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### Letter from the President

Hi Ladies!

May will be our final meeting before we transition to the new cabinet and I want to thank everyone who has helped plan our meetings the past year for making it such a fun, informational and interesting year! A big thanks to the cabinet for everything you do to make this section great! I've had a wonderful time as president!

In April, we had a tour of the John O'Donnell stadium and enjoyed a baseball game. Family and friends joined us for the event and everyone had a great time! Thanks to Donna Jones for setting up this fun family meeting!

Our May meeting is going to be a joint meeting with ASCE. We will tour Rinker Materials, a pipe manufacturer in Buffalo, IA. Check out all the details in the meeting announcement! (Note that this meeting is not at our regular time.)

We are still working on filling our cabinet for the next year. A number of positions have been filled, but we are looking for a secretary and treasurer. Heather Bishop will be our president and I know she will do a great job! Being a part of the cabinet is a great way to network, increase your leadership skills, it looks great on your resume and it is a lot of fun! Descriptions of the positions are detailed in this newsletter, so take a look and contact me if you are interested in volunteering.

We have changed our yearly meeting survey to be online so that we can get feedback from those who are not able to attend the last meetings. Please take five minutes to fill out the survey and help improve our section! More information is provided in this newsletter.

I hope to see you all at our final meeting of the year on May 19<sup>th</sup>, in Buffalo! Thanks for making this a great year as President!

Sincerely,  
Rochelle Trefry  
President  
Quad City/Muscatine Section

**SWE Fast Fact**

*Renew your membership or join SWE now!*

Professional members will receive a \$5 discount if payment is received prior to June 30.

## May Meeting

### Rinker Materials Tour with ASCE

Who: Engineers and Individuals interested in Engineering Related Fields  
When: **Thursday**, May 19, 2005  
5:30 pm – ?  
Where: Rinker Materials  
11242 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Buffalo, Iowa  
Cost: FREE!

Rinker Materials recently invested substantially in their Buffalo, Iowa manufacturing plant. The plant is close to obtaining Q-Cast Certification, which is a certification that only 5 percent of pipe manufacturers possess. This certification assures the highest quality product.

Mr. Larry Mauck, P.E., Regional Engineer for Rinker Materials, will provide a tour and presentation. The tour and presentation will focus on the pipe manufacturing process, including different joint types, pipe classifications, and testing and QA/QC procedures.

#### When and Where

Rinker Materials is located at 11242 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Buffalo, Iowa. We will meet at the main entrance at 5:30 in the afternoon. Food will be provided by Rinker Materials at no charge.

#### Special Requirements

Safety attire will be provided by Rinker Materials. Portions of the plant will be wet and dusty, so work boots or old shoes are recommended.

#### How to RSVP

If you plan on attending, please RSVP to Heather Bishop ([heather.t.bishop@usace.army.mil](mailto:heather.t.bishop@usace.army.mil) or (309) 794-5289) no later than Thursday, May 12.



Map obtained from [www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com).

**Improve our SWE Section with your ideas!**

#### **Take the Online SWE Meeting Survey**

The SWE cabinet is looking for feedback on the meetings and events held in 2004-2005 and suggestions for 2005-2006. We'd appreciate your input, even if you were not able to attend any of our past meetings. We hope that we can tailor our future schedule to the interests of our members. Please take a few minutes (only about 5 minutes!) to complete the survey. All responses should be completed by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Everyone on the distribution list for the section newsletter will receive an email invitation to the survey. If you receive this newsletter from a friend or from our website, or you do not receive the email invitation but would like to participate in the survey, contact Rochelle at [rochelle.trefry@swe.org](mailto:rochelle.trefry@swe.org).

Survey URL:

<http://www.hostedsurvey.com/takesurvey.asp?c=member1>

Enter your email address (where you receive this newsletter) as the Respondent ID. Your email will only be used to track who has completed the survey.

## Community Outreach - Announcement

### April Meeting – Tour of John O’Donnell

Everyone had a great time at the tour of John O’Donnell Stadium and Swing Baseball Game on April 28<sup>th</sup> despite the chilly weather. We started our tour of the recently renovated stadium by visiting the Luxury Suites. As we toured the stadium, we saw the original outside wall of the stadium that was incorporated into the renovations. We also visited the Party Deck, Birthday Party room, and Club Lounge. We finished up our tour by walking along the concourse and viewing the field and Kid’s Zone. After the tour we had an informal business meeting before the game started. Although the Swing lost to the Cedar Rapids Kernels, we all had a good time touring the stadium, visiting with SWE members and their families and friends, and watching the game.

