen Doubet and Holly Maudsley

Outreach@swe-mn.org
Product Design Badge Day with Society of Women Engineers  
Design Your Future – Saturday, October 6th 2012  7:30am-3:00pm

Come **VOLUNTEER** with this opportunity to educate 150 Girl Scouts about engineering! Girls will learn about different areas of engineering though experimentation, receive a T-shirt, and earn a SWE badge. This year the event will track along the GS Product Design Badge and have a new theme - Design Your Future. Please help us to continue this event’s success!

Volunteers will have optional training during the setup period during the evening of Oct 5th or earlier at BSC as needed. **Meals will be provided.**

**Experiments will include at least:**
- Lip Balm (Chemical Engineering)
- Brush Bots (Electrical Engineering)
- Egg Mobile (Mechanical Engineering)

**Volunteer Time:**  
- October 5th: Set up and training (optional)  6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- October 6th: GSPD Event (flexible)  7:30 AM – 3:00 PM

**Location:**  
Boston Scientific CRM - Building 3  
4100 Hamline Ave N,  St. Paul, MN 55112

**RSVP:**  
To volunteer email  [volunteer@swe-mn.org](mailto:volunteer@swe-mn.org)

**Questions:**  
E-mail Jen and Holly at  [outreach@swe-mn.org](mailto:outreach@swe-mn.org)
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Adrienne and Paul Kelsey are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Corinna (Cora) Lorraine Kelsey. She was born on Sunday, August 19, 2012 at 6:07pm. She was 8 lb 7 oz and 20.75" long and is doing very well. Connor is a very proud big brother. :)

Angela Neidermire is now Angela Statz (rhymes with "dots") as she married Mark in Stillwater MN on July 21st. It was a hot day and a reception with no AC, but the couple were very happy and enjoyed their cooler Honeymoon in the Bahamas. The Statzes are excited to be moving into married life together and looking forward to the new SWE year of events!