



The SWE-RMS Officer Election Results are in!

Congratulations to the new SWE-RMS Officers!

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CSR Rep, Katrina Winborn

Boulder/N. Denver Networking Nights

After a short summer hiatus, Boulder/N. Denver Networking Nights is starting up again on the third Wednesday of each month. Come out and enjoy dinner at a pub/brewery and good conversation with other professional SWE members. Entrees run \$6 and up. Contact Dawn by mobile, , or email, iaeinekind@yahoo.com, if you're interested.

\*\*\*\*\*Networking Nights\*\*\*\*\*

Wednesday, Sept 14 6pm C.B. & Potts - Broomfield

Wednesday, Oct 19 6pm Southern Sun Pub & Brewery - Boulder

Wednesday, Nov 16 6pm Pumphouse Brewery - Longmont

- No Boulder/N. Denver networking night for DECEMBER

Wednesday, Jan 18 6pm C.B. & Potts - Westminster

Wednesday, Feb 22 6pm C.B. & Potts - Broomfield

\*Note: this is the 4th Wednesday\*

Wednesday, Mar 15 6pm Southern Sun Pub & Brewery - Boulder

Wednesday, Apr 19 6pm Pumphouse Brewery - Longmont

Wednesday, May 17 6pm C.B. & Potts - Westminster

\*\*\*\*\*Blurb on Locations\*\*\*\*\*

C.B. & Potts - Broomfield

This pub/brewery is located close to the FlatIrons Village Crossing in Broomfield. It's easily accessible to Boulder and the N. Denver Metro area off of Hwy 36 using the West or East Flatiron circle exits. The following website has the address, phone number, and mapquest link: http://www.cbpotts.com/FlatIronsMall.asp

Southern Sun Pub & Brewery - Boulder

This local pub/brewery is located in the Table Mesa Shopping Center in South Boulder. It's easily accessible from Golden off of Route 93 (S. Broadway) or from the N. Denver Metro area using Hwy 36. The following website has the address, phone number, and mapquest link: http://www.mountainsunpub.com/

Pumphouse Brewery - Longmont

This local pub/brewery is easily accessible from Ft. Collins using Hwy-287 (Main St.) or from the N. Denver Metro area using I-25 exit 240. It has street parking and a lot in the back. The following website has the address and phone number: http://www.pumphousebrewery.com/

C.B. & Potts - Westminster

This pub/brewery is located off of W 120th Ave in Westminster between N Pecos and N Huron. It's easily accessible from N. Denver Metro using I-25 exit 223. The following website has the address, phone number, and mapquest link: http://www.cbpotts.com/westminster.asp

To view the schedule online please see the following link: http://www.societyofwomenengineers.org/RockyMountain/new s.htm

Submitted by Dawn Williams

## A Message from SWE President on Hurricane Katrina

To: SWE Professional and Student Members  
From: Ronna Robertson, SWE President  
Date: September 12, 2005  
Re: Hurricane Katrina Aftermath

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Dear SWE Members,

On behalf of the SWE Board of Directors, we would like to take a few minutes to reflect upon the events of the past two weeks. Members of our Society and the communities they live in have been dramatically affected by these life-changing events. Many residents of the areas affected in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama will not be able to return to their towns and homes for months if ever. Many only have the clothes they were wearing. It is more important than ever for us as a Society to band together and support our colleagues.

There are a number of ways for you to offer support:

- Please consider donating to a rescue group in your local area that you know is supporting the hurricane relief efforts.
- Please consider donating your time or services to your local area organizations thus allowing them to free up the disaster trained and certified individuals to go to the Gulf Coast area.
- Within SWE we have set up an on-line discussion forum to allow our members to make contact with each other. We are strongly encouraging the use of this tool as a way for those in the hurricane impacted areas to let their SWE friends and colleagues know they are safe. Also, this is a great avenue to allow all of us to provide support for each other. The on-line forum can be found at [www.swe.org/sweforum](http://www.swe.org/sweforum)
- A number of schools are taking students from the impacted areas. Please check the on-line SWE forum for a complete listing of schools.
- Please do not forget SWE's career services offerings. For those that may have unfortunately lost jobs as a result of the hurricane, the career services database is an excellent opportunity to look for available jobs. For the rest of us, please consider asking your company to use this tool as an avenue to advertise open positions in our respective

companies. The SWE Career Center is available on-line at [www.swe.org/careers](http://www.swe.org/careers).

