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Upcoming Events

July 2014:

12 - Transition Meeting

9am - 3pm

IPFW, Science Bldg, Conference Room SB-176

RSVP to neindiana@swe.org.

Mark Your Calendars!

Fort Wayne Maker Faire

September 13-14, 2014

10am - 6pm

Headwaters Park East

** volunteers needed **

National SWE Conference

October 23-25, 2014

Los Angeles, CA

Registration is open!

<http://we14.swe.org/>

Executive Council Meetings are open to the general membership. Please RSVP to neindiana@swe.org.

Member News

Do you have news? Want to celebrate that new job, award, or promotion? Email us and we'll celebrate with you and include your news in our Member News section!

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SWE Northeast Indiana

Congratulations to our FY15 SWE NEI Officers!

PRESIDENT

Jen Molinda is a Development Engineer in the Hip Global Products Group at Zimmer Holdings Inc. She received both her master and bachelor degrees from Cornell University. She enjoyed holding the position of Section Representative this past year. It has really helped her experience SWE on a regional level and network with other sections in Region H. Her current goal for the SWE chapter is to actively recruit more members from the Warsaw area by offering more informal networking opportunities. We have also had some unprecedented outreach events this year that she would like to tap into some Region H resources to support these events in the future.

VICE PRESIDENT



Katie Fore began working at Raytheon in December 2012. She came to Raytheon directly out of Murray State University where she double majored in Computer Science and Mathematics and participated in the local chapter of Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) and the Women in Computing Club (WIC). This past year she was the Professional Development Chair of SWE and this was her first experience with SWE. This position suited her well as she is passionate about the development of skills and community among women in engineering fields. Her most significant goal for SWE this year is to attract and involve a larger number of women in the organization. She would like to reevaluate the PD event and structure it in such a way that we can have a larger impact and attract even more women. She would also like to find events & activities that we can host or participate in to foster long term relationships among professional women that will continue to grow throughout the participants' careers.

SECRETARY



Beth Caldwell works as a software engineer at Raytheon. She graduated from Saint Mary's College with a degree in computational mathematics and from the University of Notre Dame with a degree in Computer Science. This past year was Beth's first year as an official member of SWE, having been recruited shortly after arriving in Fort Wayne. Joining SWE NEI has been a wonderful way to meet new people and get involved as she settled in to life in Fort Wayne. Beth is also responsible for the SWE NEI website, Facebook, LinkedIn, and the section newsletter, and will be continuing her duties as Publicity Committee Chair. Her goal for this year is to better understand what the membership wants to get out of their experience with SWE NEI to help increase participation and recruit new members.

TREASURER



Sarah Jo Harris has received her Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Indiana Institute of Technology and she has received her Masters of Engineering Sciences from Purdue University. She currently works with Stoneware: A Lenovo Company as a contract software quality engineer. Her main job duties include writing test cases and testing software builds. Sarah has been a member of SWE since working on her undergraduate degree. Since joining the professional chapter of SWE, she has held the position of vice president, webmaster, and awards chair. Sarah hopes this year to be a more active member of SWE. New ideas she would like to bring to SWE are holding a few more events a year to recruit more members and start a few community service activities.

SECTION REPRESENTATIVE



Julie Knudstrup is a facilitator at New Tech Academy at Wayne High School (NTA) in Fort Wayne, Indiana. At NTA, Julie instructs a number of dual-credit Engineering courses that are designed to introduce and inspire urban students with a variety of engineering topics. Her courses include "Introduction to Engineering Design", and "Civil Engineering and Architecture." To further encourage female students of the importance of engineering, Julie founded and sponsors Girls in Engineering Club at NTA.

Julie studied engineering at Michigan State University where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics. After working as an Environmental Engineer for the Department of Defense, Julie earned a teaching license from Indiana Wesleyan University. She used the teaching certificate to launch a successful career teaching engineering principles in a project-based-learning (PBL) environment as mentioned above. PBL focuses on learning critical thinking skills by using scientific method to solve real-world problems. Julie integrates this philosophy into her classroom by bringing in community members to assist with projects and to partner with the students to design products and structures that can be used by community members.

Julie's vision for SWE-NEI is to see the organization be a vibrant force in the community and introduce women of all backgrounds to a variety of career opportunities.

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Thank you to all of our FY14 Officers and Committee Chairs for all their hard work making FY14 another successful year for SWE NEI!

Look for our FY14 Year in Review Survey to be posted to our website in the coming weeks.
Please take the time to fill out the survey on our website.
Your feedback is an important part of continually improving SWE NEI!