### *Partnering for Bridging the Gap Mentor Recruitment Event*

St. Ambrose University (SAU) and the Eastern Iowa Community College District (EICCD), consisting of Clinton, Scott, and Muscatine Community Colleges, and the Davenport School District cordially invite you to attend a mentor recruitment event on Thursday, May 12, in the Rogalski Center Ballroom at SAU.

The purpose of this evening social hour and networking event is to develop a pool of qualified mentors to serve as role models for area high school and college students. The Davenport School District seeks to create a volunteer network of mentors to help narrow the minority achievement gap in our schools. SAU and EICCD are looking for volunteers to mentor scholarship recipients under the Science, Technology, and Engineering, Program (STEP) grant funded by the National Science Foundation. One of the objectives of the STEP grant is to focus heavily on women and minority recruitment. The idea of hosting a recruitment event came about as each institution learned of overlapping efforts in targeting the same audience; professionals like yourself. It is our intention to combine our resources and work together towards one common goal of developing a pool of area mentors willing to donate their time and expertise to aspiring students.

We invite you to attend the mentor recruitment event to learn more about our initiatives and to network with fellow professionals in the engineering field. Attached you will find a handout detailing the event. Please share this information with colleagues within your organization and beyond. We look forward to seeing you for refreshments and to network on May 12th, at 5:30 p.m., at SAU’s Rogalski Center Ballroom. Please RSVP to Jeanette Thomas at 563-441-4089 or [jthomas@eicc.edu](mailto:jthomas@eicc.edu).

## Joining SWE is EASY!

You can join SWE on the web. Go to [www.swe.org](http://www.swe.org). Click on "Join SWE" and "Apply for Membership On-line " or "Renew your Membership On-line ". This process gets you to the on-line application. Once there, it will take you approximately 20 minutes to fill out. Keep in mind that many companies will pay dues for professional organizations, so be sure to ask!

You will then be able to log into the member directory to update your registration and search for other SWE member contact information.

### **SWE Fast Fact**

#### **Women Engineers' Career Mapping Survey**

SWE Mega Issue Focused Interest Group (FIG) would like to gain an understanding of today’s trends for women engineers. Are they staying in engineering during their entire career? Are they using their degree to springboard them into a role outside of engineering? Are they obtaining advanced degrees in engineering or other areas? When do the shifts occur? Where are they going and how often?

Please help us understand the trends by answering a [short survey](#) by May 31, 2005.

The more data we collect, the better accuracy of career mapping there will be; therefore, we would like to extend our survey to other female professionals as well. If you know any female colleagues who are engineers but non-SWE members or have been an engineer once in their career life, please forward this link (<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=443531008804>) to them and encourage them to fill out the survey. Your assistance in making this survey and study successful is greatly appreciated!

## Learn Leadership Skills with a SWE Cabinet Position

It is that time of year again! We are now taking nominations for our 2005-2006 cabinet. A section cabinet is needed to make important decisions about how our section will be run. You would be volunteering for a one-year commitment starting June 1st (although we do not schedule meetings in June, July or August). This is a great chance to increase your leadership skills, meet other women, and make a difference in your community. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please email Rochelle Trefry (rochelle.trefry@swe.org) by the April meeting.

### **President's Duties**

1. Leadership of the section
2. Prepare agendas for monthly section meetings
3. Prepare agendas for monthly cabinet conference calls
4. Attend and facilitate section meetings
5. Assume all other executive duties not otherwise delegated
6. Coordinate all activities and execute the business and policies of the section between meetings

Estimated time commitment ~ 12 hrs/month

### **Vice President's Duties**

1. Organize the planning of monthly meetings (Note: This does not mean you have to plan every meeting. We will continue to use volunteers to plan each meeting.)
2. Perform all duties of the President in her absence
3. Attend monthly section meetings and cabinet conference calls
4. Send out meeting reminders and reminders to those who RSVP
5. Take on the Presidential Role the following year

Estimated time commitment ~ 4 hrs/month

### **Secretary's Duties**

1. Record and distribute meeting minutes to section cabinet
2. Publish and distribute the monthly newsletter
3. Attend monthly section meetings and cabinet conference calls

