

Society of Women Engineers Meeting

November 19, 2010

Minutes



- I. Welcome and Introductions

Meeting was called to order by Laura J. White, President, from the Distance Learning Room at the REEF near Eglin AFB, and Room 205, the Distance Learning Room in the UWF SSE building in Pensacola. List of attendees attached.
- II. Reports from Board Members
 - A. President, Laura J. White – Thanked all attendees and said she is going through the roles and responsibilities for the section
 - B. Secretary, Alison Smith – Looking for input on keeping a large email database efficient and easy to update/use
 - C. No other Board Members were available for the meeting today. All Board Members for 2010/2011 are:
 - President: Laura J. White
 - Vice President: Rebecca Lenz
 - Secretary: Alison Smith
 - Treasurer: Janet Nemanic
 - Section Rep #1: Christine Buziak
 - Membership Committee Chair: Beth Brant
 - Outreach Committee Chair: Mary Ward and Angeleat Shelikoff
- III. WE 10 Report – Orlando, FL

Jacalyn Huband, a UWF SWE Student Section Faculty Sponsor, gave a report with the help from some of her students in attendance, Michael Zimmerman and Adrienne. They commented on how beneficial the conference was for networking and exposure to the engineering field. Christine Buziak was also in attendance and recommended that all members attend these conferences. The next regional conference will be held in Chicago.
- IV. SWE Related Activity Updates
 - a. Jacalyn Huband reported that a Girl Scout event the Student Section held on October 9th was a success, with great participation from the girls. The Student Section also has a new President, as Autumn Dunn stepped down and Lisa Valin took over from the Treasurer position.
 - b. Gretchen mentioned there will be a First Lego League Qualifying Tournament 9am-2pm, Saturday 11 December 2010 UWF/NWFSC Campus in Fort Walton Beach (1170 MLK Jr. Blvd). This is a robotics competition for middle school teams from Okaloosa County. Up to 16 teams will compete, three teams will be selected to advance to regional competition in Orlando in March. They need volunteers to serve as judges, referees, timers and scorekeeper. Training will be provided prior to the tournament via telecom or online resources. If you are interested in this worthwhile event, please send your name and email address to Ester Molder (emolder@uwf.edu). Please note if you have a preferred volunteer role (i.e. judge, referee, timer, scorekeeper). More information can be found here: <http://usfirst.org/> or <http://flrobotics.org/>.

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Contact Ester Molder, University of West Florida, 850-863-6575, emolder@uwf.edu for additional information.

- V. STEM Symposium Status Report and Discussion Laura J. White & Gretchen Vanvalkenburg
 - a. Some comments came back to answer for the grant proposal. Janet Nemanic is heading up getting the questions answered for the grant application. There was also discussion as to whether we wanted to pursue professional credits for this symposium. The consensus of the group was it was the goal forum is to work on and discuss education and outreach; therefore, we would not lose sight of that goal by trying to do too much with this symposium. Once we have established the framework, it was discussed that subsequent symposiums may offer CEU, PDH, or other professional credits.
 - b. A "Save the Date" will be sent out soon for the April 8, 2011 event.
- VI. SWE Goals and Activities Laura J. White
 - a. Mailing List – We are looking into make the mailing list the most efficient, easy-to-use as possible. Suggestions are welcome.
 - b. Interaction with Student Section – Any ideas about socials with the student sections
 - c. Interaction with Professional Section – It was discussed and recognized that everyone has varied schedules, and our chapter is really two sub-sections. There was discussion of having socials and events offered in Pensacola and the Fort Walton area independent of each other. Ideas are welcome!
- VII. Next Meeting Everyone
 - a. Friday, January 21, 2011 at 12:00pm CST was mentioned for our next meeting, using the Distance Learning Room at the REEF near Eglin AFB, and Room 205, the Distance Learning Room in the UWF SSE building in Pensacola.