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Dear Region Conference Attendees:

I am excited to be here and to welcome you to the 2011 Region D Conference in Knoxville, TN! The conference planning team has been working on this conference for a year and half and I hope you enjoy everything we have planned! This is my eleventh regional conference but my first in the capacity as Region Governor. I am excited to see how my new role will impact my experience!

A fellow Region Governor recently shared "SWE is ME time". I have to agree 100%, don't you? This is a time to focus on YOU whether it is to find a job, attend a specific workshop, meet the keynote speaker, or just let loose, this conference is your time. Use it to your advantage. For me, SWE has given me the opportunity to network and establish lifelong relationships with so many people. I hope you make networking a personal goal while you are enjoying conference. Don't just sit with your section, be bold and talk to others! You never know who you will meet and where that connection will lead.

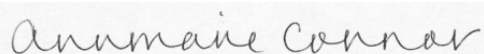
Here is what you can look forward to this weekend!

- On Friday morning Professionals can earn **Continuing Education Units**, or CEUs, to assist in maintaining professional certifications.
- Need new ideas? Come and share ideas and best practices for Outreach, Membership and Communications, and hear presentations on Program Development Grants, Financial Safeguarding and Succession Planning during our 3-hour **Section Development Training**, also on Friday.
- The Region Meeting welcomes all section, MAL and region leaders on Friday afternoon.
- Friday night, everyone can enjoy "SWE is ME time" with dinner out on the town followed by an Ice Cream Social.
- Saturday brings Keynote Speakers, Workshops, Career Fair, Award celebrations, and an update on the State of SWE.
- Sunday morning, we will send everyone off with a Farewell Breakfast, grab and go style.

I am excited about your visit to Knoxville for the 2011 Region D Conference. Whether you are a first time attendee or a seasoned attendee like me, enjoy every moment and get some well deserved "SWE is ME time"!

Please stop me to say hello, I would love to meet each and every one of you!

Sincerely,



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