Message from the President – Valerie B Randolph

Being involved in SWE this year has been a life changing experience for me – SWE has really encouraged me to be the best engineer I can be. Long story short, I will be finishing out the rest of my term as President long distance due to my new job at Tesla Motors. I would like to encourage each and every one of you to take advantage of the networking, self-improvement, and advancement opportunities that SWE has to offer!

Don’t hold yourself back from being your very best.

In June SWE – AV will be holding elections for the 2016 year. If you are interested in increasing your participation in SWE, our member meeting in May would be a great place to start!

May Member Meeting – Conversation Circles

Conversation circles are new for FY15 and are designed to have an intimate discussion on topical conversations. It’s like a professional topic book club, but without the books! The facilitator will provide talking points, data, topical situations, and other information to start conversation. For our first topic, we would like to discuss “Advocating for yourself” - how to get recognition for your work, support to attend conferences, new assignments, promotions and raises. Contribution of personal stories, situations, and advice are highly encouraged. Discussion topics will vary each event and will likely ignite deep conversation. Feel free to come to the meeting room early to grab dinner or a coffee before we begin. Meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on May 28th @ Camille’s Sidewalk Cafe – 44140 20th Street West, Suite 101 Lancaster, CA.

SWE – AV 10th Anniversary Banquet

Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate SWE’s 10th Anniversary celebration and scholarship awards banquet in April! It was really a great evening for SWE. Thanks again to our keynote speaker, Candice Smith, your story is truly inspiring!
Congratulations to our 2015 scholarship winners, Jennifer Kandell and Shelby Larsen! Jennifer attends Burroughs High School in Ridgecrest and will be attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in the fall for Bio-Medical Engineering. Shelby attends Lancaster High School and will be attending Brigham Young University to study Mechanical Engineering. Best of luck to our scholarship winners!

2015 Slate

It is that time of year again, when those of you that have considered getting involved in SWE but haven’t are most needed! We have several positions this year that will be fully vacant:

President:
1. Represent the section before the public and preside at meetings of the section and its executive council;
2. Appoint the chairs of all committees, with the approval of the executive council, except the chair of the nominating committee;
3. Approve the appointment of all committee members, except the members of the nominating committee;
4. Authorize the disbursement of section funds within the budget approved by the executive council;
5. Be an authorized signatory on all section accounts;
6. Coordinate activities and execute the business and policies of the section between meetings;
7. Review and approve the year-end section financial report;
8. Provide oversight and guidance to the committee chairs as assigned, and
9. Perform other duties normally associated with the office of president or as may be assigned by the executive council or the governance documents.

Vice President:
1. Assume the duties of the president if the president is temporarily unable to serve;
2. Provide oversight and guidance to the committee chairs as assigned; and
3. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the president, the executive council, or the governance documents.

Secretary:
1. Maintain the records of the section;
2. Provide oversight and guidance to the committee chairs as assigned; and
3. Perform other duties normally associated with the office of secretary or as may be assigned by the president, the executive council, or the governance documents.

Section Representative:
1. Perform those duties expected of them as described in the region governance documents; and
2. Perform other duties normally associated with the office of section representative or as may be assigned by the president, the executive council, or the governance documents.

Serving on the SWE-AV board is a great chance to network, develop your own leadership skills and give back to the community all while having fun!

Outreach Events
- Speakers needed at Women in STEM event at Lancaster High School on May 11th, with a powerpoint presentation discussing your career. Time for questions after.

Have an idea for an event?
If you have ideas for a social, career development or community service event, would like to recommend a guest speaker, or would just like to help plan an event, please contact us at SWE.AntelopeValley@gmail.com.
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