Society of Women Engineers

Meeting Minutes
January 29, 2020

Officers Present: President: Abbi Morgan
Vice President: Cheyenne Robb
Treasurer: Maria Garcia
Secretary: Kelsi Burt

Chairs Present: Events: Megan Lowrance
Membership Chair: Paige Higgins
Outreach Chair: Erin Corum

Attendees: 20

Next Meeting: February 26, 2020 at 7 pm in SST 107

- Meet the Board
  - The leadership board introduced themselves.

- About SWE
  - SWE was founded in 1950
    - UAH SWE was chartered in 1983
  - SWE’s Mission
    - Empower women to achieve full potential in careers as engineers
    - Expand the image of engineering and technology professions as a positive force in improving the quality of life
    - Demonstrate the value of diversity and inclusion

- Membership
  - Benefits
    - Community of support, education and development, resources and information, leadership skills, affinity groups, discounts for joint memberships with NSBE, SHPE, AISES
  - Payment options
    - Collegiate to Career: one time payment of $50 that covers all years of school and one year of professional membership after graduation
    - Collegiate: $20 annually covers membership from July 1 to June 30
    - Go to swe.org to learn more about membership and to become a paid member
    - To list SWE on your resume, you must be a paid member
• Collegiate Section
  ○ We are a community of SWE in Huntsville
  ○ To be involved with UAH SWE, there are no dues or requirements
  ○ Perks
    ■ Community of like-minded students, fun activities
• Last Semester Recap
  ○ SWE101 Class: class for freshmen and transfer students
    ■ They made a video for a competition with SWE. We are still waiting to hear if we won.
    ■ The video was played at the meeting
  ○ Girl Scouts Volunteer Events
  ○ Cookies and Canvases: WOW event
  ○ SWeek of Welcome: vision boards, section meeting, movie night, game night, and paint the sign
  ○ Homecoming
    ■ We won Paint the Town Blue! Thanks to those who helped us win!
    ■ Can Creations Most Creative Winner! Thanks for your help!
  ○ FIRST Lego League Robotics Competition: robotics competition for elementary to middle school students
• Mentoring Program
  ○ We have a mentorship program through SWENext
    ■ SWENext is a free SWE club for K-12 students
  ○ Become a mentor today! Fill out this form (https://forms.gle/gEwXh5SJ8f5oDRj69)
  ○ Perks
    ■ Inspire high school students in the Huntsville area
    ■ Looks great on resumes
    ■ Fun social events
    ○ It is not very time consuming to be a mentor. All you have to do is contact (text, email, social media, etc.) your mentee once every 1-2 weeks.
• Upcoming Events
  ○ Semester Events
    ■ Section Meetings: Feb. 26 and Mar. 35 at 7 pm in SST 107
      ● No meeting in April
    ■ Mentor Outing: Feb. 28, 6-8 pm
      ● Arcade Night at the Insanity Complex
      ● Everyone is welcome to attend!
    ■ Pi Day Event: Mar. 13, 10 am - 2 pm (not on Mar. 14 because it is a Saturday this year)
      ● Joint event with Tau Beta Pi and NSBE
      ● A google form with shift sign ups will be sent out later
      ● You can pi your professor! We will send a google form later for professor nominations.
    ■ Rose Ball: Apr. 17
      ● Formal event with rose wine (must be 21 to attend)
• Free event if you volunteer. You can still volunteer if you are not 21, but you cannot attend the event.
• Fill out this form (https://forms.gle/QaK3FsDeiQcSmGhs6)

■ Social Events
  • Make Coasters with SWE/Graduation Cap Decoration
  • Bingo Night

  ○ Conference
  • WELocal Conference: Feb. 21-22 in Raleigh, NC
  • All leadership will be attending
  • There is still time to sign up!
    • Registration ends Feb. 7.
    • $120 for registration (all meals included)
    • You must be a paid member to register
    • There are travel grants on the swe website

  ■ Perks
  • Career fair, networking, professional development workshops
  • If you attend, email swe@uah.edu letting us know, so you can hang out with the leadership board.

■ Scholarship Opportunity
  • Birmingham professional SWE scholarship for collegiate SWE members in Alabama
  • Requirements
    • Must be a member of a college SWE section
    • Studying engineering at an accredited school
  • Deadline Feb. 1
  • Easy application!
  • Email swe@uah.edu for more information

■ Announcements
  • Thanks SGA for our equipment for our SWE office!
    • If you want to see our office, let us know.
  • Elections for next academic year’s leadership board will happen in March
    • Get involved now! Come to socials and meetings.
  • T-shirts are coming soon
    • If you want a T-shirt, email swe@uah.edu
    • $20 for a comfort color shirt (design in the section meeting slides)
  • ASCE Lay Day: Feb. 1 starting at 8:00 (all day event)
    • The American Society of Civil Engineers are working on their canoe.
    • ASCE greatly helped SWE with FLL, so please return the favor by helping out on Saturday.
    • Wear old clothes because it is messy

■ SWE Swag
  • Last year’s T-shirts: $10
    • If you are a paid member, email swe@uah.edu to claim your free shirt!
  • Buttons: $2
  • This year’s T-shirts: $20 (https://forms.gle/9JhWfrRRLDK82RU9)
Email swe@uah.edu to purchase any SWE Swag

Social Media
  - GroupMe: QR code in the section meeting slides
  - Instagram: @uah.swe
  - Twitter: @uahswe
  - Website: uah.swe.org
  - Facebook
    - Private group for members: UAH SWE
    - Public group for friends/family: UAH Society of Women Engineers