On a positive note, we have heard from a number of our fellow SWE members from the impacted areas who are safe and sound and we are pleased by that. For those we have not heard from our thoughts and prayers are with them.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Regards,

Ronna Robertson  
FY06 SWE President

## SWE Region I: National Conference Request

Hello Region I SWE members! As your Region I Membership Coordinator, I wanted to remind you that the last day for the early registration discount on the SWE National Conference in Anaheim is Friday, Sept. 30, 2005. You all should have received a three-page flyer in the mail about the conference. Detailed Conference information and registration is located on the SWE National Conference website [www.swe.org/2005](http://www.swe.org/2005).

For those of you attending the 2005 National Conference: Did you know the SWE national conference will be in Kansas City Oct. 12-14, 2006! The Kansas City Section is looking for volunteers going to Anaheim to pass out stickers promoting the Kansas City 2006 Conference. There will be a booth at the conference where you can pick up the stickers. Stickers can simply be passed out while you are attending conference activities. The Kansas City Section will also be promoting the 2006 conference at the membership meeting on Saturday morning. They are looking for Region I members to wear red at the meeting and be there to cheer on Kansas City!

If you are willing to help out the Kansas City Section by passing out stickers or being at the membership meeting, please send an email to [michelle.wirth@swe.org](mailto:michelle.wirth@swe.org) with your name and email address by October 10, 2005.

*Submitted by Michelle A. Wirth, PE*

### Newsletter Sponsor

We would like to thank Washington Group International, Inc., for their support in printing and mailing the SWE-RMS newsletter.

## Beware of the Top 5 Interview Mistakes

We've all heard stories of job candidates who looked great on paper but who were absolute disasters in person. With fewer interview opportunities available in our competitive job market, it's essential to make the best possible first impression. Learn from the mistakes of others and avoid these top five worst interview blunders:

### 1. Not preparing for the tough interview questions.

Like every job seeker, you probably have your own set of tough interview questions you hope will never be asked. The best strategy is to prepare ahead of time with answers to ALL of these questions. A career coach can be a great resource for helping you work out suitable answers with a positive spin on negative or challenging career situations

### 2. Failure to match communication styles.

Making a great first impression is easier to do when you communicate effectively with your interviewer. The best way to do this is by mirroring his or her communication style. Allowing your interviewer to set the tone of the conversation will put him or her at ease and makes the conversation flow more naturally.

For instance:

- \* If the interviewer seems all business, don't attempt to loosen him or her up with a joke or story. Be succinct and businesslike.
- \* If the interviewer is personable, try discussing his or her interests. Often personal items on display in the office can be a clue.
- \* If asked a direct question, answer directly. Then follow up by asking if more information is needed.

### 3. Talking too much.

In my recruiting days, I abhorred over-talkative candidates, and so did most of my client employers who interviewed these candidates. Over-talking takes several forms:

- \* Taking too long to answer direct questions. The impression: This candidate just can't get to the point.
- \* Nervous talkers. The impression: This candidate is covering up something or is outright lying.

To avoid either of these forms of over-talking, practice answering questions in a direct manner. Using role-playing

in preparing for your interview will help you avoid excessive, nervous talking.

### 4. Saying negative things about your current or past employers or managers.

Even if your last boss was Attila the Hun, avoid stating your ill feelings about the person or work situation. No matter how reasonable your complaints, your negative comments will be viewed as disrespect towards your boss. When faced with the challenge of talking about former employers, make sure you are prepared with a positive spin on your experiences.