Estimated time commitment ~ 6 hrs/month

### **Treasurer's Duties**

1. Prepare, maintain, and report on the financial position of the section
2. Maintain the membership spreadsheet for the section
3. Attend monthly section meetings and monthly cabinet conference calls

Estimated time commitment ~ 4 hrs/month

### **Section Representative's Duties**

1. Report to the section on the business matters received through correspondence from national and the region
2. Represent our section at the Council of Representatives (2 meetings per year, 1 at the Region Conference and 1 at the National Convention)
3. Attend monthly section meetings and monthly cabinet conference calls
4. Participate in regional conference calls (approx. once a quarter)
5. File quarterly section reports with the Region Director to send to the Board of Directors
6. Represent SWE at Quad Cities Engineering and Science Council monthly meetings

Estimated time commitment ~ 5 hrs/month

### **Career Guidance Committee Chair**

1. Lead career guidance committee
2. Coordinate outreach events
3. Attend monthly section meetings and monthly cabinet conference calls

Estimated time commitment ~ 3 hrs/month

### **Webmaster**

1. Update and maintain the section's web page
2. Attend monthly section meetings and monthly cabinet conference calls

Estimated time commitment ~ 4 hrs/month

## SWE 2004-2005 Meeting Schedule\*

Date	Topic	Planner	Location
Tuesday, September 28, 2004	Healthy Eating	Cabinet	QC
Tuesday, October 26, 2004	Pearl Button Museum Tour	Nancy Shell	Muscatine
Tuesday, November 23, 2004	Holiday Craft Workshop	Vonda Johnston	QC
Tuesday, January 25, 2005	Dale Carnegie Speaker	Lisa Lattu	QC
Tuesday, February 22, 2005	Cooking Class	Jodi Goodale	Muscatine
Tuesday, March 22, 2005	Speaker: Gale Mote	Nancy Shell	Muscatine
Thursday, April 28, 2005	Quad City Swing Game	Donna Jones	QC
Tuesday, May 24, 2005	Rinker Materials Tour w/ ASCE	Heather Bishop	QC

### SWE Fast Fact

**Two New Professional Development Programs Now Available from SWE!**

Learn more about these seminars at [www.swe.org](http://www.swe.org).

#### **Mentoring Connection - Being and Finding the Perfect Protégé**


Thursday, June 2, 2005 Noon PST/2:00 pm CST/3:00 pm EST

Register today for the one-hour Web seminar - [www.swe.org/webmentor](http://www.swe.org/webmentor)

#### **Bias-Free Leadership – Your Competitive Advantage**

A one-day seminar for middle level managers.

June 23, 2005 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Register at [www.swe.org/biasfree](http://www.swe.org/biasfree)




# MBA

# SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT

**Real Focus, Real Success**

- Students are exposed to valuable learning outside of the classroom. Enrichment activities and events underscore current supply chain practices and expose students to forward thinking about how new technologies such as RFID will impact the supply chain.
- The Grainger Center won the 2004 International Graduate Logistics Case Competition. Grainger Center teams have the distinction of being the only teams to have won this elite competition twice. We are also the only program to have teams finish in the top three in every competition since first participating in 1999.
- 100 percent of May 2004 graduates had an offer for a full-time position at graduation.
- 100 percent of continuing students were placed into meaningful summer internships.



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### PLACEMENT

#### Internship Offers

**Best Buy**  
 Briggs & Stratton (2 offers)  
**Cisco Systems**  
 E.&J. Gallo Winery  
**W.W. Grainger, Inc.**  
**Harley-Davidson Motor Company**  
 IBM Corp.  
 Kohler Company  
 Oshkosh Truck  
**Ryerson Tull**  
**Schreiber Foods, Inc.** (1 of 2 offers accepted)  
 Average Accepted Monthly Base Salary: \$5,745

#### Full-time Employment Offers

Abbott Laboratories  
**Cargemini U.S.**  
 Laton Corp.  
**ExxonMobil Chemical**  
 GE Medical Systems  
 General Mills  
**Guidant Corp.**  
**Hewlett-Packard** (2 of 2 offers accepted)  
**IBM** (1 of 2 offers accepted)  
 Intel  
 Kendall Jackson Estates  
**Lands' End**  
 Nike (2 offers)  
**Siemens Medical Solutions**  
**Snap-On Inc.**  
**Philip Morris**  
 Average Accepted Base Salary: \$81,413

**Bold** type indicates an accepted offer