Society of Women Engineers

Meeting Minutes

September 4, 2019

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

Chairs Present: SWENext: Shela Joyce
Outreach: Erin Corum
Events Chair: Megan Lowrance
Membership Chair: Paige Higgins
Fundraising Chair: Lindsay Konig

Attendees: 40

Next Meeting: October 2, 2019 at 7:00 pm

● Leadership Introductions
  ○ The leadership board introduced themselves, along with their leadership title, major, and year in school.
  ○ Executive Board: Abbi Morgan, Cheyenne Robb, Kelsi Burt, and Maria Garcia
  ○ Chairs: Erin Corum, Shela Joyce, Megan Lowrance, Paige Higgins, and Lindsay Konig
  ○ SWE Professional Counselor: Darnisha Crane

● About SWE
  ○ SWE was founded in 1950.
    ■ The UAH SWE section was chartered on 10/20/1983.
  ○ SWE’s Mission
    ■ Empower women to achieve full potential in careers as engineers and leaders.
    ■ Expand the image of the engineering and technology professions as a positive force in improving the quality of life.
    ■ Demonstrate the value of diversity and inclusion.
  ○ There are approximately 35,000 members internationally, and UAH SWE had about 80 paid members last year.

● SWE Membership with National Society
  ○ Benefits of becoming a paid society member
    ■ Network of women in engineering
    ■ Scholarships for just paid SWE members
    ■ Regional and national conferences
- Monthly SWE magazines
- Webinars and online career center
- Outreach programs
- Develop leadership skills
- Discounts
  - Discount for joint membership with other organizations (NSBE, SHPE, AISES)
  - Geico Discount
- Cost of Becoming a Member
  - Option 1: Collegiate to Career (C2C)
    - One time payment of $50 that will cover every collegiate year (even through graduate school) and one year of professional membership
    - This is the best option for students with at least two years left of school.
  - Option 2: Collegiate
    - $20 payment annually (year is from July 1 to June 30)
    - Must pay every year to remain a member of SWE
- UAH SWE does not require any fees. The payments are to become a national SWE member.
  - In order to list SWE on your resume, you must be a paying member.
  - If you become a paid SWE member, you will receive a free T-shirt!
  - To become a member, go to swe.org and click “Join” under “Membership”.

- Upcoming Events
  - SWEek of Welcome
    - Movie Night - Thursday, Sept. 5 at 7:00 pm in LIB 111
      - Hidden Figures and FREE popcorn!
    - Game Night - Friday, Sept. 6 at 5:30 pm in SST 203
      - Bring your own games
    - Paint the Sign - Saturday, Sept. 7 at 1:00 pm in the CTC Lawn
      - Wear old clothes

- SWENext Mentoring Program
  - Mentors work with students from local high schools.
  - Being a mentor is not a large time commitment.
  - Responsibilities
    - Contact your mentee regularly (about once a week). You can also meet with your mentee if you want to.
    - Social events roughly every two months. In the past, the mentors and mentees have gone bowling, went to an arcade, and decorated cookies.
  - Sign up today! [https://forms.gle/gEwXh5SSJ8f5oDRj69](https://forms.gle/gEwXh5SSJ8f5oDRj69)
  - The email with mentor/mentee pairings will be sent out the week of Sept. 30.
    - The pairings will be based on a personality quiz.
  - Lead Mentor role available! The lead mentor’s responsibilities include checking in with all the mentors to make sure every mentor has contacted her mentee.

- Semester Events
Section Meeting Dates: Oct. 2, Nov. 6, and Dec. 4 (Dec. 4 is tentative)

FIRST LEGO League (FLL)
- FLL is a qualifier competition where teams of middle school students build robots to perform certain tasks.
- UAH SWE hosts and organizes this event, so we will need a lot of volunteers!
- Sign-up sheets will be emailed out later in the semester.

Homecoming
- Date: Oct. 23-26
- Events:
  - Paint the Town Blue
  - Bleed Blue Blood Drive
  - Charger Stomp
    - Charger Stomp is a dance competition.
    - We will get a team together if we have enough people interested.
  - Interest forms will be emailed out later.

Trunk or Treat
- We are unsure if Trunk or Treat is going to take place, but we will provide more information when we know.

WE19 California
- Date: Nov. 7-9
- WE19 is the annual national SWE conference, and this year it is in Anaheim, California.

Girls Science and Engineering Day 2019
- Date: TBD
- Girls from 3rd to 5th grades complete science and engineering projects with different organizations.
- We will need volunteers!

SWE Swag
- T-shirts are for sale for $10 (free if you become a paid member!) and buttons are $2.
- You can email us to purchase t-shirts and buttons.

Social Media
- Facebook
  - Private group for students/members: UAH SWE
    https://www.facebook.com/groups/1949278305291737/
  - Public page: UAH Society of Women Engineers
    https://www.facebook.com/UAHSWE/
- Twitter: @uahswe
- Instagram: @uah.swe
- Website: uah.swe.org
- GroupMe: QR code in the slides

Questions
- What if I cannot attend the meetings?
■ Check your emails for upcoming events, and meeting minutes/slides from each section meeting will be emailed the day after the meeting.

○ How much does it cost to attend conferences?
  ■ National conference: around $110 for registration
  ■ Regional conferences: around $75 for registration and $25 for a banquet ticket
  ■ You will also have to pay for transportation and housing.