### 5. Giving away too much salary and earnings information.

Candidates often weaken their future earning potential by speaking too freely about their current income. No matter the official salary range of the position you are interviewing for, your current earnings have an enormous effect on the size of the offer. Investing in a career coach to help you answer salary questions can add thousands of dollars to your new job offer.

You already know that it takes a strong resume that sets you apart as a candidate of choice to be invited for an interview. The next step is to hone your interviewing skills to actually win job offers. Polishing your interviewing skills can mean the difference between getting the job and being a runner-up.

*By Deborah Walker, CCMC*

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## Reminder to Update SWE Contact Information

If you haven't already, please take a few minutes to update your contact information in the SWE membership database so that we can keep you informed of SWE RMS activities throughout the year.

1. Go to [www.swe.org](http://www.swe.org) and click on "Member Log-in" in the upper right corner.
2. Enter your user ID and password (or click on "Forgot your password" at the bottom of the page if needed). An extended home page will appear.
3. Click on "Member Services" from the menu on the left (near the bottom).
4. Under "Membership Management", click on "profile update". Make any required changes.

*Submitted by Heather Doty*

## 2005 SWE National Conference Hotel Update

Due to the popularity of Anaheim as a conference site, the Anaheim Marriott is sold out on the nights of Friday, November 4 and Saturday, November 5, but there are many excellent hotel choices within walking distance of the Anaheim Convention Center, as well as the Disneyland Shops and Theme Parks.

The Anaheim Marriott is still available all nights until Friday, so we are encouraging our members and industry to support us for those nights. Please refer to "Society of Women Engineers" or "SWE" when booking your reservation, to ensure that SWE receives proper credit. All morning keynotes and general sessions, as well as our evening functions will be held at the Anaheim Marriott. Visit the Anaheim Marriott Hotel Web site to view the property. You may even want to check back with the hotel in early October as sometimes there are cancellations.

### **Anaheim Marriott**

700 West Convention Way

Anaheim, CA 92802

Phone: (714) 750-8000

Fax: (714) 750-9100

Room Rates:

Single: \$179 Double: \$179

Triple: \$199 Quad: \$219

*SOLD OUT FRIDAY 11/4 AND SATURDAY 11/5*

For the nights sold out, some very good alternates include:

### **Portofino Hotel**

1831 S. Harbor Boulevard

Anaheim, CA 92802

Rates: \$99-\$139

Reservations: (714) 782-7600

Located less than one block from the Anaheim Convention Center

### **Anaheim Howard Johnson**

1380 S. Harbor Blvd

Anaheim, CA 92802

Rate \$79 per night and you may book your reservation by calling 1(800) 422-4228.

Located about 3 blocks from the Anaheim Convention

### **Hyatt Regency Anaheim**

11999 Harbor Boulevard

Garden Grove, CA 92840

(714) 750-1234

Rates: \$139 Single/Double

Located about 4 blocks from the Anaheim Convention

Center

For more choices, link to Anaheim Visitor's Bureau Room Finder to view all available choices within walking distance of the Convention Center. For personalized service, call the help desk at 1(800) 680-1229.

\*\*If you are planning on attending the 2005 SWE National Conference, please inform Faith Kay, SWE Region I Governor, at FEKay@aol.com. She is putting together a spreadsheet with contact information that was useful last year.

## **New Faces of Engineering: Nominations Due October 21!**

SWE is seeking qualified candidates for recognition in the *New Faces of Engineering* program. SWE is encouraging each Section and MAL Region to nominate one candidate for this recognition. The deadline for nominations is Friday, October 21, 2005. Due to a short turn around time and an expected overwhelming response, please adhere strictly to the submission criteria. More information on New Faces can be found on the SWE Web site under Eweek. Nominate your candidates today!

## **SWE/Kaplan Countdown to Exam**

The countdown has begun to the Fundamentals of Engineering exam (FE) and the Principles and Practice of Engineering exams (PE), the two exams necessary to become a licensed engineer. The Fall 2005 test dates are October 28 and 29. Did you know that the NCEES has announced changes in BOTH exams that go into effect in October? If you are taking the exams this October, now is the time to take advantage of your SWE 20% discount on all Kaplan AEC Education exam prep products. Kaplan has a new catalog full of updated product offers that are current to the new exam changes. Visit [www.swe.org/kaplan](http://www.swe.org/kaplan) for further details.

*Taken from <http://www.swe.org/E-newsletter/>*

## Member Profile:

### L. Dawn A. Williams

**City of residence:** Boulder, CO

**Family:** 3 siblings (I'm the oldest), 2 parents, 1 god-daughter (I've gotten her hooked on Barney <evil laugh>.)

**Member grade:** Student (I upgraded to professional membership for a while, but went back to student because it's cheaper. ☺)

#### How long have you been a member of SWE? How did you become involved in SWE?

My first interaction with SWE was a SWE Sleepover for high school juniors and seniors at the University of Virginia, I think that was spring of 1998? I've been a member since August 1999.

#### What positions have you held?

In undergrad I was: Undecided Engineering Representative Fall 99- Spr 00, Publicity Co-Chair Fall 00, SWE Sleepover Co-Chair Fall 00- Spr 01, Banquet Co-Chair Fall 01- Spr 02, and Career Guidance Co-Chair Spr 03- Fall 03. For SWE-RMS I'm chairing the Certificates of Merit program with a lot of welcome guidance from Barb Kontogiannis and Faith Kay.

#### What have you enjoyed most about SWE? Why?

SWE has provided me with such excellent role models of what women can do and be. I've really enjoyed all the people that I have met, and the easy camaraderie which comes from shared experiences as women in "a man's field".

#### What is your current occupation/title?

I'm a research assistant/graduate student at CU-Boulder in the Cardiac Dynamics and Ultrasonics Lab.

#### How did you get to that position?

In Fall of 2003, with 15 months of engineering work experience under my belt, I decided to forgo the job search to concentrate exclusively on the graduate school search, and here I am.

#### What was your college training?

In May of 2004 I received my B.S. in Mechanical Engineering at another Big XII school – Iowa State

University, go Cyclones!

#### How did your college training help you get to that position?

Iowa State really puts an emphasis on work experience for its students. I think when I left Engineering Career Services reported something like 33% of the engineering students had internships before they graduated? Don't quote me on that though. The College of Engineering pushes international programs as well, and all that stuff looks really great on your resume...

#### Any words of wisdom for college students entering the work force:

You're not in college anymore; go to work on time – that's the one thing that got me in trouble.

#### Hobbies/interests:

I like reading, writing, and hmmm no I can't say arithmetic is a hobby. But I do adore alliterations. I'm always up for cruising second-hand stores to decorate my apartment – it's cheap and fun!

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SWE Rocky Mountain Section Website: <http://www.swe.org/SWE/RegionI/Sections/RockyMtn>

## Calendar of Events

For complete details, directions, and more, visit the RMS website calendar

October 19, 2005	SWE-RMS Networking Night: 6pm Southern Sun Pub & Brewery - Boulder
October 28 – 29, 2005	NCEES Exams – October 28 (PE, PLS), October 29 (FE, FLS)
November 2-5, 2005	SWE National Conference, Anaheim, California
<b>November 14, 2005</b>	<b>Deadline for SWE-RMS November/December 2005 Newsletter (anticipated release date: December 9)</b>
November 16, 2005	SWE-RMS Networking Night: 6pm Pumphouse Brewery - Longmont
January 9, 2006	Deadline for SWE-RMS January/February 2006 Newsletter (anticipated release date: February 11)
January 18, 2006	SWE-RMS Networking Night: 6pm C.B. & Potts - Westminster
February 22, 2006	SWE-RMS Networking Night: 6pm C.B. & Potts - Broomfield
March 3 – 4, 2006	Region I conference, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas
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April 21 – 22, 2006	NCEES Exams – April 21 (PE, PLS), April 22 (FE, FLS)
May 17, 2006	SWE-RMS Networking Night: 6pm C.B. & Potts - Westminster
October 11 – 14, 2006	SWE National Conference, Kansas City, Missouri

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